

**.Minutes of the MEETING of TIBSHELF PARISH COUNCIL
held in The Parish Meeting Room, Tibshelf Village Hall, 110 High Street, Tibshelf.
DE55 5NU on Tuesday 16th June 2015 at 7.10pm**

Present:

Cllrs: A Beckett, I Brentnall, S Coupe, S.A. Elks, G Foley, R. Heffer, D Rutland, K Salt, P. Trevelyan, W. Vardy, R. Vaughan.

In attendance:

County Cllr C. Moesby, Section Inspector Frank Burns, PC Chris Grant, 1 member of the public, Mrs. R. Price, Parish Clerk

NON EXEMPT ITEMS

0615/1501 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Deborah Watson (BDC) submitted her apologies

0615/1502 Declarations of Members Interests

Councillors Beckett, Elks and Vardy declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 relating to a planning application for Town End Junior School as they were employees/governors of the school and Councillor I Brentnall declared an interest in Item 5 on the agenda relating to the water supply to the allotments as he was an allotment holder.

0615/1503 Public Speaking

Police:

- Crime Figures for May 2015 (April figures in brackets):-
Assaults 4 (4): Criminal Damage 1 (1): Burglary Dwelling 0 (1): Burglary Non-dwelling 0 (1): Drug Offences 0 (0)Thefts 2 (7): Other Offences: 0 (0)Total Crimes 7 (14):
Nuisance Incidents 5 (6). The report detailed the types of incidents listed.
- The assaults were 2 domestics, a male who had assaulted another male and a PC at Royal Oak
- Criminal damage occurred during the domestic.
- Thefts were from Derwent Drive and Hawthorne Avenue
- Nuisance incidents were on Chatsworth Sreet, Overmoor View, Hardwick street and Days Inn
- No police surgeries are currently planned.

Bolsover Station Inspector Frank Burns attended the meeting and explained the reasoning around the changes which had recently taken place in the Bolsover Section. He assured the Parish Council that the Safer Neighbourhood Team was crucial to the delivery of policing in the area and that the movement of personnel had been carried out to share the skills and experience between the SNT and the reactive policing pool. No decisions had yet been made concerning the future of the police unit at the services but it had been recognised that using this could isolate the personnel from the rest of the team. Inspector Burns introduced PC Chris Grant as the new PC for the area. He would be working alongside PCSO Brownlee and was looking forward to building a good relationship with the community.

Councillor Heffer referred to major problems which had arisen as a result of Nottinghamshire County Council's decision to place a weight restriction on Chesterfield Road Huthwaite. Despite objections raised by most of the consultees Notts County Council had implemented the restriction. This had resulted in heavy and large traffic diverting along totally unsuitable road networks within the parishes of Tibshelf and Blackwell some of which had been involved in accidents. Councillor Moesby of DCC confirmed that DCC were also opposed to the restriction and had tried, unsuccessfully, to negotiate with Notts County Council.

Councillor Heffer asked Inspector Burns for his support in pressing this matter further. Inspector Burns explained that the Traffic Safety Partnership may be the best forum to raise the matter and agreed to investigate who to contact.

Member of the Public:

A member of the public attended. He thanked the Parish Council for the report in the Derbyshire Times. It was agreed that he meet up with the Parish Rangers to follow up issues on the footpath adjacent to the allotments. He also referred to the fact that yellow signs warning of future roadworks were often left in situ long after the works had been completed and asked the parish council to lobby DCC to put processes in place to ensure that they were promptly removed. He made reference to the problems of dog fouling on designated footpaths, the fact that dog owners may believe that there is no responsibility to pick up dog fouling when it is not on the highway and whether any signage could be provided to advise people to pick up after their dogs in these areas.

A councillor advised that the gates had been left unlocked at the rear of the old coop site which was causing some nuisance issues. He also reported that a resident was driving his mobility scooter recklessly causing danger to pedestrians

County Council:

Cllr. Moesby attended the meeting and reported that:

Deep Lane Hardstoft would be closed 6-8 July for the installation of telephone posts. There would also be roadworks around the area between 12 June and 30 September to improve surfacing. This would involve some speed restrictions and convoys during the works. DCC had committed around £150m to improve the roads in Derbyshire.

DCC were reviewing residential care homes in Derbyshire. The proposals, to close 4 care homes and 6 short term care beds, were currently out to consultation. The nearest home to Tibshelf which would be affected was Glebe at Alfreton

The Tour of Britain would be going through parts of Derbyshire on Friday 11 September

DCC were set to create further spaces in schools. Free child care was being extended.

Further details could be found at www.derbyshirecountycouncil.gov.uk/freechildcare

There would be a road closure in Newton on 11 July for the Carnival

Further information about Adult Learners Week could be obtained from Alfreton Adult Education Centre 01773 832201

Some amendments were being made to the B Line Scheme which would result in an extension to include up to 19 year olds but would also result in a reduction in the discounts available to the over 16's

District Council:

It was reported that there was still an ongoing problem affecting traffic, particularly the bin collections lorries, accessing Lincoln Street/Lincoln Close because of the traffic parked on there. This resulted in bins sometimes only getting emptied once a month because of the difficulty of getting to them. Councillor Moesby advised the meeting that he had plans in place to distribute letters in the area advising residents to park in available areas at the rear of their properties and that, should the situation regarding parking not improve, the DCC would need to look at the implementation of a road traffic order which could put legal parking restrictions in place. It was also agreed that an item again be placed in the Newsletter.

Councillor Heffer was advised of several complaints about the state of the churchyard which was closed and the responsibility of BDC. He agreed to follow this up with officers at BDC.

0615/1504 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th May 2015.

It was proposed by Councillor Heffer, seconded by Councillor Vardy and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th May 2015, be approved as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

0615/1505 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported:

- (i) Following major concerns raised by the Allotment Association relating to the water supply and the work that has recently been carried out on the old school site, there had been several e mails between the Parish Council and DCC.

The current situation was that copies of plans were awaited from DCC showing the route of the water pipes. DCC had also been asked for a site meeting to discuss

- protection of the water supply to the allotments
- maintenance issues caused by work carried out in the past to make connections to the supply
- maintenance issues caused by poor reinstatement of work recently carried out by contractors

- (ii) An e mail has been received from a resident concerning the cutting of the verges in the parish which suggested that verges should be cut only twice per season to protect habitats for wildlife. He also suggested that the area of land at the cemetery, not currently used for burials, should also be left to wild flowers etc: Members noted the comments but felt that overall it was necessary for the cutting of verges to take place on a regular basis to ensure highway safety. They also considered that good maintenance of the currently unused area of the cemetery was needed to keep it at a good standard to ensure its suitability for future use

- (iii) A response had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner in response to the concerns raised by the Parish Council about the alleged changes to police presence in Tibshelf. In line with the responses previously received from the Chief Constable he assured the Parish Council that the senior Neighbourhood Team resources would not be reducing in Tibshelf.

0615/1506 Derbyshire Law Centre – Representative to Management Committee

The Clerk reported an invitation from Derbyshire Law Centre to nominate a representative to their Management Committee. The invitation was noted.

0615/1507 Bolsover Partnership – Parish Council Liaison – Nomination of Two Representatives

The Clerk reported an invitation from Bolsover Partnership to nominate two representatives to Parish Council Liaison. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be nominated.

0615/1508 Village Hall Financial Report

It was proposed by Cllr. Heffer seconded by Cllr. Vardy and RESOLVED that the following Village Hall Financial Report be approved:

Mrs H J Simpson Chq No 592 £150.00
Petty Cash Float

Delta Cleaning Services Ltd £86.14
Chq No 593
Cleaning Materials

R V Trimmings Chq No 594 £350.00
Refurbishment of Chairs

Financial Report as at 31st May 2015.

Current Account Balance £4,133.01
Reserve Account Balance £2,785.67.

0615/1509 Village Hall Extension Project

The Chair reported that Keepmoat needed an outline of the types of facilities that the Parish Council would like to see accommodated in the extended village hall. The Clerk explained that items had been placed on both the Village Hall Management Committee and the Amenities Committee agendas to enable members to have an input into the development of the list.

0615/1510 Consideration of Quotes for Outdoor Gym Equipment

The Clerk was pleased to report that the application for funding for the installation of outdoor fitness equipment had been successful. She reported receipt of three quotes. It was Proposed by Councillor Heffer, Seconded by Councillor Vardy and Resolved that the quote from Hags SMP for the provision and installation of 8 pieces of outdoor fitness equipment in the sum of £9963.43 plus VAT be accepted. In addition that a payment of £500 be made to Streetscape for the services of their funding advisor. It was further agreed that the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman be delegated authority to determine the siting of the equipment at Shetland Road Recreation Area.

0615/1510 General Power of Competence

The Clerk circulated a report to all members of the Council detailing the provisions of the legislation relating to the General Power of Competence. It is stated in the Statutory Instrument that

“The Government’s intention in providing eligible parish councils with the general power of competency is to better enable them to take on their enhanced role and allow them to do things they have previously been unable to do under existing powers”.

Under the legislation, eligible parish councils have “the power to do anything that individuals generally may do” as long as they do not break other laws. It is intended to be the power of first, not last, resort. The eligible council has to ask itself if an individual is allowed to do it. If the answer is “yes”, then a parish council is normally permitted to act in the same way. A council that is eligible to use the general power of competence can no longer use Section 137 as a power for taking action for the benefit of the area. However, Section 137 (3) which permits the council to contribute to UK charities, public sector funds and public appeals remains in place.

Three conditions for eligibility are set out in the Statutory Instrument

1. Resolution: the council must resolve at a meeting that it meets the criteria for eligibility relating to the electoral mandate and relevant training of the clerk.
2. Electoral mandate: at the time the resolution is passed, at least two thirds of the council must hold office as a result of being declared elected (i.e. not co-opted).
3. Qualified clerk: At the time that the resolution is passed, the clerk must hold a recognised professional qualification (e.g. Certificate in Local Council Administration, Certificate of Higher Education in Local Policy) AND pass the 2012 CiLCA module relating to the general power of competence.

Following the Parish Council Elections 2015 Tibshelf Parish Council meet all the conditions.

It was Proposed by Councillor Heffer, Seconded by Councillor Trevelyan and Resolved that:
“Tibshelf Parish Council resolves from 16 June 2015, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011

and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence”

0615/1511 Parish Council’s Banking Arrangements

The Clerk provided information relating to the Unity Bank which provides a full internet banking service for parish councils and community organisations. She explained that it would be necessary to amend the bank mandate currently held with Nat West to include three new members – Councillors Brentnall, Coupe and Salt.

- 1) It was proposed by Councillor Foley, Seconded by Councillor Heffer and resolved to remain with Nat West and to investigate what facilities they had in place for internet banking.
- 2) It was Proposed by Councillor Beckett, Seconded by Councillor Heffer and Resolved that Councillors Brentnall, Coupe and Salt be added to the bank mandate as signatories and that Councillors Dunn and Scarborough be removed.

0615/1512 Applications for Funding Support

There were no applications for funding support

0615/1513 Planning

It was Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED that no objections be made in respect of the applications as detailed on the schedule of planning applications.

0615/1514 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- (a) It was agreed that Councillor K Salt be nominated by the Parish Council to the DALC Executive Committee for 2015-2019.

- (b) It was noted that the following circular had been received:-

14/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DALC Website Sign In Details • NALC Co-option Legal Briefing Note • Electronic Meetings’ Summons • Training Reminder • New Transparency Code Requirements • Big Lunch Extras • NALC Procurement Toolkit • Connecting Derbyshire Consultation
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0615/1515 Parish Clerks Report.

a. Accounts for Payment

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Heffer, SECONDED by Councillor Vardy and RESOLVED that the following accounts for payment be approved:-

Date	CQ No:	Payee	Description	Amount
			Total Salaries	£4725.99
16 th June	4579	Sage (UK) Ltd	Sage Cover Extra	£199.20
16 th June	4580	AML (Midlands) Ltd	Data Storage and broadband	£39.60
16 th June	4581	Rural Insurance	Truck Insurance	£431.86
16 th June	4582	Nomix Enviro	Hilite weed killer	£180.10
16 th June	4583	DCC LGPS	Pension	£736.14

16 th June	4584	HMRC	PAYE & NI	£794.02
16 th June	4585	Zurich Insurance PLC	Parish Council and Village Hall Insurance	£2705.92
16 th June	4586	Staples UK Ltd	Stationery	£56.47
16 th June	4587	Biffa Waste Services Ltd	Rental & 4 lifts	£172.99
16 th June	4588	The Helping Hand Company	Litter Pickers & Hoops – (Grant for Scouts)	£230.40 (£192.00 ex vat)
16 th June	4589	Amberol Limited	36 Additional Baskets and 20 Brackets, 2 x Tiered Floral Fountain	£2509.44
16 th June	4590	Clarkes Cemetery Services	Cemetery Ground Maintenance	£230.00
			Sports Ground & Race Track	£400.00
			Village Hall	£30.00
			Verge Cut	£390.00
			Top up and Seed 37 Graves	£140.00
			Gardening Services	£60.00
16 th June	DD	Talk Talk Business	Office Telephone Bill	£35.52
16 th June	4591	Playsafety Limited	Annual Inspection – Shetland Road Play Area	£88.80
16 th June	4592	MSM Hygiene Ltd	Black Bags	£13.90
16 th June	4593	Staples	Stationery	£57.61
16 th June	D/D	British Gas	Parish Clock electricity	£24.32
16 th June	4594	Tibshelf Village Hall	Office Rent	£4000.00
			Repay reclaimed Village Hall VAT	£1319.14
			Total	£19571.42

(b) **Financial Report – June 2015**

The Bank Balances at 31 st May 2015 stood at:-	
Current Account	£ 4481.00
Reserve Account	<u>£188089.18</u>
Total	<u>£192570.18</u>

(c) **Staffing Report**

The Clerk submitted a report setting out details of staff holidays, sickness and toil taken during the months of March , April and May 2015 and holidays booked, sickness and office closures for May, June, July and August 2015.

(d) **Training**

The Clerk reported that there were three training sessions which it would be very useful for herself and the Assistant Clerk to attend.

There was a requirement for staff to attain developmental points in order to achieve the newly developed Foundation Local Council Award which replaces the Quality Council Scheme. These can be achieved by attending relevant training sessions and seminars. The Council's submission for this award would have to be made by the end of the year.

It was Proposed by Councillor Vardy, Seconded by Councillor Salt and Resolved that attendance at the following sessions be approved:

1. **Pensions – Automatic Enrolment** – 23rd June – 2.00 – 4.30 p.m - £25.00 per delegate
2. **Local Council Award Scheme** – 21st July – 10.00 – 12.00 – no charge
3. **Cemeteries Workshop** – 9th September - 10.00 – 2.30 p.m. - £40.00 per delegate

The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

Chairman.....

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