

DINTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th January 2008 at 7.30pm.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: nil No public present.

- 589. PRESENT:** Cllrs Kerley (Chairman), Campey, Fry, Gillott, O'Keefe, Taylor, and County Cllr Deane, District Cllr Parker plus L J Fry.
- 590. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Smith – personal.
- 591: DECLARATIONS of INTEREST:** Cllr Kerley – personal and prejudicial (Chairman's allowance) cheque No. 529 and Cllr Fry - personal and prejudicial (Father's payment) cheque No. 541 plus agenda item 11 (Father's Resignation). Both members left the room when the items were discussed.
- 592. MINUTES of MEETING 20.11.2007** following agreement to amend 572 the Minutes were signed.
- 593. MATTERS ARISING from those Minutes:**
- (a) Wooden Seats – SDC will repair/paint in the Spring.
 - (b) Dropped kerbs – Cllr Kerley said that work is in the pipeline for the Parish.
 - (c) All-weather surface – hope for information at March meeting.
 - (d) Public Notice Boards – two, capable of displaying 8 x A4 sheets, are on order with Highways wanting locations.
 - (e) Risk assessment – ownership of play equipment needs to be resolved first.
 - (f) Traffic Calming B3089 – Two Highway officers (P Hanson and D Thomas) are deliberating on possibilities prior to meeting this Council. The Clerk to provide an earlier comprehensive study/suggestion document.
- Agreed that **Highway matters** be **delegated** to Cllr Gillott rather than via the Planning Committee.
- 594. REPORTS from COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:** County Cllr Deane informed that the appeal by Westfields re the proposed increased stacking height of containers has been dismissed with the Inspector's concern at what would be an inappropriate increase of heavy lorries from Southampton docks to Dinton.
- Refusal to grant permission for a Stud farm on the back road to Teffont Magna has gone to appeal.
- He again cited problems with the control centralisation of the Ambulance Service particularly with target time problems when dealing with outlying locations (Fonthill Gifford) – urged if delay ring again.
- The element of overlap by the main contractors in refuse/recycling collection is being monitored .

District Cllr Parker urged Councils to be involved in efforts to oppose the proposed closure of sub Post Offices (even if Dinton is not on the list) and that geographical location criteria was illogical.

He urged P.C's to use (get involved) with Area Committees or lose them.

He is presently very active, as is Cllr Deane, in the retention of the well used Tisbury & District Sports Centre.

People are slowly adapting to the black box method of recycling with, he suggested, a mini recycling area (visible to the public) being encouraged. SDC is piloting a scheme on plastic recycling – agreed the Clerk approach Matty Ridsepp.

Cllr Parker confirmed that he was providing a draft constitution (via Cllr Smith) re the formation of a Parish Liaison Group.

- 595. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Cllr Kerley informed that a new Tis-bus is being launched on 16.02.2008 and urged members to make use of this facility. He prompted members for a response to attend the training day on 15.03.2008 (3 so far).

The "planks" that make seats by the Four Corners bus shelter will be replaced when the notice boards are made. He asked that publication of Minutes be placed on the next agenda.

- 596. CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS and ORDERS for PAYMENT:**

Correspondence as per attached (already circulated) was presented.

ORDERS for PAYMENT:

Cllr Kerley £140.00 Chairman's allowance and the following S137 grants: Tis-bus £60.00, Dinton School £70.00, Splash £20.00, Age Concern £20.00, Wilton & District Day Centre £20.00, Leonard Cheshire £20.00, Wiltshire Bobby Van £20.00, Youth Action Wiltshire £20.00., Wilton & District Link £50.00.

Dinton PCC £440.00 (Churchyard upkeep) & similarly Baverstock PCC £220.00. Clerk's Salary & expenses £1585.51, J Toomer £66.00, Mazars (Audit) £164.50 and Dinton Recreation Ground Trustees £178.37.

- 597. INFORMAL MEETING with DRGT:** Cllr Gillott's report had been circulated and accepted. Members acknowledged the progress made and thanked Cllrs Gillott, Fry and Kerley for their ongoing efforts.

The Parish Council's asset register and ownership of equipment needs re assessing – the Clerk to advise.

- 598. APPROVE signature of MINUTES of the PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Minutes 18.12.2007 were signed.

- 599. UPDATE on the AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:**

Cllr Fry stated that valuation of the properties is awaited and it is understood that rents will be based on this.

Up take will then become clear and the "affordability" will determine those who can rent/or purchase on a shared equity basis. The experience of this development will have a bearing on any future schemes either in Dinton or Barford.

- 600. RESIGNATION of the CLERK (L J FRY) with effect 31.03.2008:**
The Council, with reluctance, accepted the Clerk's resignation , the Clerk having been employed by the Council almost forty seven years.
He offered, that should a new Clerk not be in position by that date, he is willing to continue as to such time the Council may determine.
This offer was gladly accepted.
- 601. SELECTION of a COMMITTEE to deal with the APPOINTMENT of CLERK and RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER to the COUNCIL:**
Cllrs Kerley (Chairman), Gillott and Taylor plus L J Fry.
- 602. QUESTIONS from COUNCILLORS:** nil.
- 603. DATES of MEETINGS:** 11.03.2008, 22.04.2008 (Annual Parish Meeting), 13.05.2008 (Annual Parish Council Meeting).
- 604.** There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.