

Minutes of the Guilsborough Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Guilsborough, on Tuesday, 24th March, 2009, at 7.00p.m.

Present: Miss S Jaggard(Chairman), Mrs P Townsend, Mrs J Moorhead, Mr A Hart. Mr P Hubbard, Mr M Brennan, Mr M Revitt-Smith, Mr A Tebbutt. Also present were Mrs C Staley, Headteacher, and Mrs E Reading, Guilsborough School.

131/09 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr Revitt-Smith declared an interest in the Skateboard item on the agenda.

132/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January,2009, copies of which had been previously circulated, were read, confirmed and signed.

133/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

134/09 MATTERS ARISING

- a) WINDFARM AT HANGING HOUGHTON - Ref.116/09(a)
The Clerk reported a message had been received from Mrs Macdonald to inform us that the application had been put "on hold". – Noted.
- b) SECTION 106 Ref. – Ref.116/09(c)
The Chairman read to the meeting the response from DDC in respect of the newly erected railings and the details were noted.
- c) PLAYGROUND INSPECTION – Ref.121/09
The Clerk informed the meeting the Annual Inspection of the play equipment would take place at 9.00am on 1st June, 2009.
- d) STREET LIGHTING Ref.125/09
The Clerk informed the meeting that emails had been received requesting, from us, an inventory of all our lamps, and details of our lighting hours. Mrs Moorhead informed the meeting this was being dealt with.
- e) MINERALS EXTRACTION AT THE WEST HADDON SITE _ Ref.129/09
As reported under correspondence received since our January meeting the latest details received, in a letter dated 15th January, 2009, was that the proposed West Haddon site had not been included in the final documents.
- f) CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS – Ref.129/09
The Chairman had dealt with this matter.
- g) GUILSBOROUGH PRE-SCHOOL GROUP – Previous Minute 20/11/08 (Ref.102/08)
The Chairman read to the meeting the letter of thanks for our donation. Noted.
- h) THE FIRS DEVELOPMENT – Previous Minute 24/6/08 Ref.29/08(g)
The Clerk was pleased to report that the development had now erected the street namesign Neaton Lane. – Noted.

135/09 SKATEBOARD

The Council discussed at length the situation regarding the vandalised skateboard.

It was proposed by Mr Tebbutt and seconded by Mrs Townsend, a resolution "To remove the skateboard ramp and replace it with some other playground equipment suitable for the 8 to 14 year old children.". The members voted in support of the resolution. The Council noted that there had been no responses to the article placed in the last edition of "Village Link".

The Clerk explained the current situation regarding the insurance cover on this play equipment. Mr Hubbard agreed to look at our policy details, with the assistance of Mr Mike Edwards who is an insurance assessor. The Chairman was to be meeting with a representative from Davies, Chartered Loss Adjusters, acting on behalf of the Allianz.

136/09 GUILSBOROUGH SCHOOL/VILLAGE MATTERS

Mrs Staley brought copies of the community information leaflet now finalised, and ready for distribution after the Easter Holidays. There was also produced a questionnaire which will be delivered at the same time. Collection points will be the school, surgery or village shop.

Mrs Townsend reported on the meeting with the 6th Formers attended at the school by the Chairman, Clerk and herself. This had been successful and was held with all the 6th Formers present. It was also reported a successful

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tea afternoon for the village senior parishioners, had taken place.

Mrs Staley had no update information on the proposed coach-park.
Mr Revitt-Smith reminded the Headteacher that the tennis courts light is still not working. First reported at our meeting held 8th January, 2008.

137/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

ORDERED that payment of the undermentioned accounts be approved:-

100997	Guilborough Village Hall (Hire)	£89.50
8	E.On (Lighting Maintenance March Qtr.)	£216.68
9	P J Winterburn (Clerk-Petty Cash)	£200.00

138/09 BANK RECONCILIATION

The Clerk laid on the table the following bank reconciliation:-

Deposit a/c	£5,961.86	
Current a/c	£3,319.59	
Cash in hand	£196.22	
sub total		£9,477.67
Less cheques outstanding		
100998	£216.68	
9	£200.00	
		£416.68
Total Balance		<u>£9,060.99</u>

(Prepared prior to the meeting on 24th)

The Council noted that the Street Lighting Energy was due for the Quarters of June, September, December in 2008 and March 2009 with the possible expenditure of between £700 to £800. Currently our Lighting Representative is preparing an inventory of all our street lamps, and hours of operating, to be forwarded to Eon.

139/09 ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009

The Clerk produced financial details of the anticipated Income & Expenditure for 2008/2009. The Income was £29,822.74 and Expenditure £20,761.75. This showed an anticipated balance of £9,060.99. The Council noted there were still some payments outstanding, and to come, further bank interest.
The Council accepted the details and the information as recorded.

140/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DA/2009/0081 Two storey extension to side and single storey to front and rear at 7 West Haddon Road, Guilborough.

The Council had no observations to this application.

DA/2008/1251 Removal of monopitch roof. Building up of southern wall of building and new gable walls to provide new pitched slate roof. (Re-submission)

The Council supports this application and had no observations. The Chairman had since the planning meeting held on 20/1/09 sent a letter of support to the application.

The Council was informed the application had been REFUSED.

DA/2008/1232 Work at Clementine and the Old Bakery at Nortoft.

The Council was informed that P.P. had been Granted .

It was noted an email response received had indicated our earlier concern had been dealt with a satisfactory answer. (Previous Minute 6/1/09 Ref.118/09)

DA/2008/0772 Detached dwelling on land adjacent to Glebelands, The Green.

The Council was informed an APPEAL had been made and will be dealt with by way of written statements. The details were noted.

DA/2009/0113 Detached dwelling at Glebelands, The Green, Guilborough.

Observation submitted: The Council continues to be concerned about the access.

There is a narrow part of the private road for the access of emergency vehicles. In close proximity there is the village Primary School and Village Hall both very close to the access road, and the traffic these venues generate in the area.

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DA/2009/0175 Rear and side extension and detached two bay garage at Home Close, West Haddon Road, Guilsborough.

The Council had no observations to this application.

Guilsborough School Proposed Coach drop-off/parking facility etc.

Observation submitted to the County Council following a planning meeting held 20/4/09. The G.P.C. supports the proposed scheme in principle, but we are concerned with the near neighbour's privacy, and apparent lack of consultation with the residents affected. The Parish Council considers a site meeting is needed, before the planning decision is made by the County Council.

The Chairman subsequently spoke with Mr Chris Millar on this application. He reported DDC would be recommending refusal and suggested a further letter be sent outlining concerns. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to write again, Letter sent 15/2/09. Our members have now had time to thoroughly digest and reflect on the proposals and also now have had feedback from residents of the village. We now feel the scheme is out of proportion to the size of the village and that in these difficult times our money could be spent (or saved) with more advantage. A very large piece of green land is being sacrificed for a short time in the morning and afternoon, and then only in term-time, and this piece of green land will be lost forever. The scheme entails more lighting and its associated use of more energy. At no time are there 21 buses on site at the same time. The effect on neighbouring properties will be bad with the associated light, noise and fume pollution.

We feel that a look could be made at the front of the school building with a possible view to make small adjustments.

141/09 REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT

Laid before the meeting was the present approved financial risk assessment. The Chairman read to the meeting the document, and the Council was satisfied that adequate safeguard is laid down and no changes were necessary. (Last review was March, 2008)

142/09 REGISTRATION OF THE GREEN

The Chairman informed the meeting that it has now been 7 months since the County Council indicated The Green would be registered. Part of the delay related to highway matters with regard to the footpath and kerbing around The Green. – Noted.

143/09 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk laid on the table a letter from the NCC inviting the Council to be considered for a poster awareness campaign in respect of the Amenity Weight Restrictions (7.5t) Following discussion the Council agreed to the proposed Parish Boards. The Clerk was to write and ask whether the police would be taking any action against reported vehicles who disregard the signage.

Mr Revitt-Smith reported on the following items:-

1. The road signs at the top of Crow Hill on A1599 have been stolen and replacements are in hand.
 2. The roads in the village should be swept every 12 weeks currently, but from July this year they will be swept every 6 weeks. 2a. It was noted contact had been made with A K Sweepers and they would be prepared to sweep the village once a month for a cost of £175.00 plus VAT. If we feel that the new scheme by Daventry is enough we need not bother.
 3. Pavements will be swept every 6 weeks. 4. Litterbins will be emptied every 2 wks.
 - 4a. A litter pick will also be carried out at the play area.
 5. Pot holes have been reported on a number of times. The last ones are registered on No. 363813.
 6. With regard to the future winter gritting programme they will be gritting Nortoft, West Haddon Road, The High Street and Coton Road. There is no chance of getting any more salt bins in the village.
- Finally for the replacement litter bins a company has been found and they will make them for the appropriate sizes etc.

144/09 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Mr Hart reported that the clatterbridge support posts were now leaning at an angle and required support posts. Unfortunately Mr Hart had been unable to find anyone to carry out the work. The Clerk agreed to ask Mr Griffiths of Solutions 4 Playgrounds of Brafield-on-the Green to see if his maintenance contacts can help.

The Chairman informed the meeting there is a litter problem at the play area. Hopefully with the proposed programme of litterbins being emptied every 2 weeks the Council will note an improvement.

145/09 VILLAGE OF THE YEAR/BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD/DATE OF "CLEAN-UP"

The Council decided against entering the Competitions. However, a "Clean-up" date was agreed 6th June, 2009, starting from The Green at 10.00a.m. The Chairman explained that posters from the village Primary School would be prepared earlier this year and prizes awarded for the best entries.

The Clerk was asked to send out the usual letters, asking for help from various bodies.

146/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Details had been circulated of the paperwork received up to 13th March,2009. (A copy is included in the Minute Book.) Recently received were the following items:-

DOGS TRUST – A leaflet detailing the Scheme will be displayed on the noticeboard.

NCC – Notification of a Parish Emergency Planning Seminar to be held on 7th July, 2009, at the Council Offices, Daventry at 6.30p.m.

147/09 ANNUAL REVIEW OF PARISH PROPERTY

The Chairman reminded the members of the properties for which the Council is responsible and are all recorded in the Assets register. It was noted repair work to the cob barn and garages is in hand. The skateboard and clutterbridge are also items that are being dealt with. (Both of these items were discussed earlier on the agenda.)

148/09 PAYMENTS DUE FROM 1ST APRIL,2009

The Clerk reported there were no payments required at the present time.- Noted.

149/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was instructed to write to Anglian Water in respect of the large locked gate now erected at the entrance to Hollowell reservoir. Is this permitted?

Mrs Townsend informed the meeting that two residents had complained about the current state of the footpath from The Lannet to Pells Close. It was the view of the Council this is a rural footpath and no action was proposed.

The Clerk was instructed to write and request that the red mailbox on The Green be repainted.

The Clerk was instructed to write in respect of the lack of a continued footpath in Coton Road from the church to the first properties. It is considered to be dangerous for the young children walking to and from the village Primary School. Mr Revitt-Smith commented that the County Council should be asked also to kerb outside the cemetery wall. The Clerk to send appropriate letters.

150/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday, 5th May 2009, at 7.15p.m.