

Minutes of the meeting held 11th April 2017

50/17 To Receive Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr J Cullen (holiday) and Cllr MacPherson (work).

51/17 Declaration of Members Interests.

Declarations were received and accepted for Cllr Harding for items 55/17 and 59/17 and declarations for Cllr Houghton agenda item 55/17 and 68/17 a.

52/17 Public Speaking.

- a) Members of the public raised the following items:
 - i. The garage on Twyford Road has now placed 2 spinning signs on the causeway edge which are very distracting to motorists. They are also parking all over the path with cars for sale. Can the clerk find out where the boundary of their premises is and write to the Garage with the concerns. **Resolved:** clerk to action.
 - ii. Could the Parish Council please use the sound system at subsequent meetings as it is hard to hear what is being said sometimes.
 - iii. Landscaping at Kingfisher Lane – where the Persimmon Sales Portacabin was situated some turf has been laid down and its dried out making the site look awful. **Resolved:** clerk to report.
 - iv. There is an abandoned van near Kingfisher Lane which has a wheel missing – resolved: clerk to report to SDDC
 - v. Has there been any meeting yet between SDDC/DCC and Persimmon regarding the outstanding issues? **Resolved:** Cllr Laughlin to ask Cllr MacPherson to arrange this asap.
- b) There were no police in attendance and the County and District Councillor, Cllr Ford, had sent his apologies.

53/17 To confirm the minutes of Willington Parish Council monthly meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017.

Resolved: the minutes of the monthly meeting on 14th March 2017, having been circulated, were then approved by all and signed by the Chair.

54/17 TRPF new windows – Cllr Harding. Cllr Harding presented quotes for the replacement of 4 windows on the front of the changing rooms. Questions were then raised about the windows on the side and whether they needed doing too. Cllr Harding then said he thought there might also be some windows round the back of the building too but was unsure. There was some discussion about who is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the building as it is owned by SDDC. Everyone agreed in principal to the windows being replace but it was **resolved** that he clerk needs to ascertain the agreement with SDDC and count the windows on the building before moving this further.

55/17 Football Club – Cllr Harding/Houghton. A meeting had taken place with the football club and the club now has 22 teams plus it has won its first trophy – the Derbyshire Cup by the senior team. The next progression is to go into the league but to do this they need better changing facilities and a fenced off pitch, without these they cannot enter the league. They are interested in the fields opposite the power station but need to sort the lease arrangements, however Cllr Houghton stated that some joined up thinking was needed between the groups in the village so that benefits could be made to all groups rather than just one group, for example the scouts need new premises. Cllr Laughlin raised concerns about the goal post holes in the playing field and reminded Councillors that the football club was asked to sort these out over a year ago and nothing had been done and it was part of their responsibility. Cllr Harding demonstrated the metal caps that they had used but as they could not be fitted properly 3 had gone missing. Cllr Laughlin said that the old posts that are in the ground need digging out and new ones putting in if that is what is needed. **Resolved:** clerk to send a letter to the Football Club telling them to sort these holes or they will not be able to use the field anymore.

56/17 Neighbourhood Plan / Business Village Plan - proposal from RAC. Cllr Houghton explained that most of the discussion on this subject was in the RAC minutes which everyone had received. The proposal from RAC is to first do a Community Plan (been called a Parish Plan previously) and then do a Neighbourhood Development Plan alongside it. All Councillors agreed to this proposal and to run the plans in parallel. It was also proposed that the RAC no longer deal with this but a separate group to be established to do this work with their own budget. It was agreed to re-establish the Willington Voice group and Cllr Houghton will call this group together for its initial meeting. It was agreed to donate £500 to the Willington Voice group and for it to be a regular reporting item on the monthly Parish Council agenda. It was also agreed that the Parish Council should have a stand at the Carnival – **resolved:** clerk to arrange.

- 57/17 Footpath 13 – dumping of materials. Resolved:** clerk to report to the Environment Agency as this is not Parish Council business and clerk to respond to the resident who sent the photos of the waste dumping.
- 58/17 Persimmon/SDDC/Footpath 6.** Awaiting a response from Cllr MacPherson.
- 59/17 The Potlocks** – an update and possible Village Green application. Planning application was rejected at the meeting on 21st March but everyone thinks the developers will appeal. Cllr Evans referred to some emails that had been floating around about the Village Green application for TRPF and some people suggesting that the Parish Council took an arbitrary decision to spend money objecting to it on a whim, Cllr Evans stated that it was actually a legal responsibility of the Parish Council at the time and therefore the current Parish Council, to protect the open nature of TRPF therefore had to oppose the Village Green application which by its nature would have changed the use of TRPF and therefore the council at the time took the decision to oppose the Village Green application and money was spent and a significant proportion of that money was actually then repaid by the developer, Cllr P Cullen asked whom had given this advice to the Parish Council and Cllr Evans stated that he didn't know what the process was as at that time he wasn't the Chair or Vice Chair but was aware that the developer of the doctors surgery paid the majority of the legal fees that the Parish Council had incurred. Cllr P Cullen asked how much had been received from the developer, Cllr Evans stated that the fees that have been quoted in recent emails are £16,000 and that in excess of £10,000 had been received from the developer. **Resolved:** clerk to check with Ian at SDDC where the PC are with the Asset of Community Value and to ask 1) do the PC have to own the land to have it as an asset? 2) if the PC have an asset of community value what would this mean for future developments?
- 60/17 Planning Permission on TRPF – Cllr MacPherson.** Nothing to report as Cllr MacPherson absent this evening.
- 61/17 Neighbourhood Plan / Business Plan – proposal from RAC** – repeated item.
- 62/17 Railway Bridge cameras – clerk.** The clerk had received an email from a structural engineer at Network Rail regarding the proposed cameras on the railway bridge. The Parish Council has no problem with this and the clerk can respond to Network Rail asking them to commence with the work.
- 63/17 Assets of Community Value – Cllr P Cullen.** Cllr P Cullen asked if the PC can consider other areas in the village that could be an asset of community value. **Resolved:** clerk to add to next agenda.

64/17 Report of the Parish Clerk

- a. **Request for information from Councillors.** The clerk reminded the Councillors that there is a secure area on the website where confidential documents can be kept. The clerk told everyone that over time she will load the papers from the old site onto the new site. Councillors were unaware of the area and clerk said when the website had been set up she had added everyone and emailed a password to Councillors. **Resolved:** clerk to re-send passwords to Councillors for the secure areas. Cllr Harding told Councillors that he had also asked for this to be put on the agenda as he had personally asked the clerk for information outside of a meeting and the clerk had raised this by email to all Councillors asking if this was a good use of her time. Councillors agreed that all requests for information should be raised within the meeting and there is no reason why information should be held back but it will be done based on priorities. Cllr Harding assumed that the information was being held back by the clerk on purpose but the clerk explained that as he was asking for information on a subject that was now closed it was not on her priority list. Councillor Harding made allegations that the reasons for the information not being forthcoming were spurious this allegation was challenged by Cllr P Cullen and Cllr Warner. The Clerk reminded Council that she only has 12 hours per week to do her work and there are more present and future work taking her time. The clerk assured Cllr Harding he would get a copy of the solicitor's papers and the answers to his 3 questions regarding the conversation between the clerk and the solicitors when she has time.
- b. **Cars parked on Trent close – parishioner contact.** The clerk explained that she had dealt with an enquiry from a resident regarding parked cars on private land but Cllr Harding said he had also had an enquiry from another member of the public about the same issue and he had not received any feedback from the clerk regarding this so could not tell the lady which made him look foolish. The clerk did not have the contact details for the other lady so was unable to deal with it. **Resolved:** it was also agreed that new enquiries from parishioners to members of the Parish Council need to be directed to the clerk and not dealt with on an individual basis. Any enquiries regarding subjects raised at previous meetings then Councillors can refer to the minutes for advice.
- c. **Tender / Schedule of work update** – clerk informed everyone that she has not been able to do this piece of work and the time of year has meant work needs to start. She will start this work in early autumn ready for the start of the season in 2018.
- d. **Bowls Mower** – clerk reported that the club chairman had emailed her to say the club mower had broken and needed to go and be repaired which will result in a cost for the PC. It was suggested that a new one may be needed.
- e. **Councillor Attendance** – the clerk informed everyone that she had put this on the agenda incase Cllr Evans failed to turn up as he had not been to a meeting since February 2016 and this was his 6th meeting with no apologies, however Cllr Evans was in attendance tonight. Councillor Evans asked if he had correctly understood that, at the Annual Meeting, the clerk had advised the Council that all Councillors had to sign declarations Annually, and that subsequently having discovered that this advice was incorrect the Clerk apologised to Councillors for her error. The Clerk confirmed that this was correct. Councillor Evans also stated that he had requested a face to face meeting with the clerk in order to resolve the matter and avoid 'death by email' and in response the clerk's only suggestion was to meet half an hour before a council meeting. The clerk confirmed that this was correct. Councillor Evans said he had 3 commitments as a Councillor 1. To attend these meetings 2. To attend committee meetings 3. Take part in any

email correspondence. Cllr Evans then informed everyone that he had requested from the clerk information which he had not received and the standing orders she had sent did not cover what he had asked for. Cllr Evans wanted it minuting that the clerk said she gave no further advice apart from the financial cost, to the Parish Council regarding the land swap at the February meeting, which she agreed. The clerk then informed Cllr Evans that he could not be on the committees as he had failed to turn up at the Annual Meeting in May 2016 when the members are nominated for each committee and he had not been to any subsequent meeting to ask to be on a committee and the clerk reminded him that he needs to attend the monthly full Parish Council meetings. The clerk informed Cllr Evans that she had sent him the Standing Orders regarding this which were clear about committees. Cllr P Cullen interjected stating that Cllr Evans had not attended a Parish Council meeting for over 12 months and was in no position to ridicule The Clerk who had been an absolute stalwart over the last 12 months. Cllr Finney told Cllr Evans that he doesn't attend meetings and is effectively taking the place of a parishioner who may want to be on the Parish Council, Cllr Warner reiterated these sentiments and told Cllr Evans that he doesn't attend meetings and he couldn't be a member of the Parish Council if he didn't attend meetings, whatever his interests are he has to display them by actually attending meetings and that Cllr Evans was depriving a parishioner of being on the Parish Council and being active in WPC matters. Cllr P Cullen apologized to the clerk on behalf of the Parish Council for the criticism from Cllr Evans and informed him that he needs to attend meetings.

**65/17 Planning
Planning Matters for Decision**

9/2017/0255	30 ORCHARD CLOSE WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6DJ	THE ERECTION OF EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATION AT	09- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0239	27 THE CASTLE WAY WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6BT	THE FORMATION OF A VEHICULAR ACCESS AND OFF ROAD PARKING AREA AT	07- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0195	FORMER WILLINGTON POWER STATION TWYFORD ROAD WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE		THE VARIATION OF CONDITIONS OF THE DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION REF: 01.08.10.04/451C GRANTED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PURSUANT TO S36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT (RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A 2000MW COMBINED CYCLE NATURAL GAS AND/OR DISTILLATE OIL FIRED TURBINE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATION AND A 400MW OPEN CYCLE NATURAL GAS AND/OR DISTILLATE OIL FIRED TURBINE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATION) AT THE	06- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>

Planning Matters for information

9/2017/0173	HILL FARM THE STABLES ETWALL ROAD WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6DX	THE ERECTION OF A REAR EXTENSION AND ASSOCIATED INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AT	14- Feb- 17	29- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0138	2 THE POTLOCKS WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6YA	THE ERECTION OF AN EXTENSION AT	08- Feb- 17	22- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0116	HILL FARM THE STABLES ETWALL ROAD WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6DX	THE ERECTION OF A REAR EXTENSION AT	02- Feb- 17	29- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0098	MULTIPLE LOCATIONS WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE		THE ERECTION OF 6 NO. PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS AT	01- Feb- 17	29- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0078	39 HALL LANE WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6DR	THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND WIDENING OF CURRENT VEHICULAR ACCESS AT	25- Jan- 17	22- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0075	18 ST JAMES CLOSE WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6ER	CONVERSION OF REAR PART OF ATTACHED GARAGE AT	02- Feb- 17	15- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/2017/0059	14 ST MICHAELS CLOSE WILLINGTON DERBY DERBYSHIRE	DE65 6EB	THE ERECTION OF A FRONT PORCH (INCLUDING CLOAKROOM) AND CANOPY OVER EXISTING BAY WINDOW AT	20- Jan- 17	21- Mar- 17	<input type="checkbox"/>

All Granted and no comments.

66/17 Committee Reports

- a) Finance – no meeting held.
- b) RAC – minutes of meeting held in March circulated. The clerk circulated the directory that Brian has put together. Cllr Houghton told everyone that Neighbourhood Planning was the main discussion at the meeting, Cllr Cullen has still to do the school survey; new trees on the Garden on the green and lighting – clerk to ask Martin from Woodgrow for his advice re trees on the green then electrics can be sorted. The clerk was also asked to get 3 quotes for the noticeboards and the welcome signs. **Resolved:** clerk to arrange.
- c) Footpaths and Open Space Group – minutes of meeting held in March circulated. Cllr P Cullen asked the clerk to send a letter of thanks to the Findern Footpaths Group for attending the last meeting and giving a talk. **Resolved:** clerk to send a letter. Cllr P Cullen also mentioned that there are 6 footpaths in Willington that are not on the Derbyshire mapping portal, can the clerk arrange for these to be added – **resolved:** clerk to sort with DCC. Cllr P Cullen also informed everyone about footpath 7 which has been reported to DCC who have suggested stoning sections of the footpath to help with waterlog but the FOSG agree this won't work and want to do the work themselves using boards so Cllr P Cullen is going to get some quotes for the materials. The Chair welcomed the initiatives from the Footpaths Group and everyone was happy for them to proceed.

67/17 Reports from Councillors that have attended any other Meetings.

There was nothing to report.

68/17 Finance

- a) Items for Payment –

Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk	Wages (12 hours per week)	£823.68
Clerk	Expenses:	£24.75
	Home working for March	18.00
	Mileage	6.75
McCulloch	Litter picking,	194.00
E-on	Electricity for TRPF	28.46
E-on	Electricity for Bowls Club	12.36
SDDC	Trade Waste for 2017/8	1639.04
DALC	Subscription	629.18
OST	Room rental	100.93
Clerk	Vodafone top up	10.00
O'Heap	TRPF fire service	20.10
Income		
SDDC	Precept	23364.00
Kinara Indian	Advert in newsletter	65.00
Vital Health	Advert in newsletter	20.00

Monetary Requests

Carnival Committee	Donation request	300.00
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It was unanimously agreed to donate £500 to the Carnival the same as the Arts Festival.

69/17 Items for Information

- SDCVS e bulletins
- DALC circular 05/17
- Rural Services Network bulletins
- SDDC – press releases
- DIG-IT dates
- Saturday Refuse Freighter Dates
- DCC - Derbyshire - Step Up Beat Hate crime publicity campaign – Cllr P Cullen asked the clerk if these can go on the noticeboards.
- Paul Heywood – Funding email re health and fitness
- Website message re allotment demand
- Bank House email for funding
- Email from Mr Barker re no confidence, conduct at meetings, riverside issues, land swap
- Email from Mr Bird re land swap
- A Gifford thanks for the viewing platform email

Councillors noted the information with no further comments.

70/17 Date of the next Meeting

The date of the next Willington Parish Council Meeting is to be confirmed as Tuesday 9th May 2017 at The Old School. This meeting will be the Annual Meeting, the Parish Meeting and the monthly Parish Council meeting and will start at 6.30pm with the Parish Meeting.