

Minutes of the monthly full Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 13th March 2018

50/18 To Receive Apologies for absence.

There was nothing to report. Full attendance.

51/18 Declaration of Members Interests.

There was nothing to report.

52/18 Public Speaking.

John Lowrie from the WOST made representation regarding the Old School Trust: need more committee members and also need to establish another link with the PC due to the resignation of Cllr Harding there is now no representation on the committee from the Parish Council. Committee members/trustees need to be replaced and he has done the role for 18 years but they cannot find anyone to replace them. Threats – the lease expires in 2022 and is held by the Diocese who has shown no interest only when the Harper Crewe were involved with the land that the Horsa Hut sits on. Once this is no longer used for educational purposes then the land gets returned to the Harper Crewe estate. Their AGM is 26th March for the OST. It's on the front page of the current newsletter. Can it be discussed before the PC May meeting please. Another item raised: Traffic survey when will this be conducted? Cllr Ford is trying to re-arrange this after it was cancelled 2 weeks ago due to the weather. County Cllr Ford sent his apologies and a brief report by email regarding raise in Council Tax and the traffic survey. Cllr MacPherson only raised that Calon Energy were not successful in their gas bid for the Power Station and the future looks uncertain.

53/18 To confirm the minutes of Willington Parish Council monthly meeting held on

Tuesday 13th February 2018. There were no minutes to record as the clerk only returned to work today after 6 weeks sick leave. Minutes from January and February will be presented at the April meeting. Cllr Cullen stated his recorder did not work for the February meeting but Cllr Laughlin had made comprehensive notes.

54/18 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.

Resolved not to close the meeting as items could be discussed in the open.

55/18 Finance

a) Items for Payment

Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk	Wages (14 hours per week)	£981.48
McCulloch	Litter picking, play inspection 96	234.00
E-on	Electricity for TRPF	25.27
E-on	Electricity for Bowls Club	8.64
B Davis	Feb Newsletter	129.00
O'Heaps	Bowls Club and TRPF fire service	253.98
ADS Computers	Virus protection	52.50
HMRC	PAYE from 2017	778.67
SDDC	Bins	3581.52
Optimum Supplies	2 plastic box files	11.97

O'heap had to charge more as the Bowls Club had 3 extinguishers and TRPF only has 1 extinguisher.

Action: clerk to officially ask the fire brigade for an assessment. Fire risk assessments are only required if they employ 5 or more people. Clerk to also check with SDDC on legal requirement of fire extinguishers in the TRPF building.

b) Monetary Requests

Carnival submitted an application request for £500. Proposed by Cllr J Cullen and seconded by Cllr Laughlin, all in favour. Bowls club have requested approx. £55 for building preservative, proposed by Cllr Houghton and seconded by Cllr Watters.

c) Income/Grants

Form completed for the DCC footpaths grant. Chair and clerk signed the invoice which the clerk will now send off.

d) Bank Reconciliation

This was handed out by the Clerk and she explained it to the Councillors. Everything balanced. All in agreement and signed by the Chair.

56/18 Nothing to report on this item (duplicate number)

57/18 Business and Parish Plan – Update (from Feb). Cllr MacPherson raised the issue with the Power Station proposed in 2005 for housing. The district 10 year plan has gone in which gives some breathing space and the PC need to know the stance of the village on the Power Station turning into a Housing Estate. Clarity was sought on the difference between a Parish Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan which was explained. It was made clear that the Neighbourhood Plan is the only one which carries weight. Cllr Watters asked if there was a PC anywhere else who had used their Neighbourhood Plan to stop a large-scale development. Arrange a meeting for the public to Proposal if 21 people come forward that the PC support a Neighbourhood Plan and invest money in it. Proposed John seconded by Cliff. Small group get together to work a plan and strategy Cllr Houghton, Cllr Laughlin, Cllr Phillips and Cllr P Cullen.

58/18 Staff Committee terms of reference for approval (given out at January meeting). Clerk to re-send by email to Councillors for discussion at April meeting.

59/18 Finance investment – Cllr Houghton, update (from Feb). No further questions were forthcoming after the meeting but Cllr Houghton asked: They are FSC regulated, NALC and DALC invest in them, not covered by Government guarantee, yield is paid out quarterly, capital appreciation is when you withdraw funds. If the PC keep 3 times the precept and invest this then is £20k enough capital to have. Cllr MacPherson stated that it should be spent in the village and not invested. The Clerk explained as the RFO it is the PC responsibility to budget and plan for the money and create a business plan and this money has sat there for 2 years already and gained hardly any interest. **Action:** Cllr Houghton to circulate by email a more flexible plan to the Councillors to invest the money in a shorter-term investment. April meeting to make a decision.

60/18 Visibility of Councilors including name cards at meetings as previously discussed at January meeting (from Feb). Cllr Phillips says it's about transparency not just name cards. **Proposed** by Cllr MacPherson on the night Councillors have a name card if they wish to. All in favour.

61/18 Contingency provision to support absences of the Parish Clerk – Cllr Cullen J. Cllr Cullen started by raising the issue of the Clerk's sick note and why it had not been handed in as he wanted a copy of the sick note for his files and asked the staffing committee who had not received it. He then read from a copy of the Clerk's contract about working elsewhere whilst off sick. The Clerk asked Cllr Cullen if he was addressing her direct for an answer and he said yes to which she answered she had not undertaken paid work anywhere else during her time off sick. Cllr P Cullen interrupted at this point and asked whether this should be done publicly but the Clerk replied it was too late for that now. Cllr S Watters stated that nothing terrible had happened during the Clerk's 6 week absence so there was surely nothing to worry about. Cllr J Cullen stated that 2 Committee meetings had to be cancelled due to a lack of key for the WOST. The Clerk responded that there were 11 Councillors and someone could have asked her for the key. **Action:** clerk to get another yellow book. **Action:** staffing committee to be made and formulate a plan on what happens when the Clerk is absent.

62/18 Snow Warden, Grit/Salt Bins – Cllr Phillips. Currently there is no snow warden in Willington. Cllr Phillips wants to be the Snow Warden and all in agreement.

63/18 Open Spaces Society Membership – Cllr Cullen J. Proposed to join by Cllr J Cullen for £45 a year membership and has lots of information. Seconded by Cllr Finney and all in favour. **Action:** Clerk to do this online.

64/18 Access to information via secure members area log-in. Cllr Phillips proposes that all information is in one place. One Drive is the solution as it is GDPR compliant. **Action:** Clerk and Cllr Houghton to arrange.

65/18 Report of the Parish Clerk

All items carried over from February meeting due to Clerks absence

- a. Heater at TRPF now fixed
- b. SDDC mowing quote for TRPF – still not got
- c. Green Man bus shelter SDDC – still not heard anything
- d. Tarmac quote and planned work – DCC doing the work and booked for end of February
- e. Noticeboards and planning response – still no response
- f. Marina noticeboard now in place
- g. Allotment Update – 2 new tenants on plot 8 and 14A
- h. Cemetery Update – recent burials
- i. Vere close re-surfacing request – sent to DCC
- j. Old school Notice Board – been told can use.
- k. Tree stumps removed from Station Garden.
- l. Carnival request for 14th July to use TRPF – all in agreement for the carnival to use subject to insurance and risk assessments.

66/18 Planning

Planning Matters for Decision

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Planning Matters for information

None

67/18 Committee Reports

- a) Finance – no Meeting held
- b) RAC – Meeting – no meeting held
- c) Footpaths and Open Space Group – no meeting held
- d) Staffing Committee – no meeting held

68/18 Reports from Councilors that have attended any other Meetings.

- Area Forum – see last month's minutes
- SDDC Planning Committee – Cllr Cullen P

69/18 Items for Information

All items carried over from February meeting due to Clerks absence

- SDCVS e bulletins
- DALC circular
- Rural Services Network bulletins
- SDDC – press releases
- DIG-IT dates
- Email from concerned Parishioner re The Dragon managing the car park
- Various power station enquiries including the BBC
- Emails from Sue Carter x 3
- Area forum info
- Email from Lee Carvell, The Dragon
- Emails re housing development signs
- Email re lack of consultation re houses on Hall Lane – directed to SDDC
- Transforming the Trent Valley Newsletter
- Email from DCC re WI plans for Station frontage
- Contact Us re Vere Close Grit Bin and various comments from the newsletter
- Email re dog mess in the village – replied and signposted to Dog Warden
- Email re Castleway residents – circulated to Councilors

70/18 Date of the next Meeting

The date of the next Willington Parish Council Meeting is to be confirmed as Tuesday 10th April at The Old School, starting at 7pm prompt.

71/18 Resolution under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public.

- a) The findings from the Advisory Group Meeting concerning the Car Park and next steps. Nothing further to report. Cllr J Cullen stated he would leave this committee.
- b) Planning Application 9/2017/1357 – 11 The Green Willington Derbyshire. Cllr P Cullen has emailed all the organisations highlighted including the Canal and River Trust. He has asked SDDC about amendments to the planning and they have not got back to him. Canal and River Trust did not object. Timms Solicitors are on holiday. DALC said that NALC propose that PC allocate some funds towards this endeavor. Cllr P Cullen has done a letter to DCC saying the PC objects to the alterations to the lease. Ask DCC under Freedom of Information the letter from DCC on the variation on the lease and the letter from the Dragon to DCC.
What is the objective of the exercise? Cllr MacPherson asked. If the other bodies have not objected then what's the point of the PC doing this. Cllr Cullen replied that the process of the planning application was flawed as they had not consulted with any other bodies. The licence entitles us to mow the area, empty bins on it and put benches on it and then to make good. Proposal to seek £2000 for legal advice to ascertain the direction we take preserving and enhancing the Willington picnic site as a POS within the Trent and Mersey Conservation Area. On challenging SDDC processes and DCC managing the land, seconded by Cllr Finney. Cllr J Cullen against and Cllr

Houghton and Cllr MacPherson abstain. Cllr P Cullen concluded that there are 22 conservation areas in South Derbyshire and one is Willington. It is the PC's role to protect it. All in favour.

- c) Response to email from Lee Carvell, The Dragon. This has not been responded too. Cllr Cullen stated that he was concerned that the email had undertones of accusations. It was agreed to not respond.