

**MINUTES OF DOVERIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN**

**Date: Wednesday 6th August 2008**

**Present:** Cllrs: Watkins (Chairman), Bryan, Cattermole, Cole, Hewson-Stoate, Stubbs and Wilshaw, D. Cllr Catt and Carter (Clerk).

**Members of the Public :** PC Bointon.

**Apologies:** Cllr Jarville and C. Cllr Lewer.

<b>P / C</b>	<b>Min No Originator Month</b>	<b>Title and Description</b>	<b>Action / Decision</b>	<b>Who / When</b>	<b>Proposer / Seconder</b>
C	08/61	<b>Letter dated 26/6/08 from Doveridge Village Hall Committee re Major Improvements to the Village Hall</b>	The Clerk reported that he had sent a letter dated 14/7/08 to the VHC c/o Tim Scott expressing the Parish Council's support for the VHC's plans for improvements to the village hall and pledging a £500 contribution to phase 1, subject the project going ahead.		
P	08/50	<b>Matters raised by members of the Public - Mr Bullock</b>	The Clerk confirmed he had written to DDDC on 22/7/08 regarding the PC's decision to ban dogs from the playing field. A response from DDDC dated 29/7/08 said that the legal implications are potentially significant and would require several hours of work to investigate fully. The PC would require legal title to the land and the legal powers to implement. It was suggested that in its capacity as the owner the PC may be able to ban dogs but it might be difficult to enforce. They strongly recommended taking independent legal advice to ensure the PC can implement and enforce a ban. Following discussion D Cllr Catt suggested that Hilton PC are experiencing problems in this regard and should perhaps be consulted. PC Bointon said he would endeavour to find out if any bylaws were in place. The Clerk was asked to speak to Hilton PC and DALC.	Clerk	
P	07/46	<b>Letter dated 21 May 2007 from Derbyshire Rural Community Council re Affordable Housing in Doveridge.</b>	As a number of Cllrs had not seen the correspondence the Clerk was asked to copy it to all Cllrs.	Clerk	
P	06/77	<b>Noise Pollution from the A50 Bypass.</b>	Nothing further to report on this item.		
C	08/69	<b>Approval of Minutes from 2nd July 2008</b>	It was agreed to adopt the minutes as a true record.	Clerk	Cllr Wilshaw Cllr Cole
P	03/37	<b>Land at the rear of Meadow View</b>	The Clerk reported that a correct invoice had now been received from Simon Large, which is submitted under Accounts for Approval.	Clerk	
P	04/38	<b>Parish Website</b>	The Clerk said no responses had been received from the letters sent to new prospective website advertisers.		

P	06/3	<b>Proposal for Sub Group to Oversee Play Equipment Maintenance &amp; Replacement</b>	Cllr Bryan reported the Awards for All application for £8,000 has been successful. Funding stands at £38K for play equipment plus £12.5K for skate park. The latest quote from SMP is around £95k this seems high and they have been asked to re-look at the figures with the intention of reducing it. Subject to the BIFFA award there is a need to identify any shortfall in funding. A potential tarmac contractor has been identified who has given an indicative price of half that quoted by SMP, so it may be possible to fake this element out of the SMP quote. Also it may be possible to get Lee Bassett to lay the grass matting at a lower price than quoted by SMP. The Clerk read out the letter received from HM Excise & Customs regarding reclaiming VAT. Cllr Hewson-Stoate said that VAT can be reclaimed on receipt of the invoice rather than actual payment.	Cllr Bryan	
P	07/25	<b>Letter dated 6/3/07 from Mrs Nandi re Adaption of some Stiles</b>	Still awaiting fixing of the new gate by Lee Bassett. He has promised to fit it very shortly.	Clerk	
P	07/58	<b>Briefing from District Cllr Catt</b>	D. Cllr Cat reported that the planned meeting attended by District & County Officers took place. It was agreed to retain the bund with a slightly larger passing place. Planners will redraw the plans taking into account modified car parking and parking bays for funeral cars for internment of ashes. He also felt it was opportune for the PC to express whether or not they wished to be involved in managing the new burial ground. The Clerk was asked to write to DDDC asking what plans the Council have for managing the new burial ground. D. Cllr Catt mentioned that Sudbury have a similar problem to that at Doveridge regarding a need for a new burial ground and there may be a need to share the new burial ground a Doveridge with Sudbury.	Clerk	
P	07/86	<b>Letter from Mr T Deville dated 3/10/07 re Walkway from Alms Road to Cavendish close</b>	Cllr Hewson-Stoate said the matter was in hand with Lee Bassett.		
P	07/92	<b>Community Response Plan</b>	Nothing to report.		
P	07/104	<b>Letter from WI re Maintenance of the Well</b>	The Clerk reported that a letter dated 1/7/08 had been received from Robert Morton stating that he had at last managed find a contractor to drill through the cover slab. A further letter was received on 4/8/08 stating that the investigative work was now complete. Having drilled down 1.6m, no evidence can be found to indicate a well construction or cover slab. The concrete slab under the shelter is comprised of two thicknesses of concrete totalling some 100mm in thickness, is of reasonable quality but cannot carry the load of the shelter. The damage to the shelter is entirely due to the inadequacy of the slab, due to the slab shearing. There is no real alternative to replacing the slab and the ground under the slab. There are effectively three alternative repairs, a) Use foam injection technology to stabilize the ground and delicately induce the broken slab back into position. A specialised firm has been asked to check the viability and cost of this option. b) Take the structure down, redo the foundations then re-erect the shelter – likely cost £7K plus VAT. c) Temporarily prop the structure whilst removing the slab and replacing the foundation – likely cost £4K plus VAT. The foam injection is expected to cost less than the two other alternatives. It was agreed to await the	Clerk	

			cost of the foam injection. Meanwhile the Clerk was asked to check the PC's insurance cover and to check the warranty period on the foam injection option.		
C	08/23	<b>Letter dated 24/3/08 from Doveridge Cricket Club, Brocksford</b>	The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the cricket club thanking the PC for the donation but also reporting a case of vandalism which involved breaking into the pavilion, leaving equipment out in the open and driving the mower through the new fence and ramming the site screens. PC Bointon confirmed the incident had been reported and the matter was under investigation.		
P	08/27	<b>Proposal to Refurbish the Pavilion - Specification</b>	Cllr Hewson-Stoate declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. The Clerk referred to summary of quotations circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The Clerk said Reg Baxter had pointed out that there was a problem of water supply to one set of showers and PW Property's Electrical sub-contractor had suggested the PC carry out an electrical safety check separate to the refurbishment work. Following discussion and comparison of the quotations it was agreed by all Cllrs present to refurbish the pavilion in accordance with the work set out in the specification, including the garage, pavilion and Options 1) & 2). Cllr Stubbs proposed the most competitive quote from Reg Baxter be accepted, seconded by Cllr Bryan, all Cllrs present agreed. Cllr Watkins proposed, subject to obtaining a couple of other quotes, that an electrical safety check should be undertaken, this was seconded by Cllr Stubbs and was agreed by all Cllrs present. It was suggested that quotes should be obtained from Julian Parker and Tim Jackson for the electrical safety check.	Clerk	
P	08/41	<b>Pond Clearance</b>	The Clerk said he has not yet contacted Mr Wilson but would do so.	Clerk	
P	08/42	<b>Access to Parish Council Notice Board</b>	The Chairman said the notice board was not yet been re-erected which was causing concern because of the need to post notices. Mrs Priestely said it was her husband's intention to put it back up at the weekend.	Clerk	
P	08/52	<b>Removal of Boundary Hedge – 4 East Lodge</b>	The Clerk confirmed he had written to Mr & Mrs Edwards on 7/7/08 stating the PC were content to let the matter rest provided the fence is painted green on the playing field side and it is erected to an agreed boundary line. In a subsequent phone call Mr Edwards informed him that the fence was due to be erected by Simon Large on the Monday morning. Cllr Hewson-Stoate agreed to meet Mr Large first thing Monday morning. The line and method of construction was agreed, however, Cllr Hewson-Stoate observed the following day that the construction of the fence had been changed in that the horizontal rails were on the playing field side. Cllr Hewson-Stoate spoke to Mr Large who said Mr Edwards had told him to put the rails on the playing field side. In a subsequent conversation with Mr Edwards Cllr Hewson-Stoate was informed that he would not alter his fence. Following discussion between Cllrs Watkins, Hewson-Stoate and the Clerk the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Edwards stating the fence was not as agreed with Mr Large and the PC wished to reserve its position. The letter also raised a safety issue regarding bolts protruding through the posts. The Clerk was also asked to write to Mr Large expressing the PC's disappointment that he failed to inform Cllr Hewson-Stoate of the change in construction. Mr Large said he didn't unfortunately have Cllrs telephone number with him at the time. Mr Edwards responded by letter dated 29/9/08 saying he had spoken to the Planning Officer at	Clerk	

			Matlock and had been informed that as the fence does not front onto a public highway there is no planning regulation regarding the position of fence rails and, therefore, he has no intention of altering the fence. He also said the fencing contractor was not acting as his representative and was employed solely by him to erect a fence to his specification and not the PC's. He felt that he was not being treated fairly because other house owners fences along the boundary with the playing field were erected with the back side to the playing field. Following discussion D Cllr Catt agreed to talk to the Planning Officer regarding the apparent lack of support particularly as the original boundary hedge had been removed without the consent of the PC. It was proposed by Cllr Watkins that the Clerk write to Simon Large asking him not to use the Parish Council as a reference or on publicity material for the foreseeable future, this would not preclude him from quoting for PC work, seconded by Cllr Stubbs, all other Cllrs present agreed apart from Cllr Bryan who abstained.		
P	08/63	<b>Lack of Litter Bin alongside Lay-by at Brocksford Hall</b>	The Clerk said he had written to DCC but had received a message that the letter was being forwarded to DDDC who were responsible for litter collection.	Clerk	
P	08/64	<b>Potential Co-option of a New Councillor</b>	The Chairman suggested to Mrs Priestley, that having had a taste of Parish Council business, she may wish to consider whether she still would like to be considered as a co-opted member.	Cllr Watkins	
P	08/70	<b>Proposal to Re-plaster Outer Walls of Outbuildings of Village Hall</b>	The Chairman raised the proposal to re-plaster the outer walls of the outbuildings to provide a backdrop for wall painting and murals for the village youngsters. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations.	Clerk	
C	0871	<b>Hedges in Cook Lane</b>	Cllr Cole said the growth and overhang of hedges on Cook Lane had been reported to him, however, in the last few weeks a number of these have been cut and trimmed back to the extent that he didn't believe there was now a problem.		
C	08/72	<b>Planning Applications</b> 08/00480/FUL  <b>Permission Granted</b> 08/00359/FUL	Single storey extension to library – Mr John Downes, Abbotsholme School, Rocester.  Single/two storey extensions – Simon Danks, 15 Maple Close. The majority of Parish Cllrs did not object to this application.		
		<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
C	08/73	<b>July</b>	a) Letter dated 10/6/08 from DCC re Information about Foster Carer Recruitment in Derbyshire. b) Letter dated 18/6/08 from DDDC re Derbyshire Dales Sports Award 2008. Closing date for nominations 22/8/08. c) Copies of Papers and Reports released from DDDC – Ethical Framework Update, Bulletin 38 & 39 from The Standards Board for England dated April and June 2008, Local Government Ombudsman Letter, Local Government Ombudsman Complaint – Closure of Sherwood Hall, Employee Guidance on Exempt Information and Report Writing, Application for Dispensation, Local		

Assessment of Complaints Procedures, Draft Code of Conduct; Local Assessment Framework – Process and Procedures. Standards Committee Hearing Panel – Summaries of Cases Ref SBE 19525.07, SBE 19525.07, SBE 19526.07, SBE 17850.07.

d) DALC General Circular No 24/2008 – Fly Tipping & HM Revenue & Customs Business Support Team Workshops at Derby.

e) DALC General Circular No 25/2008 – Governance and Accountability for Local Councils a Practitioners’ Guide 2008 (England).

f) DALC Circular No 26/2008 – Derbyshire Selected as a Stakeholder to a Pilot Compact for Code of Conduct Training.

g) DALC Circular No 27/2008 – Empowerment White Paper – Communities in Control.

h) DALC Circular No 28/2008 – DALC President 2008-09.

i) DALC Circular No 29/2008 – Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

j) DALC General Circular No 30/2008 – Public Catalogue Foundation & Clerk/RFO Vacancy Stanley and Stanley Common PC.

k) DALC Circular No 31/2008 – The Power of the Promotion of Economic, Social or Environmental Well Being.

l) DALC Circular No 32/2008 – Moving the Date of English Local Government Elections to the Date of the European Parliament Elections in 2009.

m) High Peak Borough Council – Withdrawal of High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Joint Affordable Housing Development Plan Document.

n) Letter dated 1/7/08 from DCC re closing date of 31/8/08 for receiving claims for the Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme 2007/08.

o) Letter dated 2/7/08 from DDDC re Derbyshire Dales Handyperson Service.

p) Letter dated 3/7/08 from DDDC re Area Community Forums.

q) Letter dated 3/7/08 from DDDC re Parish Council Allowances Scheme.

r) Derbyshire Rural Community Council – Rural Matters, Spring 2008.

s) Letter dated 7/7/08 from E-on re New Terms and Conditions.

t) Letter dated 7/7/08 from Colin Bryan Chair of Governors Doveridge Primary School re funding towards a new classroom.

u) Letter dated 11/7/08 re Excellence in the Community Awards 2008.

v) letter dated 10/7/08 from DCC re acknowledgement re claim for Rights of Way Minor Maintenance scheme.

w) Letter dated 11/7/08 giving approval of the claim under the Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme.

x) Letter dated 16/7/08 from PCSO Sarah Brassington re Marston Safer neighbourhood Annual Meeting on Monday 22/9/08 at 14.00hrs at Ashbourne Town Hall.

y) Letter dated 21/7/08 from HM Revenue & Customs re Plans to Replace Play Equipment.

z) Letter from St Cuthbert’s Church thanking the PC for floral decoration.

aa) Letter from Knight, Kavanagh & Page re Peak region – Open Space, Sport & Recreation Study.

bb) Emda News – Summer Edition 2008.

		cc) Letter dated 28/7/08 from Doveridge Cricket Club re vandalism. dd) Letter dated 29/7/08 From DDDC re Proposal to Ban Dogs from Playing Field. ee) Letter dated 29/7/08 from Mr Edwards re New Fence. ff) Letter dated 31/7/08 from DDDC re Corporate Plan 2008/09. gg) Letter dated 31/7/08 from Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Local Strategic Partnership re Vision of the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales. hh) Letter dated 5/8/08 from Derbyshire Dale and High Peak Local Strategic Partnership confirming date of meeting referred to in gg) as 3/9/08. ii) Memo from Cllr Hewson-Stoate re Letter from Mr Edwards dated 29/7/08.																																																																				
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008 to be held in the Village Hall Kitchen at 7.30pm.

**Signature of Chairman** ..... **Date** .....