

**MINUTES OF DOVERIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN**

**Date: Wednesday 1st November 2006**

**Present:** Cllrs: Watkins (Chairman), Brindley, Bryan, Stubbs, Jarville, Wilshaw and Carter (Clerk).

**Members of the Public :** 2 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllrs: Hewson-Stoate, Trenner 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	06/68	<b>Matters raised by Members of the Public – Zakery Brownhill re proposal for a Skate Park in Doveridge</b>	Zakery Brownhill urged the Parish Council to support a Skate Park in Doveridge he had researched the different types of materials available – steel/wood/concrete and spoken to possible suppliers. He thought concrete was the most suitable as it was vandal resistant and long lasting. He said thought it would take 4 months for planning and construction. Insurance would also be required which could be provided by ROSPA and signs would need to erected pointing out that its use would be at ‘the users own risk’. He had with him a petition signed by most Doveridge residents in support of a skate park. Cllr Watkins suggested that he should count the number of signatures. Asked if he had any ideas where it should be sited he said he thought the following locations may be suitable - the end of Derby Road, the field next to the sewage works, Old Marston Lane and the Playing Field. Questioned about costs he said that he had been told by a potential supplier that Old Marston Lane could be in the order of £45K and the field next to the sewage works possibly £60/£70K. Asked if he knew of any potential sponsors he thought JCB or the Lottery Fund could be potential funders. The Chairman suggested that he should write to JCB asap. The Chairman said she was impressed with all the hard work he had put into this project and thanked him for his presentation to the Parish Council.		
P	06/53	<b>Matters raised by Members of the Public – Mrs P Prime re Letter dated 24/8/06 from Doveridge VHC.</b>	The Clerk reported that a quotation for extending the length of the village hall fencing by a further two matching panels and extending the length of the wall has been received from Weaver fencing. The prices were £390 plus VAT and £720.00 (no VAT as the sub contract brick layer is not VAT registered). In discussion Councillors felt the cost of extending the wall was an unnecessary expense especially when the considering the monies already spent on the fence. The Clerk said if the wall was not extended it would be necessary to extend the depth of the fence to ground level to stop balls going under the fence and this would slightly increase the cost of the fencing. Councillors agreed that the Clerk negotiate the additional cost with Weaver Fencing and to then instruct the contractor to go ahead with the fence extension and report back to the next meeting.		

C	06/54	<b>Matters raised by Members of the Public – Mrs A Ainsworth re Outline Planning Permission for erection of agricultural worker’s dwelling at Deepmoor Farm, Lower Street.</b>	Nothing further to report on this item.		
P	06/21	<b>Annual Balance Sheet</b>	The Clerk reported that the external audit of the 2005/06 Annual Return had been completed by the Audit Commission. The auditor has commented that the fidelity insurance has been increased to an acceptable level but should also be extended to include Councillors. Councillor’s noted the comments and instructed the Clerk to write to Allianz Cornhill to seeking extension of the fidelity cover to include Councillors.	Clerk	
C	06/69	<b>Approval of Minutes from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2006</b>	It was agreed that the minutes be adopted as a true record.		Cllr Bryan Cllr Jarville
P	02/09	<b>Community Response for Civil Emergency</b>	Cllr Jarville reported that no more responses had been received.	Cllr Jarville	
P	03/37	<b>Land at the rear of Meadow View – Land proposed by the Contractor to construct a play area</b>	The Clerk reported that he had collected a cheque for £10,120.00 from the Solicitor and has now been banked. Confirmation of formal ownership from the Land Registry was now the only outstanding issue. Councillors expressed their pleasure that the transfer had finally taken place. The Chairman said the bench could now finally be sited on the triangle of grass opposite the Manor House. All Cllrs agreed that the Clerk approach EstateCare to obtain a quote for laying slabs and fixing the bench in position and to proceed with topping of the long grass.	Clerk	
P	04/38	<b>Parish Website</b>	The Chairman reported that the diary page was now up and running.	Cllr Watkins	
P	05/26	<b>Mowing – Playing Field</b>	The Clerk reported that the spraying of the edge of the playing had been completed with an environmentally friendly weed killer.	Clerk	
P	05/45	<b>Proposed Purchase of 6 No Benches for Placement Outside the Pavilion</b>	Nothing further to report. Cllrs Hewson-Stoate and Stubbs have still to meet on site to sort out how to fix the seats in position.	Cllr Hewson-Stoate Cllr Stubbs Clerk	
P	05/57	<b>Potential New Allotments</b>	The Clerk reported that he had not yet circulated the sample allotment rental agreement to Cllrs for information and approval prior to issue to allotment holders.	Clerk	
P	05/58	<b>Bus Shelter – Alms Road</b>	Nothing further to report. The new lighting system is to be trialed prior to fitting to the bus shelter on Alms Road.	Clerk	
P	06/3	<b>Proposal for Sub Group to Oversee Play Equipment Maintenance &amp; Replacement</b>	Cllr Bryan reported that 80 questionnaires have been sent out and 20 had been returned which was considered to be a reasonable response. Respondents were generally happy with the existing play equipment but felt it was outdated and considered the rubber surfaces by the slide and swings needed replacing and the	Cllr Bryan Clerk	

			<p>most people felt it was a good idea to introduce new equipment. New items favoured were swings &amp; slides, roundabouts and an adventure playground. They also felt it was a good idea to fence the play area. The Playgroup would like to see the toddler area fenced separately. Contact has been made with 4 companies – Playdale (supplied Tutbury), Sutcliffe Play, SMP and B J Leisure. Replacement is expensive, a proposal from Playdale which is quite extensive is priced at around £78k. Realistically replacement would need to be phased and provision for teenagers would need to be considered. All Cllrs expressed their thanks to Cllr Bryan for all the work she has done on progressing the project. The Chairman said it would be ideal if possible to present some firm proposals to the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2007. She also reported that herself and Councillor Hewson-Stoate had attended a recent Play Forum meeting and it was evident that some parishes didn't have any play facilities at all. It may be possible to get up to £3k from DDDC out of this year's budget because we have some monies available for play equipment.</p>		
P	06/30	<b>Letter from Norman Lunnun re A50</b>	The Clerk was asked to collect the petition from the post office.	Clerk	
P	06/31	<b>Letter from Village Hall Committee re Position of Football Pitch</b>	Nothing further to report. Cllr Hewson-Stoate to be asked to follow up the new goal post offer from the Winter Senior League.	Cllr Hewson-Stoate	
P	06/32	<b>Asset Register</b>	The Clerk is to produce a new draft with estimated values.	Clerk	
P	06/37	<b>Poor Condition of Pavilion Door</b>	The price of a softwood door complete with all fittings is awaited from Cllr Hewson-Stoate.	Chairman Clerk	
P	06/39	<b>Mobile Skate Park</b>	The Clerk reported that in the absence of Helen Greatorex he had spoken to her assistant Neil Onion who had said that the Derbyshire Dales allocation of the County Council's mobile skate board equipment was limited, but suggested a letter requesting a visit should be made to Helen Greatorex. He pointed out that a suitable hard surface at least the area of half a tennis court would need to be made available to accommodate it. The Clerk was asked to write to DCC requesting Doveridge be included on the schedule.	Clerk	
P	06/47	<b>WI letter – Vandalism at the Village Well</b>	The Chairman reported that the WI would very much like the fence to remain but queried whether it may be possible to set it slightly further back from the road to allow a path around the edge. When asked PC Bointon considered it was better to leave the fence in the existing position because pedestrians would be exposed along the edge of the well area. Following discussion Cllrs agreed to replace only the 2 broken posts with plain posts. The Clerk was asked to instruct EstateCare to proceed with the repairs.	Clerk	Cllr Jarville Cllr Stubbs
C	06/56	<b>Tree/Shrub Planting on Derby Road</b>	The Clerk reported that he had received a letter dated 17/10/06 from DCC agreeing to the PC planting shrubs subject to a number of conditions and the sign off of a formal Agreement. In further considering this item, PC Bointon said it was unlikely that travellers would camp at this location, due to the closeness of houses. It was agreed by all cllrs present not to proceed with the		

			shrub planting.		
P	06/57	<b>Condition of Pond at Lake Side</b>	The Clerk reported that Steven Wright, Derbyshire Project, BTCV and his assistant had visited the pond and carried out an inspection of it. He had subsequently verbally reported the pond contained excessive vegetation below the surface and silt on the bottom. A written quotation was currently awaited. The previous pond clearance was discussed when a digger and skip was provided free of charge by JCB, Cllr Jarville agreed to provide contact details and the Clerk was asked to write to JCB to see if the company would be willing to provide the equipment and manpower once again.	Cllr Jarville Clerk	
C	06/58	<b>Condition of Paving on Pathway between Alms Road/Cavendish close</b>	The Clerk confirmed that a letter dated 18/10/06 had been received from DCC stating that on inspection no dangerous defects were reported, however, a work instruction sheet to carry out some pointing work on the slabs has been issued. Cllrs noted the position.	Clerk	
P	06/60	<b>Condition of Playing Field Fence on Derby Road</b>	Following discussion there was some doubt as to the extent of fencing requiring attention and Cllrs agreed to defer a decision to the next meeting to give Cllrs another opportunity to view the fence.	All Cllrs Clerk	
P	06/61	<b>Overgrowing Hedgerow on Footpath (Fern Leigh)</b>	The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of Bell Farm requesting the hedgerow be cut back from the footpath.	Clerk	
C	06/70	<b>Housing for Local People</b>	The Chairman said the meeting with Alison Clamp of PDRHA had taken place. She had explained that her association was a non-profit provider of affordable housing for local people in villages. DDDC regards the provision of affordable housing as a high priority and supports planning approval to sites and projects which normally would not be approved if they were on a commercial basis. The District Council are to carry out a housing need survey in the parish before the end of the year. A possible site in Doveridge on Bakers Lane was mentioned and the potential difficulties of access and parking were discussed.		
C	06/71	<b>Request for Increase for Mowing the Playing Field</b>	The Clerk said he had written to Mr Bullock explaining the financial restraints on the Parish Council and the levels of inflation and offered an increase of £5.00 to £55.00.	Clerk	Cllr Watkins Cllr Stubbs
P	06/72	<b>DDDC - Flood Alleviation Scheme</b>	The Clerk referred to the letter dated 11/10/06 from DDDC regarding the proposed scheme for cleaning/desilting Ordinary Watercourses which, in order to be viable, involves the willingness of the various landowners along the length to agree to the dredged material being deposited on the adjacent fields. The majority of landowners have objected to this. The DCCC have asked if the PC could use its local knowledge and contacts to see if there is a cost effective solution to resolve the impasse. Following discussion Cllrs felt there was very little they could do to help and the Clerk was asked to respond to the DDDC accordingly. In addition the Clerk was asked to write to the farmers at Lower Street, Glebe and Deepmore farms to see if they can assist.	Clerk	
C	06/73	<b>Letter from Victim Support Derbyshire Requesting a Donation</b>	The Clerk referred to the letter dated 16/10/06 from Victim Support Derbyshire asking if the PC would be willing to support them with a donation. Cllrs agreed to donate £30.00.	Clerk	Cllr Jarville Cllr Bryan

C	06/74	<b>Planning Applications</b> 06/00771/FUL  <b>Permission Granted</b> 06/00683/FUL	Two storey extensions & alterations – Mr & Mrs AS Hill, 2 Park Crescent.  Single storey rear extension – Mr DW Davies, 6 Oak Drive. (The Parish Council did not object to this application).		
		<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
C	06/75	<b>October</b>	a) Draft East Midlands Regional Plan : Public Consultation Document issued on 28/9/06. b) Letter dated from Doveridge Preservation Society re obtaining a copy of the definitive footpath map from DCC. c) Dales Matters – Newsheet, Autumn 2006. d) DCC letter dated 6/10/06 enclosing posters publicising the Oakleaf Remembrance Service at St Peters Church Belper on Sun 19/11/06. e) East Midlands Regional Plan – Notification dated 2/10/06 of venue’s for public consultation. f) SMP Playgrounds – Special Price offer for play equipment. g) Letter dated 11/10/06 from DDDC re Flood Alleviation Scheme, Doveridge, Desilting of Ordinary Watercourses. h) Letter dated 11/10/06 from the Audit Commission re notification of the Annual Audit for the financial year ending 31 March 2006. i) Letter dated 11/10/06 from DDDC regarding dates for 2006 Play Forums plus posters. j) Letter dated 11/10/06 from Eric Roy re Diary Addition to Doveridge Web Pages. k) Letter dated 13/10/06 from DCC re Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Site Allocations Development Plan Document – notification of progress available on website. l) Email from County Cllr Andrew Lewer dated 16/10/06 re Doveridge hosting of the Southern Area Community Forum on 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2000. m) Letter dated 16/10/06 from Victim Support Derbyshire seeking financial support. n) Invoice from Eric Roy dated 17/10/06 - Addition of diary entry, display and automatic deletion to web pages. o) SMP Playgrounds – Special offers for items of play equipment o) Letter dated 17/10/06 from DCC re Cultivation of Highway Land – Land Off Derby Road, Doveridge p) Letter dated 18/10/06 from DCC re Jitty between Alms Road and Cavendish Close. q) Letter dated 18/10/06 from DDDC advising of the dates for Area Community Forums + posters. r) OnBoard booklet re Public Transport in Derbyshire. s) Letter dated 19/10/06 from DCC re ‘Be Safe – Be Bright Poster Campaign.		

			t) Letter dated 20/10/06 from DCC re Parish Estimates for 2007/8. u) Letter dated 26/10/06 from DDDC re application to Prune Tree at Highcroft, Lower Street.																																																				
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C	06/76	<b>Accounts for Approval</b>	<p>The following accounts were submitted for approval :</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Min No</th> <th>Cheque No</th> <th>Made Payable to</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Vat</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1255</td> <td>SO</td> <td>Clerks Emolument</td> <td>£235.38</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1256</td> <td>1120</td> <td>J Bullock</td> <td>£55.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1257</td> <td>1121</td> <td>Village Hall Committee</td> <td>£8.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1258</td> <td>1122</td> <td>E A Roy</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1259</td> <td>1123</td> <td>T P Carter (Petty Cash)</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1260</td> <td>1124</td> <td>EstateCare</td> <td>£139.35</td> <td>£24.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1261</td> <td>1125</td> <td>DALC</td> <td>£40.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"><b>Income</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Doveridge Village Hall Committee, ground rent for village hall</td> <td>£0.05</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stubbs &amp; seconded by Cllr Bryan. All Cllrs present agreed</p>	Min No	Cheque No	Made Payable to	Amount	Vat	1255	SO	Clerks Emolument	£235.38		1256	1120	J Bullock	£55.00		1257	1121	Village Hall Committee	£8.00		1258	1122	E A Roy	£50.00		1259	1123	T P Carter (Petty Cash)	£50.00		1260	1124	EstateCare	£139.35	£24.39	1261	1125	DALC	£40.00		<b>Income</b>					Doveridge Village Hall Committee, ground rent for village hall			£0.05			Cllr Stubbs Cllr Bryan
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

The date of the next meeting is 6 December 2006 to be held in the Village Hall Kitchen.

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