

SHIRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at St. Michael's Church, Shirley on Monday 11th January 2010

PRESENT

Councillor R.Allsebrook
Councillor W. Ellis
Councillor J.W.Fletcher
Councillor J.S.Foster
Councillor A.Taylor (Chair)

ALSO PRESENT

P.J.Beetham (Clerk)
6 Members of the Public

2010/1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2010/2 POLICE/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

None

2010/3 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the village, Tony Grace, gave details of crime prevention items which were on sale at Ashbourne Police Station. He particularly recommended Smartwater as a method of marking items so that they could be attributed to their owner. Mr Grace said that there was a lower crime rate in rural areas and he deplored this reason being used for the reduction of staff at Ashbourne Police Station. He requested that a letter be sent to Ms Birkin of the Police Authority regarding this trend.

2010/4 GRITTING

A letter had been received from Yvonne Bunting requesting a grit bin in Back Lane and another letter from Alvin Baker requesting a bin at the junction of Hall Lane and Park Lane. Kenneth Alsop suggested that a bin should be placed at the junction of Back Lane and Derby Lane. Councillor Fletcher asked if the Council could purchase 3 grit bins in 2010 to make safe the above mentioned areas and probably another to cover the Hall Lane/ A 52 junction. Councillor Foster proposed that the Clerk should write to Derbyshire County Council requesting that Derby Lane, Church Lane and Hall Lane should be gritted as two school buses (One for Brailsford and the other for QEGS) use the route every morning and again in the evenings. In the meantime, piles of grit should be made available at these sites pending the reply from Derbyshire County Council. In response to Councillor Foster's proposal, Councillor Fletcher said that grit dumped on the roadside would soon be lost in the soil/grass, be difficult to scoop up and spread and would eventually be washed into the ground This would be a waste of money and therefore he abstained from supporting Councillor Foster's proposal which was seconded by Councillor Allsebrook and carried. Concern was expressed about the possible liability of persons spreading the grit.

2010/5 SPEED IN BACK LANE

A letter had been received from Joe Johnson regarding the speed of vehicles in Back lane. Recently, an HGV had crashed into a car driven by his wife as she was negotiating from their house driveway into Back Lane. Obviously, the HGV had not stopped at the halt sign at Hollington Lane and was driving at such a speed as to leave a 34 feet skid mark. Mr Johnson requested that consideration be given to speed ramps from the Crescent to Mill Lane or reclassify Back Lane as a "No Through Road". After discussion, it was suggested that the Clerk should write to the Chief Constable, and the Highways Department of Derbyshire County Council with copies to our local County and District Councillors expressing the concern about the speed of vehicles in the village.

2010/6 FLOODING IN DERBY LANE

Ian Wakefield raised the problem of flooding in Derby Lane outside Birch Tree Farm. This is not in Shirley Parish and a letter to Brailsford and Ednaston Parish Council was suggested. Councillor Fletcher said that on numerous occasions he had telephoned DCC to clear obstructions. Apparently there is a fractured drain underneath the grass verge

2010/7 APOLOGIES Councillors Andrew Lewer (County), Ian Bates (District), J.Dale (Police)

2010/8 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Ellis had an interest in the planning application at Rose Barn (a neighbour)

2010/9 MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2009 were confirmed and signed by Councillor Taylor

2010/10 MATTERS TAKEN IN EXCLUSION

None

2010/11 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

Litter Bins A site meeting had taken place at the Sports Field with Derbyshire Dales Representatives, Derek Puplett (Shirley Sports & Social Committee), the Chairman and the Clerk regarding litter at the field. It was finally decided to drop the idea of a collection from the field and any litter would be carried to the waste bins in the village

Telephone Box The transfer of the telephone box from B.T. to Shirley Parish Council was well in hand. The electricity account with Eon had been opened and the only delay was with Derbyshire Dales District Council (A consultation date)

Signpost at junction of Derby Lane and Church Lane The Clerk reported that the missing arm had been replaced by a sign for Ednaston. Derby Lane signs for the North and South sides of the Derby Lane/Church Lane junction were on order

Verges At the request of the Chairman, the Clerk had written to Derbyshire Dales D.C. who confirmed that the verges in Shirley had been cut twice in 2009

Insurance Following a request from the Church Council, the Clerk confirmed that the Public Liability in the Burial Ground was up to £ 5,000,000

2010/12 PLANNING MATTERS

Inglenook Cottage, Back Lane Extension had been supported by Parish Councillors Rose Barn, Derby Lane. Councillor Ellis declared an interest as a neighbour and did not vote but the alterations were supported by the remaining Councillors Pig Farm at Hollington. In sending his apologies, Councillor Bates had intimated that that DDDC would not be discussing the application before March at the earliest. If that was the case, Councillor Fletcher said that he would not be able to represent the Council and Councillor Foster agreed to stand in if necessary.

2010/13 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

A Correspondence List had been circulated. The main items were that a “Power of Well Being” Training Course was being held at the Town Hall, Ashbourne on 29th March 2010 at 6-30 p.m. and that the Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2010/2011 would be £ 6.15

2010/14 DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

A Derbyshire Community Climate Action Conference will be held at County Hall, Matlock on Saturday 13th March 2010 at 9-15 a.m. – 4-00 p.m. (Low Carbon Community Action)

2010/15 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT The Clerk presented the Accounts from 1st April 2009 to date. The Cash at Bank at 11th January 2010 was as follows:-

General Funds	£ 1822.29
Burial Funds	£ 1519.68

There had not been any receipts or payments since the last meeting but confirmation was given for a payment of £ 55 to “Inspect-a-Drain” for 20 bags of salt for village use during adverse road conditions. Councillor Taylor and Roger Steadman were thanked for their efforts in this matter.

2010/15 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING MEETINGS ELSEWHERE

Councillor Taylor had attended the Community Forum at Wyaston Village Hall on 30th November 2009 at which he raised the question of the cutting of verges

The meeting closed at 9-00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 8th March 2010 at 7-30 p.m.