

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 23 April 2002 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, A D Jepson (Chairman), R Hampshire, D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

None received

Absent

Cllr A J Webb

12 members of the public present.

A paper was circulated to all present presenting a review of the activities of the Parish Council for the previous 12 months, a copy was also included in Farnsfield News, for general circulation.

The items raised for discussion were as follows:

Neddy's Gitty undergrowth and hedges require trimming.

Main Street, and roads in general, require urgent repairs.

General discussion regarding litter in the village and the role of Newark & Sherwood DC.

Suggestions received that a sponsored litter pick should take place, possibly involving the Scouts.

The provision of dog bins received comment.

A major item of the discussion related to the continuing development of the village by major housing developments in the village despite local objections.

General concern was expressed that additional land was being purchased by developers for future development.

The Chairman thanked all attendees for their contributions and assured them that their views would be taken into account as the Council considered local matters.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd April 2002 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, A D Jepson (Chairman), R Hampshire, D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

None

Absent

Cllr A J Webb

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd February 2002 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Hampshire, and agreed.

The following minutes of Committee meetings were noted:

Finance and General Purposes – held on 9th April 2002.

Footpaths – held on 15th April 2002.

Village Centre – held on 16th April 2002.

Clerk's Report

Recreation Grounds

1. Wimpey Homes – The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting a reply from Wimpey regarding the transfer document. Cllr Rhodes was assured by the Chairman that the document would not be signed until the work on the car park and play area had been completed by Wimpey.
2. Cllr Allington reported that Abacus had completed the work on the multi sports play area, the lights having been replaced and the surface painted and lined. The only remaining issue being the re-seeding of the surrounding area which was in hand.
3. The proposed youth shelter was discussed and it was agreed that one should be purchased and would be sited on Wilsons Field at a location agreed following a site meeting. The Clerk was authorized to purchase a suitable shelter following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, when he had found a suitable one.
4. The Clerk reported that arrangements were in hand to replace the perimeter fencing of the Memorial Recreation Ground and upgrade the wet pour surfaces where damaged.

Footpaths and Highways

Concern was again expressed regarding the lack of progress made by Notts County Council to repair the roads.

Cllr Stafford stated that some footpaths and bridleways required some attention, particularly footpath No4 from Longlands Lane and the bridleway across Cocketts Farm to the A 617. He also suggested that maps should be obtained, for circulation to the public, showing the rights of way in the Parish.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated items of general correspondence for information. No issues were raised.

Accounts

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts for approval, being scrutinized by Cllr Bradbury. They included 13 cheques amounting to £6211.03p. Comment was made that Quantum Electrical Services included the purchase of equipment but as they were not registered for VAT this could not be recovered by the Council. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Allington, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.12pm to allow the members of the public present to comment.

There was a general discussion regarding planning issues and it was commented that the Council did not get sufficient notice of a planning matter to be considered by Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Committee, and at which the Parish Council representative may be eligible make comments. District Cllr Armstrong would look into this matter.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders at 8.20pm.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

02/00621/FUL – proposed lounge/dining room extension to the front of Ashlea, Crabnook Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported – 2 voted against.

02/00667/FUL – proposed new house, Middle Close, land adjacent to Mansfield Road, Farnsfield..

A decision was deferred until a site meeting had taken place - arranged for 10am 27th April 2002.

At the site meeting it was agreed not to support the application on the following grounds:

1. design not in keeping with the other properties
2. impact upon other neighbouring properties contrary to District Council Policies

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that he had little to add to the Committee minutes previously noted, other than to confirm that the electrical work was completed with the exception of the distributor box issue notified in the inspection report, this was in hand. Cllrs. Allington and Peet had agreed to inspect the Village Centre and report on outstanding work or refurbishment issues.

Buses

Comment was made that no clarification had been received from the County Council as to the ownership and responsibilities for new shelter at the White Post following the removal of the one owned by the Parish Council, replaced by a new one.

Code of Conduct

The Clerk gave a resume` of the requirements of the new Code of Conduct referring to papers circulated to Councilors at the previous meeting . He dealt with questions and comments regarding the various items.

The Chairman proposed that the model Code of Conduct be adopted by the Council, without amendment. This was seconded by Cllr. Allington and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk reminded Councilors that they had 28 days within which to return their Declaration of Interests and 2 months to sign the declaration, accepting the Code of Conduct, failure to sign the declaration would result in disqualification from the Council.

Agenda items for the next meeting

Car Parking at the Memorial Recreation Ground

Jack Bullock Trustees meeting (to be held on 11 June 2002, following the Planning meeting)

Members of the public were excluded at 9.20pm

Confidential

Cllr Bradbury informed the meeting that whilst matters were proceeding slowly a final agreement was still being sought to resolve the civil proceedings against the former Clerk.

Cllr Bradbury requested that the Clerk be authorized to have legal charge placed upon 15 Woodland Close in order to protect the interests of the Council in the property and recover the sums agreed. The cost of the charge being £150 would also be recoverable. He explained that this process was necessary as the original 'freezing' order of September 1999 would cease upon acceptance of the final agreement and the solicitors for the former Clerk would not undertake liability for the amount due. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th May 2002 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs J Bradbury, K J Clarke, A D Jepson (Chairman), R Hampshire, D A Peet, F A Reynolds, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R Allington, C G Rhode, A J Webb.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

02.00319/FUL – proposed two storey extension at Marmion, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield, (amended plans)

The application was supported.

02/00756/FUL – proposed conservatory to the rear of The Brambles, Murdoch Close, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.

02/00826/FUL – proposed rear extension at Bramley Croft, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.

02/00808/FUL – proposed 17.5m monopole, headframe with 4 antennae, two dishes and equipment cabin, at Far Baulker Farm, Old Rufford Road, Oxtun (Farnsfield Parish).

The application was supported.

The following decision by Newark & Sherwood District Council Planning Dept was noted:

01/1882/FUL – request to develop car parking and change of use of buildings at Upper and Lower Hexgreave.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th May 2002 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford, A J Webb.

Apologies

None

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd April, 2002 (full), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Clarke and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2002, (planning). Were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Peet and accepted.

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 23rd April 2002, were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreational areas

1. Wimpey Homes – The Clerk reported that some progress had been made to resolve the issues surrounding the legal transfer of the land but the maintenance work was still outstanding. This had been referred to Newark & Sherwood DC to pursue with Wimpey, being the only issues outstanding and holding up the final transfer. Concern was expressed regarding the state of the area, requiring a grass cut, the Clerk was asked to contact N&SDC in order that Wimpey contract further maintenance of the area.
2. Memorial Recreation Ground – the Council were informed that arrangements were in hand to replace the fencing and have the damaged soft surfaces repaired plus treatment around the 'wendy house'. The work to the garage has been completed.
3. The Acres – the concrete apron work was still outstanding, the Chairman requested that urgent attention be given to the matter otherwise the contract should be re-allocated. The fencing was still in need of repair and arrangements were in hand to repair the damage.

Footpaths and highways

Cllr Reynolds complained about the center white lining on Longlands Lane which was misleading and inferred that traffic traveling towards Farnsfield had right of way. The

Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a similar complaint from a member of the public and the matter had been referred to Notts. County Highways Dept.

It was noted that Cockets Lane would be closed to effect repairs to the road following the installation of sewers by Severn Trent.

General concern was again expressed about the state of the roads in the village and the Clerk stated that he was attempting to arrange a meeting with the area Highways Officer.

The Clerk informed the meeting that arrangements had been made for the Chairman and him to meet with an officer from N & S DC to clarify the arrangements regarding litter collection.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Accounts

A schedule of accounts, scrutinized by Cllr Allington, was circulated for approval. The schedule contained 18 cheques amounting to £9,972.64p and was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

Planning applications

02/00151/FUL – residential; development – 25 dwellings with garages and associated roads and sewers following demolition of various ancillary buildings on land off Tippings Lane, Farnsfield, (amended plans).

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.55pm to allow the 20 members of the public present to comment,

Dist Cllr Laughton gave Dist Cllr Armstrong's apologies for absence.

Several issues were raised concerning the proposed Wimpey development summarized as follows:

Traffic flows, traffic calming, footpath provision.

Co Cllr Stewart stated that the County Council would insist upon minimum footpath specifications.

Traffic flows into Main Street were a major concern.

The types of houses proposed, whilst changed slightly did not allay the original concern of lack of privacy and being completely out of character with the surrounding bungalows. Concern was expressed that the bridges over the culverts would not support heavy movements of traffic.

The second discussion centred on the proposal to site the youth shelter on Wilson's Field.

The Clerk reminded the public that the Parish Council had a responsibility to consider crime reduction measures at a local level and after considering the available crime prevention advice the provision of such a shelter would meet these legal requirements. It was also stated that the shelter was capable of being moved if originally placed in the wrong location.

The Chairman assured the public that their verbal and written views would be considered by the Council when the decision was made for the siting of the shelter.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders at 8.20pm.

Cllr Allington declared an interest in the planning application, which he considered to be prejudicial, and withdrew from the meeting.

The Council debated the matter fully and considered the Policies relating the planning applications prepared by Newark & Sherwood DC. And came to the conclusion that the original objections were still valid.

The Council were unanimous in their decision not to support the proposal.

02/00389/FUL – change of use of the existing pet center to form two buildings to rear of Farnsfield House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield, (amended plans).

The application was supported, with 2 abstentions.

02/00870/FUL – proposed 15m lattice tower with associated equipment cabin at Lockwell Hill Farm, Farnsfield

The application was supported.

02/00892/FUL – erection of two- storey side extension to house, Carowkeel, Baulker Lane, Farnsfield

The application was supported

02/00490/FUL – proposed alterations and extensions to existing dwelling, Eversley, Southwell Road, Farnsfield, (amended plans)

The application was supported

02/00516/FUL – application to erect detached garage at 6 Spring Lane, Farnsfield. (amended plans)

After a vote 6 voted for, 3 against and 1 abstained.

The application was supported

The following decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted:

02/00041/FUL – erection of pergola at 22 Parfitt Drive, Farnsfield – application refused.

Proposed Youth Shelter

It was agreed that the Council would meet on Wilsons Field at 7pm on Tuesday 17th June 2002 to agree the site of the youth shelter. It was also agreed that the Clerk would inform all members of the public who written in and invite them to meet with the Council for consultation purposes. Other interested parties would be notified with the assistance of Cllr Stafford.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the proposed telephone system had been ordered and when installed would enable the Council to reinstate the pay phones. Concern was expressed regarding youths running around the area and it was considered that the erection of a gate on the Stackyard side would be appropriate, but it was noted that the responsibility would lie with Newark & Sherwood DC. The perimeter fencing to the VC may have to be considered with a view to preventing youth from climbing over.

Proposed car parking on the Memorial Recreation Ground

The suggestion from the Bowls Club to consider using part of the MRG recreation ground for car parking was considered and referred to the Recreation Grounds Committee for consideration and a recommendation to the Council.

Buses

No matters arising

Committees

Cllr Allington proposed that the existing Committees should remain for the following year and the two new Councilors allocated to the existing vacancies. This was seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

Cllr Hampshire agreed to fill the vacancy on the Finance & General Purposes Committee and Cllr Selby the vacancy on the Footpaths Committee.

Cllr Peet declared that he did not wish to continue as Governor at the Church School and his place was filled by Cllr Selby.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised

The Chairman invited the public to leave the meeting for the final item to be considered in closed session

Confidential

Cllr Bradbury informed the meeting that the matter involving the former Clerk was nearing conclusion with the acceptance of the agreement. The District Judge had to accept the agreement, but had raised some query with the legal representatives.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th June, 2002 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield

Present

Cllrs. R Allindton, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, A D Jepson (Chairman), R Hampshire, D A Peet, C G Rhodes, G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F A Reynolds, L Selby, A J Webb.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

02/01044/FUL & 02/01043/LBC – reposition and build part of new boundary wall including piers and timber gate at Wheatsheaf Cottage, Main Street, Farnsfield.

The applications were supported

02/001127/FUL – proposed conservatory at 10 Parfitt Drive, Farnsfield.

The application was supported

No planning decisions were received from Newark & Sherwood DC for noting.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wilsons Field at 7pm on Tuesday 18th June 2002.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, K J Clarke, A D Jepson (Chairman), R Hampshire, D A Peet, L Selby

Apologies

None

Siting of the Youth Shelter

9 members of the public were present and discussed various sites for locating the youth shelter.

After some discussion and consideration of various sites a final decision was to locate the seat on the goal post area, nearest to Station Lane.

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the requirements placed upon the Parish Council by s 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, to act positively at a local level to deal with incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour. The measure currently being taken accord with current crime reduction research which was considered by the Council in their decision to purchase a youth shelter, the only outstanding issue was the final location. Following consultation with representatives of the youth concerned and now local residents a location was established. It was also stated that the location would be monitored and if found to be unsuitable the shelter could be moved to a more appropriate location.

The residents present expressed their satisfaction.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th June 2002 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

None

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Reynolds upon his award of the MBE in the recent Honours List.

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was a vacancy for a Councillor as Mr Webb had failed to accept the Code of Conduct by 23rd June 2002 and was automatically disqualified from office.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the Council meeting (full) held on 28th May 2002 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Peet and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 11th June 2002 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18th June, 2002 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and agreed.

The minutes of the following Committees were noted:

Recreation Grounds of 11th June 2002

Finance and General Purposes of 18th June 2002.

Clerk's report

Recreational areas

1. Wimpey Homes – The Clerk informed the meeting that the legal documents had been completed and returned to the solicitors with the proviso that they will not be exchanged until the final two pieces of outstanding work have been completed by Wimpey. Concern was expressed by the Council that the play area may not be open in time for the summer holidays.
2. Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk referred the Council to the minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee of 11th June 2002 when the proposal from the Bowls Club for a parking area on the MRG. It was considered that the area designated for the children should remain intact and the Bowls Club could consider the area controlled by them for any future development. It was also

- agreed that the new fencing to be erected on the MRG should extend across the Chapel Lane boundary and ensure that the children playing in the area are safer.
3. Wilsons Field – It was noted that the youth shelter would be erected in the near future in the goal post area near to Station Lane. Concerns were raised regarding the increasing numbers of cars being parked on Wilsons Field by supporters of the Cricket Club. The situation would be monitored.
 4. The Acres – the concrete area in front of the pavilion has been started. Cllr Peet reported that a hut had been erected in the wooded area.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the County Council regarding the white lines on Longland Lane in which it was accepted that they had been painted in the wrong place and would be altered. He also reported that he had tried to arrange a meeting with the Highways Inspector but had not been successful as the Inspector was too busy to attend a meeting. He reported upon a meeting he and Cllr Jepson had with Jill Ridge from Newark & Sherwood DC regarding litter collection and street cleaning.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.22pm for the public to comment

Co Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that Notts County Council would insist upon a traffic management system on Tippings Lane to service the proposed Wimpey development should consent be given. He stated that to refuse the application on highway grounds was not an option. He also suggested that the Council write to the County Council supporting their proposal but this was not considered to be an appropriate course of action. He stated that he would write to them and would include the concerns of the Parish Council.

The continuing issues surrounding the Wimpey Homes site were discussed.

Dist Cllr Laughton gave an update on policing in the area.

Dist Cllr Armstrong agreed to give support to resolving the Wimpey park land issue.

Miss Singleton expressed concern regarding the state of the grass verges which require cutting.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders at 8.55pm.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts containing 9 cheques amounting to £4786.29p, scrutinized by Cllr Bradbury. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Peet, seconded by Cllr Stafford and accepted. Cllr Rhodes declared an interest. It was agreed that the cheque for Nelsons be withheld until Cllr Bradbury had made enquiries as some of the charges in the account did not appear attributable to the Council but due to a Court administrative error.

Planning applications

02/01182/FUL – proposed conservatory at 6 Birch Avenue, Farnsfield.
Application supported, 1 vote against.

02/01267/FUL – alterations to single storey building including partial demolition of garage at Charnwood, Quaker Lane.

The decision was deferred as it was considered that a more detailed site plan should be made available.

The decisions made by Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Dept were noted.

Village Centre

There was nothing to report.

A request was made that Newark & Sherwood DC should be contacted to request a gate at the Stackyard entrance to ensure privacy of the older residents.

Buses

Cllr Stafford reported that the community bus was planned to merge with the Sherwood Community bus. He stated that there was only one regular driver plus himself. It his Cllr Stafford's intention to retire on 30th July 2002 at which point the bus service will cease having run for 10 years and raised £8000 in fares.

Cllr Bradbury proposed a formal vote of thanks for the public service provided by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Peet.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The Chairman requested that the public leave the meeting for the remaining items to be discussed in closed session.

Confidential

Accounts

The Clerk presented the accounts for 2002-3 to the Council and gave a full explanation where appropriate. After responding to questions they were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and accepted unanimously.

It was agreed that Ian Frazer be appointed to carry out the Internal Audit of 2001-2 accounts.

Nelsons – legal fees

Cllr Bradbury reported that the latest account from Nelsons included costs resulting from referral of the Consent Order to the Court. This was not dealt with due to a junior Judge sitting, and not considered to be an expense to be incurred by the Parish Council. He also informed the meeting that £50,000 had been deposited with Freeth Cartwright on 31st May 2002, to settle the matter once the Consent Order had been signed.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th July 2002 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson, (Chairman), D A Peet, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R Allington and F A Reynolds. Apologies were also received from Dist Cllrs N Armstrong and B Laughton.

Planning applications

02/00151/FUL – residential development – 25 dwellings with garages and associated roads and sewers following demolition of various ancillary buildings on land off Tippings Lane, Farnsfield. (amended plans)

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.33pm to permit the members of the public present to make comment.

Renewed concern was expressed that the proposed buildings on the site had been re-organised to permit the inclusion of ‘affordable dwellings’ with the resultant loss of the open space and more intrusion into existing properties.

Little appears to have been done to alleviate the problems raised at the previous consultations, nor had satisfactory traffic arrangements been proposed.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders at 7.40pm.

The comments made during the debate included the apparent failure of the officers at Newark & Sherwood Planning Dept to take into account Government policies such as PPG1, for example.

The Chairman read out a letter received from Co Cllr Stewart relating to the comments he has made to Notts County Council Highways.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders again at 7.50pm to allow further public comment.

Comments at this stage related to the proposed sewage system.

Standing Orders were re-introduced at 7.53pm

The Chairman stated that whilst there was no objection to the development of the site it should be with appropriate housing in accordance with an Inspection Report in 1994 when the area was considered suitable for affordable housing and OAP housing.

The previous grounds for objection were reviewed and it was agreed that there should be continued opposition to the proposal as the development contravened the policies contained in Newark & Sherwood District Council's Local Plan.

This was proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Hampshire and agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Meeting on Tuesday 16th July 2002 and state the Parish Council's objections to the proposal.

02/01267/FUL – alterations to rear single storey building, including partial demolition of garage at Charnwood, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd July 2002 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

None

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 25th June, 2002 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Reynolds and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 9th July 2002 (planning), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and agreed.

Matters arising from the minutes

Following the meeting of 9th July 2002 the Chairman report that that the Council had been represented at the Planning Committee of Newark & Sherwood DC on 16th July 2002 by the Clerk, accompanied by Cllr Bradbury. The case for objecting to the proposed Wimpey Homes development on Tippings Lane had been presented and it was reported that the Planning Committee approved the application made by Wimpey Homes with little consideration for local concerns, despite Parish Council objections and the receipt of 118 letters of objection from local residents. It was noted that whilst Parish Council's have no right of appeal local residents had the right to raise issues with the Council of Newark & Sherwood DC or with outside bodies such as the Ombudsman. A letter of appreciation had been received from residents expressing gratitude for the efforts made by the Parish Council on behalf of the residents.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. Wimpey Homes – The Clerk reported that he brought to a conclusion the transfer of the land from Wimpey to the Parish Council, the play area opened on Friday 19th July 2002, and that meetings were scheduled with Notts CC Ground Maintenance.
2. Memorial Recreation Ground – It was reported that the ground work had been completed and the replacement of the fencing would take place during the week commencing 29th July. Approval was given to replace the fencing along Chapel Lane at a cost of £1602.00p +Vat.

3. The Acres – The Clerk stated that he had been requested to extend the agreement with ‘Quarry Bank Dog Agility School’ beyond the trial period. This was agreed unanimously. Cllr Peet reported a leaking tap in the pavilion and a tree damaged.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that he was in the process of negotiating a local contract to maintain the pathways on the Ridgeway estate and a formal agreement was being prepared for the footpaths under the P3 agreement. Cllr Reynolds raised the issue of motor cycles and dogs fouling on Southwell Trail, NCC responsibility.

Cllr Stafford expressed concern over speeding vehicles along Station Lane and suggested a system of traffic calming may be appropriate. Cllr Bradbury suggested that a sign informing motorists of a children’s play area should be erected.

Correspondence

The Clerk produced correspondence for noting.

Correspondence for action:

Newark & Sherwood DC – vacancy for a Parish Councillor – no requests for a local election had been received – the matter was referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to consider co-option.

Snow Warden – Cllr Stafford agreed to replace Cllr Webb.

Road names – The Spinney – adjourned to the end of the meeting.

Accounts

The Clerk produced a schedule of accounts, scrutinized by Cllr Allington, including 16 cheques amounting to £10,492.06p and income amounting to £1465.22p. Cllr Bradbury proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had met with the Internal Auditor on 23rd July 2002 as part of the new audit process for the 2001-2 accounts. The internal audit had been successful and he outlined the Statement of Assurance to be completed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Allington proposed that the Chairman sign the Statement, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

The Clerk presented two requests for S 137 grants – Farnsfield Youth Club for £50 and Farnsfield First Responder - £250. Cllr Bradbury proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.28pm to allow public comment.

There being no comments Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.29pm.

Planning applications

02/01492/FUL – proposed structural extension to form bedroom, bathroom and conservatory at 23 Ridgeway Close, Farnsfield

The application was supported.

02/01455/FUL – retention of satellite dish at the Co-op, Main Street, Farnsfield.
The application was supported.

02/00258/ADV – proposed new signage – logos and name signs – Co-op, Main Street, Farnsfield.

The application was not supported for the following reasons:

1. Considered too garish
2. Not in keeping with the conservation area
3. Would have a detrimental visual impact on the village scene

02/0152/FUL – application for a ground floor extension to the rear and side of Newbold House, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

The decision was deferred until after a site meeting on Saturday 27th July 2002.

Decision after site meeting – not to support the proposed for the following reasons:

1. would be overbearing on the adjacent (semi-detached) property, and be generally intrusive
2. result in loss of privacy
3. result in loss of natural light

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the telephone system had been installed and the replacement pay phones were on order.

Buses

Cllr Stafford reported that the Farnsfield bus would cease to operate on 30th August 2002.

Cllr Bradbury reported that the bus stop on Cockett Lane appeared to have been moved again.

The Chairman requested the public to leave for the remaining items to be discussed in closed session.

Confidential

Legal matters

Cllr Bradbuiry informed the Council that the agreement had been signed by both parties and a cheque for £50,000 had been lodged with Nelsons on 23 July 2002. The agreement required ratification by the Judge to close the civil proceedings and allow the transfer of the compensation to the Parish Council.

Spinney – street names it was agreed that the new roads should be called The Spinney with a system of consecutive numbers.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th August 2002 on the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, G D Stafford

Planning applications

02/01599/FUL – change of use from a former Womens’ Institute Hall to form a one bedroom dwelling at Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was supported subject to the property retaining its existing appearance – (within the conservation area).

02/01653/FUL – proposed steel framed building for housing livestock in winter at Far Baulker Farm, Baulker Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.

02/00516/FUL – demolish single garage and erect new double garage at 6 Spring Lane, Farnsfield. (amended plans)

The application was supported.

No planning decisions were received from Newark & Sherwood DC for noting.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 27th August 2002 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. K J Clarke, L Selby.

Planning applications

02/01694/FUL - proposed new bedroom at The White House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

The application was supported with the proviso that the materials used match existing.

02/01774/FUL – proposed single garage at Burford House, Southwell Road, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th September 2002 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr FA Reynolds.

Planning applications

02/00909/FUL – proposed 17.5m monopole , headframe with 4 antennae, 2 dishes and equipment cabin at Far Baulker Farm, Farnsfield.

No decision made as the amended plans showed a 25m mast and different tree height. Clarification was required.

02/01856/FUL – extension to existing building to provide livestock housing at White Post Modern Farm Centre, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported but comment was made that the materials used should match in with existing.

The following decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted:

02/01455/FUL – retention of satellite dish at the Cop, Main Street, Farnsfield – approved, supported by FPC

0200258?ADV – proposed new signage, Co-op, Main Street, Farnsfield – approved. Not supported by FPC.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 24th September 2002, in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman),
C G Rhodes, G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A D Peet and L Selby, Cllr F A Reynolds

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd July 2002, (full), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Allington, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th August 2002, (planning), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Hampshire and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 27th August 2002, (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Bradbury and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 10th September, 2002, (planning), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Stafford, and agreed.

Clerk's Report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – the Clerk reported that the main part of the fencing had been replaced and the section across Chapel Lane was awaited from the suppliers.
2. The Acres – moles had begun encroaching on to the football pitches and it was agreed that Cllr Rhodes contact the mole catcher to arrange the appropriate action.
3. Southwell Road – it was commented that the gates were open and required some action with the springs to ensure that they closed automatically.
4. Wilsons Field – Cllr Allington stated that he had contacted Charles Lawrence regarding the flooding in the middle of the sports area. Cllr Rhodes reported that the goal posts had been re-instated.

Footpaths and highways

Comment was made that youngsters were skateboarding down New Hill.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council a letter sent to the County Council by Mr Stevens, and the subsequent reply concerning soil erosion and the general state of Neddy's Jitty. The Clerk informed the Council of a meeting undertaken with Charlotte

Jol;ly (NCC) concerning footpaths generally and a bid would be processed to upgrade the metalled footpaths, Neddy's Jitty, Sunnyside etc, to attract funding from the County Council.

Parish Plan

The Clerk reported that the process of formulating a Parish Plan had commenced with a well attended public meeting from which 24 members of the public had volunteered their services on the steering group with a further 20 volunteers to assist the process. The next stage would be the formulation of the bid to obtain the funding for the consultation process.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated several items of correspondence for noting but drew attention to the following;

DEFRA – Letter from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister regarding the continuing role of Parish Councils in planning matters.

NALC – Freedom of Information Act 2000 – requirement to make public documents available.

Newark & Sherwood DC – New Ethical Framework – Amendment to Model of Conduct and repeal of surcharge.

Report from the Special Executive Committee

Cllr Bradbury circulated a final report from the SEC informing the Council of the final actions and results of the civil proceedings against Mr Wilkinson (former Clerk), in that the matter had been settled out of Court and the sum of £50,000 as full and final settlement being received by the Council from Mr Wilkinson.

Cllr Bradbury proposed that the 'confidential' tag placed upon previous SEC reports be removed, as the need for confidentiality was no longer required to protect the Council's interests and meet the requirements of the 'sub judice' rules. He also proposed that the SEC be discontinued. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hampshire and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Hampshire proposed that a formal vote of thanks be recorded for the amount of effort put into progressing the civil action by Cllr J Bradbury and Cllr A D Jepson, without whose efforts and dedication such a result would not have been achieved. Cllr Allington seconded the proposal and added that ex Cllr Richardson should also be included for his valued contribution prior to his resignation from the Council, and the involvement of Cllr Stafford at the commencement of the investigations, who suffered some personal distress as a result of the events. The Council supported the proposal unanimously. The Chairman thanked the Council on behalf of the SEC and endorsed the comments of Cllr Allington.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinized by Cllr Bradbury. The accounts consisting of 22 cheques amounting to £13,568.63p, and deposits of £101,538.00p were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Stafford and accepted.

The Clerk requested that a S 107 payment be made to the 1st Farnsfield Scouts of £100 for the assistance rendered in circulating the notices for the Parish Plan open meeting. Proposed by Cllr Allington, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and agreed.

The Clerk stated that the District Auditor had issued qualified certificates in respect of the accounts for the years 1996/7, 1997/8, 1998/9.

A full certificate had been issued in respect of the years 1999/2000, 2000/01. Full certification process being fully restored to the Council.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.30pm to allow the members of the public present to comment.

Comments were made concerning the positive actions taken by the Council in the successful recovery of damages.

Whilst comments were made suggesting further actions the Chairman stated that the matter was now closed and the Council would, for the first time, be able to consider the future rather than spend a considerable amount of time and energy dealing with past matters.

Comment was made regarding the planning application to demolish 'Silverwood' Broomfield Lane and build 5 dwellings on the site, being undesirable, would exacerbate the traffic problems which already exist in the area, and be an unacceptable development.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders at 8.45pm.

Planning applications

02/01990/OUT –application to demolish 'Silverwood', Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield and erect 5 new dwellings.

The application was not supported for the following reasons:

It was considered to be in contravention to N&SDC Policy H20 as follows:

- It does not reflect the character of the locality in terms of scale, density and layout
- It does not respect features which contribute to the local landscape
- It does not create an attractive living environment and allows for adequate open space and distance between dwellings to meet the needs of privacy
- It does not have satisfactory parking and access provision

Additionally it was considered that there would be an exacerbation of the local parking problem resulting in a road safety issue. The crossroads are already extremely busy, on a school route and the area is heavily parked due to bowls and tennis activities. To add more vehicle accesses in this area is considered unsafe and will create additional hazards.

Cllr Allington reported that the Highway scheme in respect of the proposed Wimpey Development on Tippings Lane had not been agreed. The Chairman stated that he was actively seeking information from Notts County Council.

Four decisions of Newark & Sherwood District Council Planning Committee were noted.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that he was arranging a meeting with officers of N&SDC to discuss a joint approach to deal with the recent nuisance issues caused to the residents of the Stackyard by youths frequenting the rear of the Village Centre and the Stackyard area.

Buses

No items to report. In view of the recent decision to discontinue the local bus service it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Confidential

The Council met in closed session, no public present and in the absence of Cllr Reynolds. It was agreed that the Clerk request valuations of a piece of land off Cotton Mill Lane (owned by Mr F A Reynolds) with a view to purchasing the land to link the open space area off Parfitt Drive to the Acres for future recreational development. The meeting was adjourned for the Clerk to obtain three separate valuations.

Notes of adjourned meeting held at 7.30pm on Friday 11th October 2002, in the Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, C G Rhodes
G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Bradbury, R Allington, L Selby
F A Reynolds.

The Clerk outlined the details of the valuations received as follows:

Watkinson Bingham – Maximum value £20,000 with a recommended bid offer at
£17,500.

Barnes – Maximum value at £22,000.

Gascoignes – Maximum value at £25,000.

It was agreed that the offer to price to purchase the land should commence at £17,500. The land was considered to be a valuable asset to the Parish and would form a link between that on Parfitt Drive and the Acres and would be essential for future development of recreational facilities in the village.

It was also agreed that the asking price could be met, in line with the valuation from Gascoignes, but the more realistic price of £22,000 should be agreed, if possible. The Clerk was authorized to make the necessary bids up to a ceiling of £25,000.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd October 2002 in the Lower Hall. Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford

Apologies

None

Minutes of meetings of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 24th September 2002, (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Peet, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed.

The minutes of the Financial and General Purposes Committee of 15th October 2002 were noted.

Clerk's Report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – the fencing panels would receive reinforcement by the fixing of extra clips in view of the recent attempt to remove the panels. The fencing across the Chapel Lane side would be completed in the next two weeks.
2. Southwell Road – queries were raised as to the commencement of the hedge-cutting around the area by NCC contractors. The Clerk explained that several contacts had been made with them by himself and Cllr Stafford and the work was imminent, apparently awaiting the availability of a wood shredder to deal with the waste. Further enquiries to be made, plus details of the new contract to be agreed.
3. The Acres – comments were made regarding some mole activity. The fencing required some attention, contract already placed.
4. Wilson's Field – Cllr Allington gave an update regarding the multi-sports area stating that he was still in negotiations with Charles Lawrence Plc. Cllr Rhodes agreed to pursue the remedial work and planting in the corner adjacent to Mansfield Road.

Cllr Bradbury gave a brief resume` following a seminar, on skateboarding and other related issues, he had attended at Kelham Hall on 21st October 2002, and circulated a summary.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk stated that he had undertaken further discussions with Emma Stone of NCC regarding Footpath 1 diversion and had received application forms. It was decided that

the forms should be completed by the Doctors, who were the instigators in requesting the re-alignment of the path.

The P3 agreement schedule was being complied following a meeting between the Clerk and Charlotte Jolly of NCC. Cllr Bradbury stated that he had been informed that the footpath from Combs Lane to Greaves Lane was closed, checks to be made.

The Chairman stated that he had been involved in numerous discussions regarding the state of the roads in Farnsfield and the proposals to alter the Tippings Lane area in preparation for the proposed building of new Wimpey Homes on Beck Lane. The general view of the Assistant Highways Manager of NCC Highways was that the roads in the district generally were beyond repair and required more substantial investment. The Tippings Lane area survey has been undertaken but details have not been published. The Chairman agreed to liaise with Co Cllr Stuart and report back to the Council.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinized by Cllr. Bradbury, including 16 cheques amounting to 33673.62p and income of £25,153.25p.

Consideration was given to withholding payment on cheque 615, A G Rickett as a water leak was suspected in the area where they had undertaken building work to the Village Centre. It was agreed that there was no justification in withholding payment as the time span between the work undertaken and the discovery of the suspected leak was too great. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Allington and accepted.

Planning applications

02/02178/FUL – proposed two storey extension at Limes Lodge, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield

It was agreed that further information was required as the plans did not provide sufficient detail to locate the proposed extension in relation the adjoining boundaries.

The following decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted:

02/01599/FUL – alterations to former meeting room Quaker Lane – approved

01/1883/OUT – application for business houses on Heaxgreave – approved

01/1694/FUL – alterations at White House, Mansfield Road – approved

02/01521/FUL – alterations at Newbold House, Broomfield Lane – approved

02/01182/FUL – alterations at 6 Birch Avenue – approved

02/1267/FUL – alterations at Charnwood, Quaker Lane – approved

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting with officers from Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the concerns of annoyance caused to neighbouring residents in the Stackyard. and proposed security measures at the rear of the VC. It had been agreed at

the meeting that N&SDC would conduct some remedial work at the rear of the VC, cut down some trees and improve the lighting. It was agreed that the situation be reviewed in the Spring of 2003 when the agreed work had taken place prior to Farnsfield Parish Council committing and finances to deal with any matters.

The agreement to provide increased lighting at the rear of the VC is currently being undertaken to prevent damage to the roof by youths accessing the flat roofed area at the rear. The floodlights removed from Wilson's Field are not suitable for this purpose. The contract to supply the metal fencing at the top of the fire escape has been placed.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting went into closed session at 9.17pm to consider financial matters.

Precept 2003-4

The Clerk circulated a summary of the budgetary proposals discussed at the meeting of the Financial and General Purposes Committee on 15th October 2002. The schedule gave a detailed breakdown of the anticipated expenditure and income and produced a precept requirement of £49,000.

A precept of £49,000 for 2003-4 was proposed by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Allington and agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that in order to assist the budgetary process all Committees should submit a maintenance plan for the next three years in order that the Parish Council can complete a Business Plan prior to March 2003.

Cllr Reynolds left the meeting, pecuniary interest in the following matter.

Purchase of land off Cotton Mill Lane

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had made an offer of £25,000 for the land off Cotton Mill Lane. The negotiations had commenced at £17,500 but after several offers had been rejected the full asking price was offered. The matter is now subject to legal transfer and planning considerations.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th November, 2002 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman),
D A Peet, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

02/01857/FUL – change of use of building and extension to the Day Centre, White Post Modern Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

The application was supported but concern was expressed regarding vehicles parking on the A 614.

02/02320/FUL – proposed first floor rear and ground floor extension at Glenroy, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.

It was considered that insufficient detail existed on the plans to show the impact upon the neighbours, block plan requested.

02/02319/FUL – erection of conservatory at 20 Cockett Lane, Farnsfield

The application was supported

02/02366/FUL – proposed two storey extension to both cottages, Keepers Cottage, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.

02/02392/LBC – erection of satellite dish to the side rear wall, Eastcot, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported

02/02405/FUL – conversion of redundant railway building into a dwelling, Railway Goods Shed, Formerly known as Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Comment was made that there was no indication that the garage shown on the plans was included in the application.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th November 2002 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

None

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd October 2002 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Allington, seconded by Cllr Peet and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2002 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and accepted.

Clerk's Report

Recreational areas

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk reported that the fencing around the ground had been completed but some problems were still being experienced due to youths cutting through the adjacent bowling green wire. The Tennis Club had requested a lease to enable them to acquire funding from the LTA on similar lines to the Bowls Club lease, currently held in abeyance whilst they reconsider the parking provision. It was agreed that a common area at the entrance be maintained and the Clerk draw up the plans to accompany the lease(s).
2. Wilsons Field – Cllr Allington reported that he had met with a representative from Charles Lawrence regarding the flooding of the play area surface. The surface had been pressure washed to remove the mud etc carried on to the surface and the matter appears to have been resolved. It was agreed that some means of clean area would be installed at the entrances of the play area to prevent future problems. Cllr Allington reported that a light had been tampered with and Cllr Rhodes agreed to attend to it. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for the fencing to be installed adjacent to the properties on Mansfield Road at a height of 2.4 metres. A decision from NCC was awaited regarding the provision of a light on Footpath 1 adjacent to the steps to Mansfield Road.
3. The Acres – Cllr Rhodes stated that the work was in hand to repair the damaged fencing. Some moles had been caught. Comment was made regarding dogs running loose when football matches were taking place – the Clerk to check with the Dog Obedience Training organizers.

4. Southwell Road – the Clerk stated that he was awaiting the result of the risk assessments conducted by Wickes. Comment was made that the grass required treatment to prevent it damaging the soft play areas.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk informed the meeting that Longland Lane would be closed for three day from 17th December 2002 for surface repairs at the A614 junction.

A discussion concerning footpaths identified a number that would benefit from improved lighting, Sunnyside, Birdcage walk, alongside Walter D' Ayncourt school. All being suitable for inclusion in any subsequent grant under the Parish Plan or County Council footpath improvement scheme.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.30pm to allow the members of the public present to comment.

Co Cllr Laughton gave an update regarding accident statistics in the area suggesting that the police data was not as accurate as that at the NHS, as all road accident do not get reported to the police. A discussion took place concerning the placement of speed sensors and display signs, a neighbouring parish paying £6000 towards the installation.

The proposed quarrying development at Bell Eau Park was discussed.

Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that as the County Council was £12m overspent a claw back from budgets, including highways was being undertaken placing doubt over the current road repair programme.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.40pm.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated to the meeting for noting.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated the schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr. Allington.

Cllr Bradbury proposed that the Section 137 grants to the Bowls and Tennis Clubs of £150 and £1150 (including an extra allowance of £1000 towards the provision of the floodlighting). This was seconded by Cllr. Hampshire and agreed.

The accounts consisting of 23 cheques amounting to £6922.23p were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Peet, seconded by Cllr. Bradbury and agreed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been advised by the auditors, Hacker Young that an interim audit was required as the payments on the 2001/2 accounts exceeded £100,000. The Chairman stated that he would raise the matter with the Audit Commission as the extra spending was over and above the normal spending of the council due to the use of S 106 grants. The situation for 2002/3 would be similar due to the receipt of a S106 grant from Wimpey and the legal settlement.

Planning applications

None to consider

Village Centre

The Clerk informed the meeting that a cooker of similar capacity to the one proposed by Cllr Allington had been identified at a cost of £800. It was agreed that this was a domestic type and not suitable for the Village Centre and it was proposed by Cllr Allington that the one from Garner's be ordered at a cost of £1250 + Vat, seconded by Cllr Rhodes and agreed.

Consideration was given to the excessive use of water due to the constant running of the flush units in the toilets and it was agreed that both be replaced with immediate effect.

The Clerk reported that he had received the completed Library Lease and had signed on behalf of the Parish Council, the final documents were awaited.

Cllr Bradbury reported that the Youth Club had drawn up proposals to improve the rear of the Village Centre and he had suggested that a ramp to enable disabled access/egress be incorporated in the scheme.

Cllr Rhodes stated that he was in the process of obtaining estimates for the metal work to be incorporated on the fire escape to prevent access to the roofs. He was also to attend to the fire door adjacent to the Stackyard, damaged bolt.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Clerk outlined the provisions of the Act and explained the requirement of the Council to subscribe to a scheme under the Act.

Cllr Bradbury proposed that the Council adopt the Core Options of the Code of Conduct, (Items 1 – 6), seconded by Cllr Allington, and agreed.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th December 2002 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, K J Clarke, R Hampshire A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J Bradbury

Planning applications

02/02625/FUL – retention of boundary wall between plots 20 and 12 Ferndale Manor, land at junction with Mansfield Road/Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.

The Council declined to comment as the matter was considered to be outside their domain and specialist knowledge was required.

02/02178/FUL – proposed two storey domestic extension at Limes Lodge, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported but comment was made that the extension should not be closer than 12m to the Recreation Ground boundary.

02/02528/FUL – change of use of land from agricultural to recreation purposes, land off Cotton Mill Lane, Farnsfield.

Cllr Reynolds declared a pecuniary interest and took no part in the discussion. The Council made no comment as the application was one made by Farnsfield Parish Council.

02/02642/FUL – proposed bedroom, lounge and dining extensions and new roof with attic rooms at 22 Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.

There were no decisions from Newark & Sherwood DC.

The meeting closed at 7.57pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th January 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, D A Jepson (Chairman), A D Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Ap[ologies

None

Planning applications

02/02678/FUL – proposed change of use of land to showground and fishing lake together with ancillary car parking, landscaping and WC at Far Baulker Farm, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield.

Application not supported on the grounds that the proposal to develop the area under PPG 2, Greenfield extension does not have the major reason for development as tourism and leisure, but is seen as using a minor development for leisure as a reason to circumvent PPG2. Extreme concern was expressed over highway issues as the site would generate vast amounts of traffic, already considered dangerous with existing functions.

02/027777/FUL – change of use from residential care home to a single private residence at The Spinney, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

02/02762/FUL – proposed extension and alterations to existing bungalow at Bickerton, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

02/02783/FUL – proposed two storey side and single storey extension at 17 Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

Application not supported. It was considered that the proposed design was not in keeping with existing properties and was probably the worst proposal submitted. It was also considered to be in contravention to Policies H20 & 21 – over intensification of the site, not in keeping with surrounding properties.

02/02781/FUL – proposed conversion of Hall to office accommodation, single storey extension, internal alterations, car parking and landscaping at Hexgreave Hall. Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield

02/02782/LBC – demolition of external fire escape and internal stairs and walls. Proposed minor internal alterations to restore room sizes and rear single storey extension at Hexgreave Hall, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield

02/02779/FUL – proposed conversion, linkage and extension to two outbuildings for B1 office use at Hexgreave Hall, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

02/02780/LBC – proposed internal alterations to the two outbuildings and convert to office accommodation and extend at Hexgreave Hall, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

The proposals 02/02781/FUL, 02/02782/LBC, 02/02779/FUL and 02/02780/LBC were considered together and supported.

02/02836/FUL – proposed alterations including demolition of flat roof extension at rear and construction of new teaching accommodation and multi-purpose hall at Farnsfield Primary School, Main Street, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.

Planning decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Committee were noted.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury, for approval, consisting of 6 cheques amounting to £3925.18p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Allington and accepted.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th January 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Reynolds.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 26th November 2002. (full), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Bradbury, seconded by Cllr. Allington and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 10th December 2002, (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Peet, seconded by Cllr. Stafford, and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 14th January 2003, (planning), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr. Allington, and agreed.

The minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee of 10th December 2002, and the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of 14th January 2003 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk informed the meeting of the progress of the leases for the Bowls and Tennis Clubs. Cllr Peet reported that he had looked at the fencing along Chapel Lane and suggested that one further panel be added to close the gap, this was agreed.
2. Acres – no items were raised although concern was expressed regarding mole activity.
3. Wilsons Field – the Clerk reported that he had been in contact with agents for Greenwood Forest who were seeking a meeting to agree the shrubs/trees to be planted following the grant application. The Clerk to arrange a meeting involving Cllrs. Rhodes, Jepson and Stafford. Cllr Hampshire enquired about the progress made with the installation of a lamp at the steps on Footpath 1. The Clerk having had no reply from Don Fitch, County Highways would write and attempt to obtain a reply.
4. Southwell Road – no items.
5. Land transaction, Cotton Mill Lane – still awaiting the results of the planning application which were due on 20th January 2003.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk referred the meeting to a letter from Dist Cllr Laughton summarising queries he had raised concerning highway matters.

Comments were again made as to the poor state of the road and footpath surfaces in Farnsfield and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the County Council regarding the situation

Parish Plan

The Clerk reported that the meetings of the steering committee had resumed following the award of the £5000 grant. That he had stepped down from leading the meetings as Paul Elliott had been elected by the group to manage the project.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his actions in starting off a successful process.

Correspondence

Several items of correspondence were circulated for noting. The Clerk produced a letter from Bilsthorpe PC regarding the proposed clay extraction from Belle Eau Park, Cllr Bradbury and Rhodes agreed to attend the meeting at Bilsthorpe on 14th February 2003. Papers were received from Newark & Sherwood DC concerning a meeting held to discuss housing issues, including affordable housing. It was agreed that the Clerk request that the Council is placed on Newark & Sherwood DC mailing list in order that a representative may attend future meetings, as issues may be raised which relate the the District Local Plan.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received acknowledgement that the Code adopted under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been accepted as a registered scheme.

Cllr Bradbury enquired regarding the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 but it was agreed that the Council did not conduct any activities requiring registration under the Act.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.25pm to allow the members of the public present to comment.

A general discussion took place and the Chairman re-instated Standing Orders at 8.30pm.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury, containing 22 cheques amounting to £8137.90p.

Cllrs Allington and Rhodes both declared a pecuniary interest.

They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed.

Planning

03/000080/FUL – proposed pet centre at White Post Modern Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

After some discussion it was agreed that the application should not be supported for the following reasons:

- No facilities for the disabled (access provision)
- The style/design of the building could be a distraction to passing vehicle drivers
- The proposed building fails to blend in with the surrounding rural scene
- No schedule of materials to be used
- The daily vehicle flow provided is suspected of being inaccurate

The objection was proposed by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Allington. Vote 5 for and 3 against.

There were no decisions to note from Newark & Sherwood DC.

Village Centre

Cllr Allington produced the map of the village, to be mounted in the Upper Hall of the Village Centre.

It was noted that the outside light to the rear of the Lower Hall had still not been installed.

Cllr Peet raised the issue of trespassers in the Stackyard causing a renewed nuisance to the residents and suggested that a gate should be installed.

It was agreed that Newark & Sherwood DC Housing be informed to consider any further action

Agenda items for the next meeting

No items raised.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th February 2003
in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield**

Present

Cllrs R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman),
D A Peet, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C G Rhodes and F A Reynolds.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm to allow the members of the public present to comment.

Several members of the public were present to debate the proposed commencement of works at the Wimpey site, Tippings Lane

Cllr Allington made reference to a note circulated by Mr Patrick Stevens and the Chairman agreed that it should not be circulated at the meeting.

Co Cllr Laughton, in the absence of Co Cllr Stewart, provided an update on the S 278 agreement between County Highways and Wimpey had not been agreed but due to the wording of the Planning Conditions by Newark & Sherwood DC planning Committee demolition work could commence but building work could not, until the S278 agreement had been signed.

The work scheduled to commence on 17th February was allowed due to the planning conditions. Concern was expressed regarding the bats on site, it was pointed out that as no bats had been found this was not a factor

A long discussion took place regarding the S 106 Agreement, which was still under consideration and contained provisions of vehicular movement along Tippings Lane, Beck Lane and Quaker Lane.

It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with Roy Potter of Newark & Sherwood DC during the week commencing 17th February 2003 to discuss the S 106 proposals (meeting arranged for Tuesday 18th February 2003).

District Cllr Armstrong concurred with the comments of Cllr Laughton.

Concern was expressed that asbestos was being removed from the buildings but Mrs Shardlow stated that she had received a notice of the demolition from specialist asbestos removers.

The Chairman brought the session to a close by gaining assurance that District Councillors, Armstrong and Laughton would closely monitor the situation and seek to ensure that all of the planning conditions under S 106 and S 278 are complied with, and to keep the Parish Council advised of future developments.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.05pm.

Planning applications

03/00181/FUL – remove chimney to the front elevation, demolish garage, build garage/utility extension, build kitchen extension at 37 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/00250/FUL – proposed extension to form garage, conservatory and porch at Fernbeck Cottage, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.

Concern was expressed that the porch on the front of the property would detract from the general appearance of the overall property, being a pair of semi detached cottages, the other not having a porch to the front.

Cllr Hampshire proposed that the application should be supported, with the exclusion of the porch (as detailed above), seconded by Cllr Allington. At a vote 4 were for and 1 against, 2 abstentions.

03/00145/CAC –demolition of, enclosure of indoor swimming pool and existing lean to conservatory at Hall Farm, Main Street, Farnsfield.

03/00144/FUL – proposed replacement of existing swimming pool with two double garages, replace conservatory with garden room, extension and alterations to outbuilding dwelling at Hall Farm, Main Street, Farnsfield.

The above applications were considered jointly.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.37pm to allow the applicant and agent to comment and answer queries from Councillors.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.43pm.

The applications were supported.

The following decisions of Newark and Sherwood DC Planning Committee were noted:

02/02319/FUL – 20 Cockett Lane – approved

02/02625/FUL – retention wall between plots 20/22 Ferndale Manor – approved.

02/02405/FUL – Old Railway Goods Building – approved.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th February 2003 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C G Rhodes and F A Reynolds.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm to allow Mr Robinson, Environment Dept, Newark & Sherwood DC to speak to the meeting regarding the issues involved with the clearance of the proposed Wimpey site off Tippings Lane.

Mr Robinson outlined in detail the procedures involved in monitoring the clearance of the former industrial site, particularly in relation to asbestos. The main points being that the site should be enclosed from the public and no bonfires should take place to burn the rubbish.

The asbestos removal was undertaken under the guidelines prescribed by the HSE and would be rigorously enforced..

He urged that any alleged breaches be reported to his department for immediate investigation and action. Mr Robinson also gave assurance that the site would be closely monitored during the demolition process.

He responded to questions from the Council members.

The Chairman restored Standing Orders at 7.45pm.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 28th January 2003 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Hampshire, seconded by Cllr. Bradbury and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 11th February 2003 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Peet, seconded by Cllr Allington and agreed.

Clerk's report

Recreation grounds

1. Memorial recreation ground – the Clerk reported that the fencing had been completed. Cllr Stafford stated that the area in front of the new gates required some infilling in order that NCC could access the site with the grass cutting equipment.

2. Acres – There had been no reports of moles encroaching on to the pitches. Concern was expressed that there should be an anti-frost thermostat fitted to ensure that there was sufficient heating in the pavilion to eliminate any damage from freezing pipes. It was agreed that Cllr Rhodes attend to this.
3. Wilson’s Field – Cllr Jepson and Cllr Stafford had met with representatives of the Greenwood Forest and a shrub planting proposal had been agreed, details of which would be sent to the Clerk. Cllr Stafford reported that due to damage to the lights on the sports area he had turned off the lights. Cllr Allington enquired regarding the progress made towards installing a pathway around the sports area to prevent mud from being carried into the courts and causing a flooding problem again. The Clerk to remind Cllr Rhodes to install the matting stored in his compound. The Clerk informed the meeting of letters he had received from two residents neighbouring the field, Mr Fowler complaining that he could not maintain his fencing due to the erection of the new fencing and gate. It was agreed that he be advised to contact Cllr Stafford who would provide access to the fenced area. The second complainant commented that he should have similar fencing across his boundary as provided to his neighbours. The Council did not accept this as the fencing was erected to prevent unauthorised access to neighbouring properties from Wilson’s Field by youths taking short cuts.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that he had received no reply to his letter from Don Fitch concerning the state of the highways and the possibility of the erection of a light on footpath 1. It was agreed that a copy of the letter should be sent to Mr Hart at Trent Bridge House, and to Co Cllr Stewart.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.17pm to allow public comment and resumed at 8.20pm.

Proposed purchase of land off Cotton Mill Lane

The Clerk reported that he had been in constant contact with Andrew Watkins of Newark 7 Sherwood Planning Department seeking a decision concerning the planning application submitted in November 2002, with a projected decision date of 22nd January 2003. He was informed that the planning application would be refused as the term ‘recreational and leisure purposes’ was too vague and if approval were to be given any activity such as go-carting could take place. The Clerk in response to N&SDC had given written assurance that no developments were planned and if any were then further planning applications would be submitted. It was suggested that the application should be submitted with a specific sporting activity in mind, such as football, this was not seen as an option as it would not be an accurate reflection of the Parish Council’s intention for the future use of the land. The Clerk informed Mr Watkins that the decision to approve the application had been published on N&SDC web site, but this was dismissed as an administrative error. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had refused to alter the planning application and awaited the official notice of refusal. He suggested that the purchase of the land proceed without delay and the planning refusal be dealt with by way of appeal when the official decision had been received.

Cllr Allington proposed that the land be purchased immediately and that upon receipt of the planning decision an appeal be lodged.. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Bradbury and agreed unanimously.

Parish Plan

The Clerk informed the meeting that the questionnaire would be circulated throughout the village during Marsh and the proposed schedule was on target.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

The Clerk drew attention to an item of correspondence regarding the Sherwood Concert Band and it was agreed that they should be offered the facilities of the Village Centre in their fund-raising activities

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of .accounts, scrutinised by Cllr. Bradbury, comprising of 12 cheques amounting to £4338.51p. Cllr Stafford proposed that it be accepted, seconded by Cllr.Clarke, and agreed.

The Clerk presented accounts submitted for maintenance of the churchyard for 2001-2 and 2002-3. The 2001-2 account had an accompanying explanation that it had been missed in the change-over of Vicars. The Council considered the request for support and considered that the 2001-2 account should not be processed as the Parish accounts for that year had been closed.. Cllr Peet proposed that £500 be contributed towards the 2002-3 accounts, seconded by Cllr Clarke, and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

03/00324/FUL – proposed front bay window, side extension and detached double garage at 31 Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.40pm to allow members of the public present to comment.

Local objections were made to the Council regarding this application and the comments were noted.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.45pm.

It was considered that there would be over-intensive development of the site should this application be approved. The proposals were not in keeping with other properties in the area. The application was not supported.

03/00303/FUL – proposed alterations to convert existing covered area into permanent store place and proposed rear extension to form Post Office at Spar Stores, Main Street, Farnsfield

Application supported.

03/00304/CAC – demolish the corrugated Perspex covered rear yard area in Spar Stores, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the Entertainment Licence was due for renewal and the requisite inspections were in hand.

The exterior light would be fitted at the same time the electrical inspection was carried out.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Allington for the work undertaken in obtaining the maps and photographs installed in the Upper Hall of the Village Centre.

Cllr Peet suggested that a Councillor be in attendance at the Saturday coffee mornings as a point of reference for the public. The idea was accepted and would be included in the schedule of responsibilities for Councillors at the May meeting when Committees and outside responsibilities were discussed.

Agenda items for the next meeting

No items raised

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th March 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Allington, J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L Selby, G D Stafford.

Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 25th February 2003 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Peet, seconded by Cllr. Allington and approved.

The minutes of the Village Centre Committee meeting held on 8th March 2003 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – no matters to report
2. Southwell Road – Cllr Stafford requested a meeting with the ground maintenance contractors regarding the hedges around Parfitt Drive area. The Chairman gave an update following his conversation with Andrew Watkins of Newark & Sherwood Planning Department regarding the planning application submitted for the proposed purchasing of land off Cotton Mill Lane. He requested an update regarding the decision, following publication on the web site but was told that a specific use required specifying although the Council had no specific use in mind. This was not considered ethical and a decision on the original application requested. No further information was forthcoming. The Clerk reported that the purchase of the land was progressing as planned.
3. The Acres – concern expressed regarding the mole infestation and litter in the woodland, (request made to Cllrs. Rhodes and Reynolds to arrange for its removal prior to work commencing in on the trees).
4. Wilsons Field – It was agreed that the shrubs to be allocated from the Greenwood Forest grant be delayed until a suitable planting time, and the planting to be undertaken by a contractor. Cllr Stafford reported that he had switched off the lighting to the play area following vandalism to the lights. The Clerk stated that he was still awaiting a reply from Notts CC Highways regarding the provision of an additional light on the steps. The delay was considered unacceptable.

Footpaths and highways

The meeting considered the plans for modification to Tippings Lane provided by Notts. CC, the road improvement scheme designed in preparation for the proposed Wimpy development.

After some discussion it was agreed that there were several issues to be raised with Mr Potter (NCC).

The letter sent by the Clerk to Mr Don Fitch, NCC Highways Maintenance was considered.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.16pm.

Co Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that he had received a copy of the letter sent to Mr Fitch and had attempted to follow it up but was unable to do so as Mr Fitch was off work. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Mr Fitch and Mr Potter to discuss highway matters in Farnsfield, and Co Stewart undertook to arrange the meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.30pm.

Parish Plan

The Clerk informed the meeting that the questionnaires were in the process of being collected and the draft summary would be published on schedule.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Peet, consisting of 12 cheques amounting to £3984.79p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved.

The Chairman again adjourned Standing Orders at 8.35pm to allow public comment, there was none and Standing Orders were immediately restored.

Planning applications

03/00535/FUL – proposed extension to paved driveway to a new access on to Longland Lane complete with facing brick pillars, a wing wall and a pair of timber gates at Hill Top, Longland Lane, Farnsfield.

03/00536/FUL- demolition of existing sub-standard outbuilding and erection of new one identical in size in facing bricks and a clay tiled roof at Hill Top, Longland Lane, Farnsfield.

Both applications considered simultaneously.

The proposed driveway was supported after some discussion with two members voting against.

The proposed new outbuilding was supported.

All brickwork to match in with existing, in conservation area.

03/00532/FUL – proposed single storey rear conservatory extension at 7 Spring Court, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/00553/LBC – proposed alterations at Holdyke Cottage, Blidworth Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/00503/FUL- proposed garage, playroom, wc extension at 17 D'Ayncourt Walk, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Village Centre

The minutes of the meeting of the 8th March were considered and it was agreed that Cllr Rhodes consider the proposals to refurbish the kitchen area in the Scouts Rooms.

It was agreed that Cllr Allington should make enquiries regarding the restoration of an old map of the Village and proceed if possible.

The following item was discussed in closed session:

Confidential

The Clerk reported that he had been in discussions with Mr Westerman regarding pay and the period of his employment. Mr Westerman agreed to remain in the employ of the Council although he was nearing his 70th birthday. He would try to find a successor before he retires. It was agreed that his pay be increased to £5 per hour with effect from 1st March 2003.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm.