

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 April 2011 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair), FA Reynolds, R Reeves, B McDowall, L Selby.  
M Salt, Clerk

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs.GD Stafford, PJ Elliott and AD Jepson.

## **Declarations of Interest**

No prejudicial declarations of interest stated. Cllr Selby stated that she was a resident of Quaker Lane, whilst have no pecuniary interest in the planning application at Fox Hollow, had a general interest. Remained present and took part in the meeting.

## **Planning applications**

**11/01592/FUL** – proposed erection of 2 dwellings and garages and replacement garage (incorporating demolition of existing garage to serve Fox Hollow) at land rear of Fox Hollow, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.

The papers were circulated to the members of the Council for consideration and the Chairman then suspended Standing Orders to allow comments from the members of the public present – 18 members of the public.

The following comments were made;

Concerns regarding the impact on the Conservation area – trees have been pruned severely over a period of time; a tree has been removed in the proposed driveway. Cottages nearby have been included in the Conservation Report, Vine Cottage and White Gables (now Fox Hollow). The proposed driveway would cause a significant impact on Quaker lane, the removal of the garage would result in a wide gap, detracting from the area.

The footpath is currently through an area of natural environment and the proposed gating of the public footpath would have a severe impact.

There would be significant issues of lack of privacy.

Comments were made regarding restricted covenants on the property proposed for development and these were still in existence. Concerns raised regarding the exacerbation of flooding problems associated with storm water conditions, blockages in the drainage system were currently being investigated.

The design of the properties and height of the garages were commented upon, the garages having 2 storeys, the upper being workshops; these will overlook other neighbouring properties.

Concern also expressed regarding the additional parking on Quaker Lane.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.05pm.

Cllr Reeves proposed that a site meeting would be advantageous, this was seconded by Cllr Davis; a vote was taken with the result that the proposal was defeated.

After some deliberation Cllr Davis proposed that the application be opposed on the grounds;

Back-land development; impact upon other properties, impact upon the conservation area, and policies restricting such development in the Local District Plan. Seconded by Cllr Clarke and carried with 2 abstentions.

**11/00470/FUL**– application for two storey extension to side and single storey extension to front and rear at 2 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

**11/00421/FUL** – erection of single storey extension to barn to provide office and canteen to be used in conjunction with Forest Farm at Forest Farm House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.  
Application supported.

### **Tennis Club Application for financial assistance**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a response from HMRC regarding the request from the Tennis Club that the Parish Council pay for the alterations to the lights and recover the VAT. This is not permitted as the Parish Council have no interest in the property nor is the Club operating under a charitable status. The Tennis Club have been informed of this decision.

He stated that he had received copies of the Lease agreements for the Bowls and Tennis Clubs from the solicitors. He now had clarity on the boundaries of the areas leased to both parties and produced the lease agreement for inspection. The boundary for the Tennis Club is the wire fencing around the courts and at the New Hill boundary a line across from the wire fencing to the Bowls Club property.

The proposed pathway is in the area to be maintained by the Tennis Club and the removal of the fencing (the gate entrance to the Courts) would not be an issue.

The financial situation of the Council was considered. S106 grants have been received in 2005-6 - £29,505; and in 2008-9 - £13,907.

The grants result from major planning applications where children's play facilities would normally be installed by the builder but if sufficient are considered to be in the vicinity a grant may be paid to the District Council and under a legal agreement be passed to the Parish Council for the maintenance and development of existing facilities.

The costs of maintaining the current facilities up to 2009-10 have amounted to £5,700, thus reducing the S106 grant amount to £35,284. This amount, without any development of the equipment is reducing by approximately £1500 per year. The current facilities have been in position for over 15 years in some cases and 10 years at Parfitt Drive. It is anticipated that some major refurbishment or replacement will be required in the next few years.

The Parish Council will not be able to raise large sums of money via the Precept due to recent Government rulings upon the increases of Council and local taxation.

The meeting discussed the proposals from the Tennis Club and considered the position of the Parish Council and responsibilities to the local community and it was generally agreed that the Tennis Club should have made provision for replacements and refurbishments out of their own funds, planned over the years to have avoided being faced with the current situation.

Cllr Davis proposed that the Parish Council does not contribute towards the proposed development application presented by the Tennis Club. The proposal was supported by Cllr Clarke and agreed with the exception of Cllr Reeves who abstained and had not taken any part in the discussion due to his involvement with the Bowls Club.

The Clerk stated that he could see no reason why the Tennis Club should not have access to the Bowls Club property to service their premises in accordance with the access provisions in both lease documents, giving both parties access to the other's property.

It was agreed that the Clerk draft a letter to the Tennis Club and circulate it to Councillors for comments prior to sending it to the Tennis Club. A letter also to be sent to the Bowls Club concerning right of access.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chairman), B McDowall, R Reeves, FA Reynolds.  
M Salt (Clerk) Co Cllr A Stewart

One member of the public attended

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. AD Jepson GD Stafford and L Selby.

## **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Clarke and approved.

## **Matters arising**

None

## **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk circulated his report and invited comments.

Comments were made regarding the circulation of the Newsletter in the village. The Trader is used to circulate the newsletter but concerns were expressed regarding the patchy circulation of the Trader particularly on Main Street, Brickyard Lane, Parfitt Drive and Church Close.

The Clerk agreed to take this up with the Trader and consider drop off points in the village for the newsletter.

No other items were raised.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2010-2011

### **Councillors**

The Councillors are:

Matt Hamilton –Chairman of the Council

Karen Clarke – Chair Village Centre Committee,

Geoff Stafford – Chairman of Recreation Grounds Committee

Roger Davis – Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee

Bruce McDowall

Frank Reynolds

Lynda Selby – Vice Chair

Derek Jepson

Robert Reeves

Paul Elliott

Alison Farr

### **Council changes**

The current Council ends on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 due to the election taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Three Councillors have decided to retire; Derek Jepson and Geoff Stafford, both having completed 20 years each on the Parish Council.

Frank Reynolds also is retiring have completed 28 years.

All three have given excellent service to the Parish of Farnsfield and their contributions at meetings will be missed.

The election on 5<sup>th</sup> May is uncontested as there are only 10 nominations for 11 places.

With the exception of the three mention all the remainder have elected to stand and will be joined by Lawrence Weaver and Peter Smith.

The remaining seat will be filled by advertisement following the election on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

### **Finances**

The precept for 2008-9 was £61.200 and the draft accounts for 2010-11 show that the anticipated income and expenditure are on budget.

The precept for 2011-12 is £63,000, the increase reflecting rises in costs due to inflation and service provision an increase now added incrementally following comments from a resident at a previous Parish meeting. The increase has been kept as low as possible and any overspend will need to come from savings made throughout the year or from reserves. It is anticipated that there will be little scope to raise the precept in forthcoming years due to Government constraints. This will inevitably cause the Council to consider its expenditure very carefully in order to maintain the current level of service provision.

### **Parish Plan**

The Parish Plan continues to be a priority and is an item at council meetings. The web site has now been updated and contains up to date parish information. It will continue to be developed and linked to other sites providing information to residents. The address is [www.farnsfield-pc.gov.uk](http://www.farnsfield-pc.gov.uk).

A continuation of the Parish Plan will be to re-visit the volunteer list identified when the Plan was created. The current economical situation and Government policy requires communities to be more self-supportive and use volunteers where appropriate. A current situation is the library. Nottinghamshire County Council have cut the funding for salaries by 50% resulting in the opening hours being reduced by 50%. In order to get back to the opening times that existed previously there is a proposal to use volunteers, under the supervision of library staff, install new technology and get back to status quo.

**Planning** The Newark & Sherwood District Publication Core Strategy has now been adopted and changes some things in planning and development terms. We are now designated as a large village and housing development will be permitted, within strict limits and not to the detriment of the character of the village.

### **Environment**

Parking on the Main Street remains a major issue.

Nothing changes, parking is still a problem and enforcement appears to be non existent and the situation appears to be exacerbated by local residents who would rather block up the Main Street, rather than park properly and walk.

### **Education**

Regular activities continue to take place in the village centre organised by a range of people and the range covers history, horticulture, leisure and pastime activities. The recent recession has had an impact upon some of the activity organisers during the year but business has continued. The Village Centre continues to be used regularly but the client base constantly changes with the pressures of the economic situation.

### **Village Development and Policing**

In the past year the Parish Council has seen a continued reduction in planning applications, although from time to time the controversial one crops up.

The issue of policing in the village has continues as beat officers come and go, and now the Nottinghamshire Police policy is to further reduce front line policing and now close police stations for several hours per day; we appear to have little hope except for the response to emergencies. The Community Support Officers have also changed and the Community Support Officers, (CSO's) for Farnsfield are:

**Charlotte Appleby**  
**Liam Batey**

**These can be contacted on 0300 300 9999 ext. 3370**

### **Communication**

The Parish Council newsletter is issued on a regular basis and is circulated with the Newark Advertiser. We are also aware that circulation of free newspapers in the village does not cover all households, and it is published on the parish web site, for those who have access.

Additional copies are always available in the library.

Your views are important and communication is often a one way route but there has been a pleasing increase in the number of residents communicating with us via the web site.

### **Vandalism**

Continues to be a problem and concern, for with reducing resources the costs of making good any damage will become an increasing drain on funds normally earmarked for other purposes.

Public vigilance is welcomed and any incidents reported to the Police at the earliest opportunity; we may get some response if the act of vandalism is in process and the Police can catch them at the scene. Confrontation is not recommended.

Vandalism is often related to drink and steps were taken last year to introduce the following Order in Farnsfield:

Designated Public Places (Newark & Sherwood) (Farnsfield) Order 2011– this will come into effect on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The Order is summarised as follows:

Under section 13 of the *Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001* (CJPA), local authorities can designate areas that have experienced alcohol-related disorder or nuisance so that there can be restrictions on public drinking. The orders are called Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs).<sup>1</sup> While it is not an offence to consume alcohol within a “designated” area, the police have powers to control the consumption of alcohol within that place. If they believe someone is consuming alcohol or intends to consume alcohol they can:

require them to stop; and  
confiscate the alcohol from people

If someone, without a reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the officer's request they are committing an offence which can result in a penalty notice or a fine.

**Mike Salt**

**Clerk to the Council.**

**21/4/11**

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# **FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th April 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair), FA Reynolds, R Reeves, B McDowall.  
M Salt, Clerk, Co Cllr. A Stewart, Dist Cllr. B Laughton.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs.GD Stafford, L Selby and AD Jepson.

## **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Davis stated that he would abstain from voting when the application for an extension at The Chumleys, Brickyard Lane, was considered – neighbouring property.

## **Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of 22 March 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Reeves and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Reeves, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that the triathlon route had been changed and the participants would now pass through Farnsfield 3 times along Cockett Lane, towards the A614 via the White Post. Little disruption to traffic was anticipated.

The road works in Edingley have now been completed.

P3 Footpaths agreements have now ceased but alternative arrangements are being made to support the maintenance of public footpaths, with more onus on the Parish Councils.

Farnsfield Library, the staff consultation is complete and progress is being made towards the recruitment of volunteers.

Cllr Reeves raised concerns regarding the condition of the footpaths on Station Lane stating that it is used by elderly people accessing the Health Centre and others who were finding it difficult to walk along a narrow uneven pathway. Cllr Stewart agreed to refer the matter to the Highways Department.

Comment was made that the street light outside Eaton Lodge, Main Street was shining into the property and a baffle was requested – the Clerk to pass this on to NCC Highways for attention.

Cllr Laughton made mention of the availability of Local Improvement Scheme Grants for improvements to facilities in the village, applications to be submitted to the County Council by September 2011.

He also informed the meeting that the appeal against the enforcement order to remove the caravan site at Edingley will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Cllr Armstrong is the District Councillor contact.

The Chairman agreed to take comments from Mr Stevens concerning the planning application at the Wickets, Brickyard Lane.

Mr Stevens stated that he had been unable to obtain the planning conditions regarding the Ridgeway Estate from Newark & Sherwood DC but he was aware that conditions were imposed regarding landscaping, open spaces. He maintains that should the development be allowed to take place on the land behind the Wickets considerable long term damage would be done to the existing trees and hedgerows on the side, mainly due to root damage caused by vehicles passing over the roots. He requested that a tree survey be undertaken.

Cllr Laughton agreed to progress this with Newark & Sherwood DC.

The planning application was then considered by the Council:

11/00541/FUL – proposed dwelling (re-submission) land to the rear of The Wickets, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield

It was noted that the only difference from the previous proposal was the reduction by 1 metre in width of the proposed driveway encroaching on the open space at the side of the properties.

Cllr McDowall proposed that nothing had changed since the matter was considered at the previous meeting and recommended that the proposal was objected to on the same grounds; seconded by Cllr Reeves and agreed unanimously.

Members of the Tennis Club were present and Lesley Healey presented a summary of the current position having received the letter from the Parish Council refusing financial support. She expressed their disappointment and asked for assistance with the acquisition of a key

from the Bowls Club. The Clerk stated that he had sent a letter to the Bowls Club requesting a key and to be kept informed if one was not produced.

Following a short discussion Cllr Stewart proposed that a meeting be arranged with himself, members of the District Council, Tennis Club and Farnsfield Parish Council representatives to consider how a fund raising application could be formulated; it was agreed that Cllr Stewart would make the necessary arrangements and advise everyone when a meeting date had been arranged.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.25pm.

### **Recreation Grounds**

1. Memorial Recreation ground – no comments
2. The Acres - Cllr Reeves agreed to obtain paint and paint pavilion – no action taken to date.  
Padlocks for gates – being obtained.
3. Southwell Road - The electricity junction box bent back allegedly by a vehicle on the pavement during the traffic controls on Southwell Road.
4. Wilson's Field - Graffiti on the boards in the multi play area to be cleaned off.

**Footpaths and highways** - report of hedges overhanging the footpath on Main Street at The Old School House and Rose Cottage.

### **Parish Plan**

**Planning** – no items.

**Education and sport** – no report.

**Environment and tourism** – no items.

**Public Transport** – installation of bus stop on Mansfield road awaiting survey by NCC.

**Communications** – Newsletter to be published in May/June following receipt of information regarding the library volunteer scheme.

### **Correspondence**

The various items of correspondence were noted.

### **Finance**

**Accounts** – The Clerk produced a schedule of payments made by BACS amounting to £4459.69 and statements from the Co-operative Bank, internet banking and requested the preferred reporting option. The Council agreed to the circulation of a schedule of payments made with the F&GP Committee checking the accounts on a quarterly basis.

### **Audit 2010-11**

The Clerk stated that the 2010-11 audit was well under way, the accounts were with the Internal Auditor with a view to finalising them prior to the end of May.

### **Planning applications**

11/00464/FUL – application for the erection of one & half storey front extension to be used as a self contained annex to The Chumleys and erection of a single storey rear extension at The Chumleys, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported

11/00537/FUL – application to erect a new detached double garage and convert existing garage to games room at 9 The Spinney, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

### **Community Safety Group**

No items, meeting due 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011.  
Report of damage to the wall alongside 'Neddy's Jitty'

### **Farnsfield Village Centre**

No items to report.

### **Agenda items for the next meeting**

None.

### **Vote of thanks**

Cllr Davis proposed a vote of thanks to the three Councillors retiring at the election. Cllrs. GD Stafford and AD Jepson both serving 20 years on the Council and FA Reynolds, 28 years. This was supported unanimously.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair), B McDowall, P Smith, L Weaver, L Selby  
M Salt, Clerk.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. PJ Elliott and R Reeves.

## **Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

All present signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk.

Declarations of interest were also completed.

The Chairman welcomed the new members of the Council, Cllrs. P Smith and L Weaver.

## **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

11/00630/FUL – change of use from paddock land to residential to enable the creation of a hard surfaced tennis court with surround fencing at Farnsfield Hall, Blidworth Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

11/00646/FUL– application for a single storey front and rear extensions at 5 The Spinney, Farnsfield

Application supported.

There were no decisions from Newark & Sherwood District Council to note.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Midlands Rural Housing stating that the land owned by Messrs Hazard at the rear of Greenacres, Brickyard Lane was the area selected for a scheme of affordable housing for 22 dwellings.

Cllr David requested that the tree on the Green be pruned and commented that weeds were growing in the gaps on the pavements.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.

## **FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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### **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis (Chair), PJ Elliott, R Reeves, P Smith, L Weaver  
M Salt, Clerk, Dist Cllr. B Laughton.

### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. A Farr, M Hamilton,  
L Selby, B McDowall.  
Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist Cllr N Armstrong

### **Appointment of Chairman**

Cllr Clarke proposed that Cllr Hamilton be re-elected for a further year (he had indicated would be agreeable to stand if proposed), seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.

### **Appointment of Vice Chair**

Cllr Elliott proposed Cllr Selby (also indicated would accept the post if re-elected), seconded by Cllr Reeves and agreed unanimously.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.33pm

Dist Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that following the recent election there was no overall control of the District Council, with Conservatives in a minority administrative role.

He stated that the Planning Committee resumed on 24<sup>th</sup> Mat 2011.

The clerk informed the meeting of the recent response from Notts. CC regarding the complaint made concerning the state of the footpath on Station Lane. A copy of the response was handed to Cllr Laughton for him to make further enquiries following the comment from NCC that the footpath was in an apparent satisfactory condition.

Cllr Laughton informed the meeting of the discussions with representatives of the Tennis Club, also attended by Cllr Stewart. He stated that a joint funding project was being considered involving Tennis Club proposals and the potential re-siting/replacement of play equipment.

Phil Beard of Newark and Sherwood DC had agreed to obtain a draft plan to include the Tennis Club proposals and relocation of the play equipment. Funding would not be available until 2012 but the proposals would require completing by September 2011.

He also stated that he was in consultation with Mike Catchpole, Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the state of the trees overshadowing the houses adjacent to the MRG play area and parts of the play area.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.45pm.

### **Appointment of Committee members Recreation Grounds Committee**

Cllrs. K Clarke, A Farr, L Weaver and R Reeves.

### **Village Centre Committee**

Cllr K Clarke, A Farr, P Smith

### **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Cllrs R Davis, PJ Elliott, P Smith, B McDowall

### **Representatives on Outside Committees**

Football – Cllr R Reeves

Cricket – Cllr K Clarke

Bowls/Tennis – Cllr P Elliott

Church – Cllr K Clarke

Church Clock – Cllr R Davis

Snow Warden – Cllr L Weaver

Police Liaison – Cllr L Selby

Farnsfield Charity – Cllrs L Selby, P Smith and P Elliott

### **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Reeves, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Reeves and agreed.

Cllr Elliott requested that further clarification should be provided regarding the expenditure of S106 monies and a balance be produced to assist any future discussions and potential sums available for the replacement of play equipment.

He referred to the comments made by Cllr Laughton and stated that should the project go ahead there would be a requirement for funding contribution from the Parish Council in support of that from NCC and District Councils, plus other funding bodies.

## **Declarations of Interest**

None

## **Recreation Grounds**

1. Memorial Recreation ground – nothing reported
2. The Acres - Damage caused to trees by youths building a camp in the woods.
3. Southwell Road - Nothing reported.
4. Wilson's Field - Nothing reported.

**Footpaths and highways** - Footpaths on Station Lane, response received from Notts. County Council stating that no action was required – passed to Cllr Laughton to follow up.

Acknowledgement received from Notts. CC regarding the request for a baffle to be placed in the street light outside Eaton House on Main Street plus the pruning of the tree on The Green.

## **Parish Plan**

**Planning** – no items.

**Education and sport** – no report.

**Environment and tourism** – no items.

**Public Transport** – Acknowledgement received from Notts. CC regarding damage repair to the bus stop opposite Allsorts.

**Communications** – Newsletter to be published in /June following receipt of information regarding the library volunteer scheme.

## **Correspondence**

The various items of correspondence were noted.

## **Finance**

**Accounts** – The Clerk produced a schedule of payments made by BACS amounting to £9157.88, after scrutiny the schedule was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Reeves and agreed.

## **S 137 Request**

A request from St Michael's School for £128 for the provision of DARE T shirts was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Reeves and agreed.

## **Planning applications**

The following applications were considered:

11/00463/FUL – demolition of existing detached bungalow and erection of a replacement detached dwelling at Holly Grove, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield

After some consideration it was agreed there were no grounds upon which to oppose the application nor was there a need for a site visit. Comments were noted from local residents regarding the potential impact upon neighbouring premises and proposed roof height. The application was supported.

11/00535/FUL – installation of a solar photovoltaic array to south facing slope of six detached single storey poultry sheds and erection of ancillary electrical equipment at Baulker Site Bungalow, Baulker Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

### **Community Safety Group**

Update to be available at the next meeting.

### **Agenda items for the next meeting**

Consideration of the recommendations from the Tennis Club proposals and meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, B McDowall, R Reeves, L Selby (Chair), P Smith, L Weaver  
M Salt, Clerk, Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist Cllr. B Laughton.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Hamilton.

## **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.33pm.

Cllr Stewart stated that he was aware that the letter sent by Jo Horton regarding the pavement on Station Lane had been handed to Cllr Laughton. It was accepted that the pavement was not in a perfect state but did not warrant immediate attention.

He referred to the meeting held with the Tennis Club and other representatives and said that he was of the view that Phil Beard had left the meeting with a different view of what was required and some liaison was necessary to get things back on track. After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Elliott should lead on behalf of the Council and liaise with Phil Beard with a view to getting a report top the meeting to be held in July.

Lesley Healey was in attendance from the Tennis Club.

Cllr Davis stated that there was a problem with blocked drains on Cockett Lane at the junction with Mansfield Road, this has been reported to NCC.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.53pm.

## **Declarations of Interest**

None

## **Recreation Grounds**

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – no items raised; the proposals made by the Tennis Club were discussed earlier in the meeting.

2. **Acres** – The Clerk stated that he had received an invoice for the work on the football pitch but it appeared that more work was required and there was no evidence that the ground had been re-seeded; confirmed by Cllr Reeves. He would pursue this with Ulyetts. Cllr Clarke said that she had been approached by a resident concerning litter, drinking and furniture left at the Acres.
3. **Parfitt Drive** – No items to report
4. **Wilson's Field** – No items to report

### **Footpaths and highways**

Station Lane was covered earlier.

Comments were made regarding the need to cut back the nettles etc on several paths in the village.

The weeds require treatment on Sunnyside – NSDC to deal.

Overgrown hedges at Farnsfield Lodge, Wheatsheaf and Rose Cottage.

The bricks from a vandalised wall are still in Footpath 9, Neddy's Jitty.

Branston Avenue/Ridgeway Close, the road appears to be collapsing into a drain.

### **Parish Plan Reports**

**Planning** – The Clerk stated that he had sent a letter to NSDC Planning regarding the application at The Wickets. No other matters.

**Education and sport** – no reports

**Environment and tourism** – the Clerk asked Cllr McDowall to liaise with Judith Milnes, Local History Society, regarding her request for the use of notice boards.

**Transport** – bus stop opposite Allsorts being repaired; the bus stop on Mansfield Road being replaced; both by NCC.

**Correspondence** – the newsletter to be re-drafted and made ready for circulation.

### **Finance**

**Accounts** – The Clerk commented on the accounts circulated previously containing payments amounting to £4218.61; these were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Farr and approved.

**Accounts for 2010-11** – The papers containing a breakdown and details of the accounts compiled by the Clerk and subject to audit by the Internal Auditor, Dennis Kenyon, were considered by the meeting. They were recommended for approval by Cllr Reeves, seconded by Cllr Smith and approved unanimously.

Sections 1 and 2 of the annual return were also completed and signed.

**Freedom of information request** – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a request for information regarding S 106 agreements and the amount the Council had spent on sport and sporting groups in the village over the past 20 years. A schedule was circulated with the papers for the meeting detailing the amounts received under S 106 and the amounts spent on children's play equipment in replacement

and repair since 2003. The request was from Sue Connor. Cllr Davis was of the view that the Council was only obliged to supply information for the past 6 years but it was agreed that the information compiled should be sent in reply. It was noted that whilst cash grants had been made to the Bowls and Tennis Clubs, no rent for the land was charged and if that were to have been the case both would have paid circa £25,000 each over the period. No grants had been made to the Cricket Club as there had been no requests and the Council owns the football pitches and charges rent for the teams using them.

The account balance remaining from the S106 grants is £18,812.84p. It was proposed that a summative response be sent as per the details provided by the Clerk; should further information be required the accounts are available for inspection or more detailed work could be undertaken over a period of time. Seconded by Cllr Reeves and agreed.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.40pm to permit Dist. Cllr Laughton, who had joined the meeting to comment.

A brief discussion took place regarding planning matters and he was updated regarding the information provided to Cllr Stewart.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.46pm.

### **Planning applications**

The following applications were considered:

11/00605/FUL – application for a pitched roof over existing garage and erection of timber carport at Greenfields, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

11/00364/FUL – application to remove existing pan tiles and replace with new and remove existing cladding and replace with new at Limes Lodge, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

Recent planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Department/Committee were noted.

### **Community Safety Group**

Cllr Selby provided an update from the meeting held at Farnsfield on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Most villages appeared to be having a 'quiet period' with only minor matters being discussed.

Cllr Selby asked if another Councillor could be nominated to attend in the absence of herself or Cllr Hamilton; Cllr Farr volunteered.

### **Farnsfield Village Centre**

Cllr Clarke asked if the lighting could be checked and bubs/tubes replaced; the light switch in the Lower Hall to be replaced and the boarding on the disabled ramp to be completed during the summer break.

**Consideration of the proposals to re-develop Lady Goodwin's Corner, Memorial Recreation Ground** – item adjourned to July awaiting reports to be considered.

### **Agenda items for the next meeting**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair),  
B McDowall, L Selby, P Smith, L Weaver  
M Salt, Clerk, Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist Cllr. B Laughton.

Also present Co Cllr A Stewart and Dist Cllr N Armstrong

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Reeves

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.31pm to allow public discussion.

Cllr Armstrong informed the meeting that the planning application had not been approved on the grounds that objections were made by District Councillors to preserve public open space.

Cllr Stewart stated that a notice would be installed on Mansfield Road in time for the winter to advise motorists of icy conditions.

Cllr Armstrong stated that she had been in touch with the Head of Planning at N&SDC regarding the overgrown trees adjacent to Lady Goodwin's Corner; a TPO was in place and she and Cllr Laughton had met with neighbours to discuss the issues.

Cllr Stewart stated that speeding vehicles on Mansfield Road was raised at the last Safer Neighbourhood meeting.

Cllr Elliott provided an update regarding his negotiations regarding the Tennis Club proposals and the development of Lady Goodwin's Corner. He said that he had contacted Phil Beard N&SDC regarding the outline plans for the area; he was advised by PB that there were different sizes for the 'kidzone' and had looked at the mid-sized one at a potential cost of £11,000 + VAT, with a practice wall and no fencing. Site plans had been requested by the end of July 2011.

It was agreed that the Tennis Club had requested the full sized area with fencing. Cllr Stewart stated that potential funding could come from the County Council Local Improvement Scheme, supported by donations from the Parish and District Councils; match funded by a bid to WREN.

The fencing at the Tennis Club will be moved in the next week, the courts resurfaced within the next 2 years and the lights improved by Christmas; all funded by the Tennis Club.

Cllr Elliott re-iterated that the Lady Goodwin's Corner project was a community one not a Tennis Club one, and the facilities would be available to all.

Steve Dennis complained regarding the state of the road on the Ridgeway and was advised to contact NCC via their website.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.03pm.

### **Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott and seconded by Cllr Farr and agreed.

### **Declarations of Interest**

None

### **Recreation Grounds**

1. **Memorial Recreation Ground** – no items raised; the proposals made by the Tennis Club were discussed earlier in the meeting.
2. **Acres** – no matters arising
3. **Parfitt Drive** – No items to report
4. **Wilson's Field** – No items to report

### **Footpaths and highways**

Cllr Davis reported that the sewers on Cockett Lane/Main Street/Beck Lane were blocked and were being dealt with by Severn Trent.

### **Parish Plan Reports**

**Planning** –No matters to report.

**Education and sport** – no reports

**Environment and tourism** – the Clerk asked Cllr McDowall to liaise with Judith Milnes, Local History Society, regarding her request for the use of notice boards.

**Transport** –No items

**Communications** –newsletter circulated.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated items of correspondence for noting.

### **Finance**

Accounts – The Clerk commented on the accounts circulated previously containing payments amounting to £4733.35p; these were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

## **Planning applications**

11/00924/FUL – application for the installation of 14 photovoltaic panels on house and extension roofs at Pilgrims Progress, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported

11/00936/ADV – replacement of pub signage at The Red Lion Public House, Main Street, Farnsfield  
Application supported

11/00749/FUL – application for the erection of a two storey extension and conservatory to the rear, pitched roof over flat roof to side and front and porch to front at Cherry Trees, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.  
Application supported

## **Community Safety Group**

Cllr Selby reported that there was no much happening at present and had nothing to report.

## **Village Centre**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the County Council was seeking volunteers to increase the opening times of the library; they had 3 volunteers to date and an advertisement was in the Parish Newsletter. Work would commence in the library during the summer break to install the automatic recording machines and undertake some minor alterations.

## **Consideration of the proposals to re-develop Lady Goodwin's Corner, Memorial Recreation Ground**

Update provided earlier by Cllr Elliott.

## **Agenda Items for the next meeting**

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair), R Reeves, L Selby, P Smith, L Weaver  
M Salt, Clerk, Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist Cllr. B Laughton.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. PJ Elliott and B McDowall.

## **Skatepark proposals – presentation**

Sam Turpin, Benny Meyrick and Matt Finnegan (Thomas Burton unable to attend) gave a presentation to the Council for proposals for a skate park in Farnsfield

The presentation was well received and it was agreed that Cllr Clarke should lead on the project and scope out some firm plans and costs. Cllr Smith also agreed to assist.

It was considered that the proposal could be included in the funding applications for Lady Goodwin's Corner development.

## **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

11/01103/FUL – proposed residential development of 4 bungalow dwellings at Silverwood, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported – concern expressed regarding insufficient off street parking and potential parking problems in a busy area at morning and afternoon school times.

11/00873/FUL– erection of single wind turbine, 50m hub height, 77m to blade tip at Baulker Poultry Farm, Baulker Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported

11/01180/FUL – erection of recreational building at Wheelgate Park, White Post, Farnsfield.

Application supported

11/01156/FUL – erection of wind turbine (50 m to hub, 67m to tip) and transformer kiosk at Combs Farm, Combs Lane, Farnsfield.  
Application supported

11/00968/FUL – change of use from barn to ancillary residential accommodation to existing farmhouse at Forest Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.  
Application supported.

To note Planning Decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC  
Decisions received from Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

### **Appraisal of the proposals for development of Lady Goodwin's Corner.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had met with representatives from three organisations and had requested proposals for the development of Lady Goodwin's Corner incorporating the 'kidzone' and children's play equipment.

He produced the three schemes and stated that the costs ranged from £55,000 to £100,000 but were only suggestions and not a final scheme proposal. He also stated that he and Cllr Hamilton had met with representatives of the Tennis Club and informed them of progress the previous Friday.

It was agreed that the Clerk use the outline proposals as a base for the funding applications to Notts. County Council. District Council and WREN.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair), L Selby, P Smith,

Also present M Salt, Co Cllr A Stewart and Dist Cllr B Laughton

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Reeves, L Weaver, PJ Elliott, B McDowall

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.32pm.

The Clerk provided an update regarding the progress of the funding application for Lady Goodwin's Corner. He said that he had met with Phil Beard and agreed the level of consultation to be undertaken, copies of the plans in the Village Centre, on notice boards and to St Michael's School, letters of support would be required and a contribution from all parties involved including the Tennis Club.

Cllr Stewart said that he had received and signed the funding application under the LIS scheme; the Clerk is progressing the WREN application in consultation with Phil Beard.

Cllr Stewart stated that the 'icing notice' signs would be installed on Mansfield Road, the Clerk commented that the bus stop on Mansfield Road had been installed by NCC.

Cllr Laughton/Cllr Stewart commented upon the 50mph speed limit installed on the A614/A6097 stating that the preferred option was to install average speed cameras but these could not be installed unless a 50mph limit was in place. The long term plan is to have a 60mph limit.

Cllr Laughton stated that the LD Framework had been adopted by Newark and Sherwood District Council requiring the provision of 33 additional houses in Farnsfield instead of the estimated 200 in the previous framework.

A discussion took place regarding violations of the 30mph speed limit on Mansfield Road and the feasibility of installing an interactive sign. Cllr

Stewart agreed to look into the matter with an understanding that the Parish Council could make a financial contribution towards the estimated cost of £3,500 per sign.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.05pm.

### **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Farr and agreed.

### **Declarations of interest**

None

### **Co-option of Councillor**

The Clerk reported that following advertisement in the village to fill the vacant seat following the May election he had received one application from Elaine Holt. Cllr Davis proposed that Elaine Holt be co-opted to the Council, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.

### **Recreational areas**

- **Memorial Recreation Ground** – the Clerk reported that he had met with WKW Tree specialists and surveyed the trees on the site. It had been agreed that some severe pruning was required to remove the overhanging branches and dead wood. Estimate to be forwarded. (It was also noted that Cllrs Laughton and Armstrong – N&SDC were involved in consultation with neighbours regarding the state of the trees). No other issues on the site.
- **Wilson's Field** – no problems to report.
- **Parfitt Drive** – no problems on the play area. This area was also surveyed by WKW and it was agreed that the Chestnut trees along the road required removing and replacing due to disease and the entire site coppicing. Estimates awaited. The Clerk suggested that seating be installed around the electricity junction box to prevent further impact damage to the box – the damaged box being replaced at a cost of £950, this was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed.
- **The Acres** – no problems, the football pitch is beginning to recover. It is proposed that the tree work in the woodland area is limited to work to service the damaged trees in view of the amount of work required at MRG and Parfitt Drive.

### **Footpaths and Highways**

Cllr Davis commented that weeds were growing in the gutters and in some places on the road surface.

## **Parish Plan Reports**

**Planning** –N&SDC consultative meeting to be held on 21 October 2011 at the Village Centre.

**Education and sport** – update re Lady Goodwin’s Corner proposals earlier in the minutes

**Environment and tourism** – consideration of the installation of Christmas lights in the village – more details to be available later.

**Transport** –Bus shelter on Mansfield Road installed

**Communications** –newsletter to be compiled to include the consultation for Lady Goodwin’s Corner proposals.

## **Correspondence**

Various items of correspondence were circulated at the meeting.

## **Finance reports**

- **Accounts** – the Clerk went through the list of accounts previously circulated to members. The list comprised of 22 payments amounting to £8814.61. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.
- **S137 Grant application** – An application for a grant of £250 is received from Farnsfield First Responder. Cllr Clarke proposed that it be paid, seconded by Cllr Farr and agreed.

## **Planning applications**

None received

The planning applications received from Newark and Sherwood District Council were noted.

## **Community Safety Group**

No matters to report

## **Village Centre**

No items

## **Agenda items for the next meeting**

None

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, L Selby (Chair), P Smith, B McDowall, E Holt.

Also present M Salt,

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Reeves, L Weaver, PJ Elliott, M Hamilton

## **Welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed Elaine Holt to the Council. Declaration of acceptance of office having been completed.

## **Farnsfield Youth Project**

The Council received a presentation from Sean Ryan regarding the provision of a mobile youth project vehicle to visit Farnsfield on a fortnightly basis from 6pm – 8pm to engage young people on off street activities, games etc.

The vehicle was brought to the village and its facilities presented to the Councillors.

The project received unanimous support and Sean agreed to keep the Council appraise regarding the response to the project.

It was suggested that the most ideal location would be Parfitt Drive car park.

## **Christmas Lights**

Robert Griffiths of Civic Pride attended the meeting, at the request of the Council, and discussed potential schemes to install Christmas lights in the village. It was agreed that he would compile a scheme with costs available for consideration at the next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

## **Declarations of Interest**

None

## **Planning applications**

11/01270/FUL – demolition of existing detached bungalow and erection of a replacement detached dwelling at Holly Grove, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

11/00945/FUL – application to erect a single storey extension to the front of Maythorne Lodge, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

11/01334/FUL – application to erect a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at Appledorne, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.  
Application deferred due to there being no plans on N&SDC website

The decisions made by Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted.

A discussion took place to update developments regarding the proposed development of Lady Goodwin's Corner and the request for a Skate Park.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, L Selby (Chair), P Smith, B McDowall, E Holt, R Reeves.

Also present M Salt, Co Cllr A Stewart.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs L Weaver, PJ Elliott, M Hamilton, A Farr

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm.

Cllr Stewart reported that the County Council had received responses to the amended 30mphg speed limit proposed for Mansfield Road, extending it to the Village signs.

He commented that there may be a possibility of installing interactive 30mph signs but the Parish may be required to contribute.

Winter preparations have been made and local farmers contacted, contact to be made with the Snow Warden.

At a recent conference of The Ramblers suggested that members may conduct inspections and submit reports regarding the condition of the footpaths.

Cllr Holt made comments regarding the amount of dog mess on the Southwell Trail and she had contacted Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the installation of dog bins.

Cllr Smith expressed his concerns to Cllr Stewart regarding the lack of communication regarding the consultation exercise undertaken by N&SDC regarding the proposed housing development in Farnsfield. He commented that he believed he had been misled by Cllr Laughton who stated at the last meeting that Farnsfield was to have an additional 33 houses, but the actual figure is 105 houses. He vehemently expressed his

concerns and was supported by Cllrs Davis and Holt regarding the level of communication from N&SDC.

Cllr Stewart acknowledged to comments and offered to pass them on to Cllr Laughton who was unable to attend at Farnsfield due to other commitments.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.02pm.

### **Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 11 October 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed.

### **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

### **Recreation Grounds**

The Clerk stated that he had met with WKW Tree Services and had received a programme to cut back the trees overhanging the MRG Play area, coppice the trees/bushes on Parfitt Drive and address the damage cause to the trees in the copse at the end of the Acres. Quotes for tree work on Parfitt Drive, to deal with the diseased Chestnut trees and overhanging trees on New Hill were awaited. The Clerk recommended that the proposed work be undertaken in order to restore the programme of tree management. This was agreed, proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Clarke.

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – no other issues

**Wilson's Field** – no issues

**The Acres** – no issues

**Parfitt Drive** – The Clerk stated that he had had a meeting to consider improvements to the play area, rectify the defective gates and consider the installation of a knee high fence along the entrance to the car park to prevent motorist from accessing the open space area and damaging the area. It was agreed to repair the gates but take no action regarding the proposed fencing. The Clerk stated that he had received quotes to install two bench seats near to the electricity box and the installation of the seats was agreed.

### **Parish Plan Reports**

**Planning** – It was agreed that there would be a need to discuss the contents of the Options Report and provide a Parish response.

**Education and sport** – no items

**Environment and tourism** – consideration of the installation of Christmas lights in the village

**Transport** – no items

**Communications** –newsletter circulated.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.40pm

Nigel Caldicott provided an update regarding the Tennis Club – the proposed floodlights would require planning consent as the existing posts would need to be removed and new 8m posts installed. The light would be much improved with diffusers to prevent light spillage. He anticipated that the Parish Council would be consulted.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.43pm.

### **Correspondence**

Various items of correspondence were circulated at the meeting.

### **Finance reports**

- **Accounts** – the Clerk went through the list of accounts previously circulated to members. The list comprised of 12 payments amounting to £5085.82. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed.

### **Planning applications**

The following applications were considered:

11/01334/FUL - application for the erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at Appledorne, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

11/01371/FUL – erection of single wind turbine with hub height of 55m and blade tip height of 71m at Rufford Forest Farm, Kirklington Road, Farnsfield.

No details available – adjourned.

11/00873/FUL – amended application to erect a single wind turbine 50m hub height, 77m to blade tip height at Baulker Poultry Farm, Baulker Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Cllr Davis requested guidelines for the consideration of wind turbine applications.

### **Community Safety Group**

No report.

### **Farnsfield Village Centre**

No issues.

### **Christmas Lights**

The Clerk reported that he had received a quote for the installation of lights in the trees on the Main Street at a cost of £1750 per tree plus the installation of a power supply on the light standards. It was agreed that the costs were too high and should be re-considered in 2012 should finances permit.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair), L Selby, P Smith, E Holt,

Also present M Salt, Dist Cllr B Laughton, Dist Cllr R Blaney.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs L Weaver, PJ Elliott, A Farr, B McDowall.

## **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm to permit the members of the public to present their views regarding the proposed housing development in Farnsfield.

Cllr Laughton responded to questions from the members of the public. He accepted that it was difficult for Newark & Sherwood DC to notify individuals across the district regarding the consultation meetings and had to rely upon the publication of posters to inform the public of the consultation process.

He accepted that he had quoted an inaccurate figure of 33 houses at the last Parrish Council meeting and apologised for his error.

Comment was made regarding the use of green belt sites as opposed to brown field sites.

The allocation of school places was considered inadequate and Cllr Laughton stated that the allocation was based upon Government formulae.

Detailed discussions took place regarding the allocation of mixed use of the sited and the inadequacies of the infrastructure to cope with the proposed developments.

Cllr Laughton stated that this was a consultation exercise and comments should be made in order for an appropriate decision to be made.

A further open meeting was requested but it was stated that this could not happen as an additional meeting had been arranged at Newark on 12 November 2011 and the consultation period extended until 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Cllr Roger Blaney joined the meeting at 8.05pm having been delayed at the Planning Committee meeting at Newark & Sherwood DC.

He responded to many questions from the public and urged all of the members present to submit their concerns to Newark & Sherwood DC in order that an informed decision could be made. He stressed that no decisions had been made, the areas of land in the proposals were included as the owners offered them for development and if there were other appropriate areas of land these should be identified for consideration.

He concluded by stating that there were 2 weeks left for the public to make comment, a decision would then be made based upon the information received.

Comment was made that there were two sets of consultative questions and he responded by stating that the electronic version captured the same information but in a manner capable of collation and interpretation electronically, but in essence was the same process.

Both Cllrs Laughton and Blaney were thanked for their attendance and information provided. Standing Orders were resumed at 8.55pm.

### **Planning applications**

The following applications were considered:

11/01435/FUL – erection of conservatory at the rear of Limes Cottage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported

11/01371/FUL – erection of single wind turbine with hub height of 55m and blade tip height of 71m at Rufford Forest Farm, Kirklington Road, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

### **Lady Goodwin's Corner Proposals**

The Clerk reported that the funding application had been submitted to WREN.

### **Planning Consultation Document**

It was agreed that the Clerk would formulate a response and circulate to Councillors for comments prior to submitting it to Newark & Sherwood DC.

### **Tree Planting Parfitt Drive**

The Clerk reported that he had received quotes from WKW regarding the replacement of tress on Parfitt Drive and the pruning of trees on New Hill. It was agreed to progress with the proposals.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

# **FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd November 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chair), R Reeves, L Selby, E Holt, B McDowall, L Weaver

Also present M Salt, Dist Cllr N Armstrong

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs PJ Elliott and P Smith

## **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

## **Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis following a request from Cllr Holt that her comments regarding dog mess on Southwell Trail and communications regarding lack of dog bins with Newark & Sherwood District Council, be included. Seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.36pm to permit the members of the public present to comment.

A general discussion took place regarding the consultation exercise conducted by Newark and Sherwood District Council for the proposals to designate sites for future housing development in Farnsfield. The Chairman provided an update of the discussions from the previous meetings and the actions taken by Farnsfield Parish Council in response to the consultation.

Dist Cllr Armstrong gave details of the consultation process undertaken by Newark and Sherwood District Council following the adoption of the N&SDC Local Plan and encouraged all to respond in the consultation exercise if they had comments. She stated that local views would all be considered before any final decisions are made by Newark & Sherwood District Council. The meeting was reminded that the consultation period ends on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The Clerk agreed to place response forms in the Library should they be required; details of the N&SDC website were

also made available plus the Parish Council website where a hyperlink had been added to the N&SDC website for easier electronic responses to be made.

A discussion ensued regarding how to communicate better within the village as concerns were aired regarding the patchy circulation of the Trader used to circulate the Parish Newsletter around the village. Cllr Farr suggested that some publicity should be placed in local shops; Cllr Holt offered to circulate additional copies if provided with a supply of the newsletters. The Clerk informed the meeting that the next Newsletter would be published in December summarising the recent events.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8pm.

## **Recreation Grounds**

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – Orders placed for the pruning of the trees. The applications for funding to re-develop the play area have been submitted and discussions have been held with WREN and NCC

**Wilson's Field** – no issues

**The Acres** – no issues

**Parfitt Drive** – The gates to the play area have been repaired. A considerable amount of damage has been caused to the grassed area by cars being driven on to the area from the car park. The Clerk repeated his request to install knee high fencing along the borders of the car park entrance driveway. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.

## **Parish Plan Reports**

**Planning** – Discussed in detail earlier in the meeting

**Education and sport** – no items

**Environment and tourism** – Christmas lighting not to take place in 2011 due to costs involved and lack of budget provision; to be reconsidered early in 2012.

**Transport** – no items

**Communications** – newsletter to be circulated in December. A discussion took place regarding the distribution of the Newsletter and it was agreed, as stated earlier, that Cllr Holt would circulate additional copies in the village. It was noted that the newsletter is put on the Parish website and it was agreed that it could be emailed to anyone requesting it, providing that they have the appropriate software to open it.

## **Footpaths and Highways**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the second cut of the footpaths and hedges had taken place.

An update was provided regarding the road accident at the junction of Ridgeway and Main Street damaging the seat and demolishing the litter bin. The Clerk stated that he had contacted the owner of the vehicle and

had obtained an agreement for the damaged items to be repaired/replaced by the vehicle owner.

### **Correspondence**

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

### **Finance**

1. The schedule of accounts containing details of 8 payments amounting to £2726.20, previously circulated, was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.
2. Following a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 the recommendation from the Committee was that the precept for 2012-13 be set at the same level as 2011-12 at £63,000, in order to reflect the current economic situation.  
Cllr Reeves proposed that the precept for 2012-2013 be set at £63,000, Seconded BY Cllr Holt and agreed unanimously.

### **Planning applications**

The following application was considered:

11/01490/FUL - application for the erection of timber fence to front boundary (retrospective) at Hothorpe, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

### **Community Safety Group**

Cllr Selby provided a brief update following the last meeting of the group. In summary the local problems consist of burglaries in Farnsfield, drink related incidents and concerns regarding scrap metal dealers circulating around the village; village signs stolen from Cockett Lane and Blidworth Lane.

### **Farnsfield Village Centre**

Gas cooker removed due to enhanced safety regulations for commercial cookers unable to be met at the VC. The cooker has been installed by an electric range domestic cooker and the old gas one sold to defray the costs.

### **Agenda items for the next meeting**

None

The meeting closed at 9pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis (Chairman), A Farr, E Holt, B McDowall, P Smith.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs PJ Elliott, R Reeves, L Selby

## **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

## **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

11/01710/FUL – application to remove existing conservatory and re-build extension over same position at Poachers Cottage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

11/01635/FUL – retrospective planning application for the change of use of agricultural land to a tank driving track, use Class D2 (outdoor leisure) at Far Baulker Farm, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield.  
Application supported

11/01683/FUL – retrospective planning application for the change of use of an agricultural building and associated hard standing to use Class D2 (leisure use) for a go-kart track at Far Baulker Farm, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield.  
Application supported.

11/1560/FUL – erection of front porch and single detached garage, alterations to form new drive and access. Conversion of integral garage to additional living accommodation at Wynfield, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.  
Application supported.

## **Decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC**

The planning decisions made by N&SDC were noted.

Cllr Holt stated that she had been contacted by Patrick Stevens regarding issues in the conservation area, firstly the erection of a fence at Pear Tree Cottage, Brickyard Lane and secondly the state of the outbuildings at Burgess House, Main Street.

Cllr Smith raised concerns regarding the state of the paving slabs adjacent to the lay-by on the Ridgeway; the Clerk to raise the matter with Mr Gascoine as he has retained ownership of the land.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, E Holt, R Reeves, L Selby (Chairman), P Smith, L Weaver.

Also present Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist Cllr B Laughton (later).

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs M Hamilton, B McDowall, A Farr.

## **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

## **The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm for public discussion**

Concerns were raised regarding repeated incidents of dog mess on the footpaths around Broomfield Lane, New Hill area and Main Street, Brickyard Lane and Alexander Avenue. The Clerk to request enforcement from Newark & Sherwood District; information was also requested regarding the timings of the occurrences in order to focus enforcement. An insert into a newsletter regarding dog control would be appropriate.

Co Cllr Stewart said that he had made enquiries regarding an interactive speed sign for Mansfield Road and sought approval for a temporary sign near to Cockett Lane; this was agreed.

He went on to state that Sunnyside pathway had been resurfaced; it was agreed that it was vastly improved.

Cllr Stewart stated that he had received a request for funding regarding re-flooring the Lower Hall at the Village Centre; the request received from the dance school proprietors. The Clerk provided an update regarding a similar request and discussions with the Dance School. They were desirous of expanding the range of classes and age groups. The floor in the lower hall was not suitable for tap dancing as after use a considerable amount of work was required to clean it. They would also extend the use of the VC. The Clerk suggested that the floor be renewed with hard wood boarding at a cost of £4000; Cllr Stewart had agreed to offer £1000 from the County Council; additional money would come from income into the

VC, the current floor was in need of repair and would cost several hundred pounds; a grant application is also being prepared. Cllr Clarke proposed that a new floor, as discussed, be installed, seconded by Cllr. Holt and agreed unanimously. Cllr Stewart was thanked for his support.

Cllr Stewart said that he was in discussions with the History Society regarding an information board and he was arranging for one to be provided to them; he was informed that similar discussions had taken place with the Parish Council.

The Localism Bill was briefly discussed and information was provided that the District Council was going back to Committees.

Pot holes in the village were discussed and the Clerk to compile a list and send to NCC.

The Clerk provided a brief update regarding the funding application for Lady Goodwin's Corner.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8pm.

### **Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Reeves and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr, Holt and approved.

### **Recreation Grounds**

**Acres** – no items

**Wilson's Field** – no items

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – decisions awaited regarding the funding application. Tree work still pending.

**Parfitt Drive** – fencing completed; tree work commenced around the car park area.

### **Footpaths and highways**

Pot holes were discussed earlier in the meeting and the problem areas identified are:

New Hill/Station Lane, Alexander Road, Nether Court, Longland Lane, Mansfield Road, Main Street (opposite old Co-op), Branston Avenue, Cockett Lane. The Clerk to submit a defect report to NCC.

### **Correspondence**

Various items of correspondence received were circulated and noted.

## **Parish Plan**

**Planning** – no items District Plan consultation due March 2012

**Education and sport** – no items

**Environment and tourism** – no items

**Transport** – no items

**Communications** – Newsletter to be published – target date 12<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Holt reported that she had received good feedback from the posting of the newsletter on the notice board near the Co-op, she also volunteered to hold a supply of Newsletters and distribute them on request.

District Cllr. Laughton joined the meeting and provided a brief update regarding District provision for funding Jubilee events. He said that there was a grant fund available at Newark & Sherwood DC from which grants of up to £500 can be made to support events. Applications to be made to Kirsty Cole.

## **Finance**

1. The schedule of accounts containing details of 18 payments amounting to £9026.23, previously circulated, was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed.

## **Planning applications**

The following application was considered:

11/01643/FUL - application for the construction of detached double garage/garden store on land adjacent Middle Close, The Spinney, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

## **Community Safety Group**

No report available – next meeting to be held on 12 March 2012.

## **Farnsfield Village Centre**

Leak in the roof found and repaired.

Floor improvements agreed earlier in the meeting.

## **Agenda items for the next meeting**

None

The meeting closed at 9pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chairman), E Holt, B McDowall, R Reeves, L Selby, P Smith  
M Salt Clerk  
Also present Co Cllr A Stewart).

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Weaver.

## **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that speed cameras were due to be installed along the A614 from Leapool to Ollerton in the near future and they would be reviewed in 12 months. The second phase will be the installation of cameras along the A6097.

The 30 mph speed limit would be extended on Cockett Lane but the original proposals did not include this but the proposals have now been amended.

He mentioned the proposals of the County Council to reduce the use of street lighting and referred to the recent consultation letter inviting comments by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider the proposals at the meeting to be held on 13 March 2012 and Cllr Stewart would attend.

It was also agreed that the Clerk would obtain and put up posters around the village and produce a Newsletter to go out in the village by 13 March 2012.

Following the PC discussions on 13 March and any comments from the public the formal response to NCC would be compiled at the meeting of 27 March 2012.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.50pm

## **Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Selby, seconded by Cllr. Davis and approved.

### **Recreation Grounds**

**Acres** – an update was provided on the tree work . Concerns were expressed regarding the walking of dogs in the area and fouling on the football pitch.

**Wilson's Field** – Floodlighting times extended as requested.

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – awaiting the start of the tree work, awaiting the results of the funding application to WREN and NCC. Comments were made regarding the state of the hedge adjacent to the Bowls pavilion.

**Parfitt Drive** – coppicing commenced, awaiting information regarding the replacement of the trees.

### **Footpaths and highways**

Pot holes have, in the main been repaired.

Complaint of a sunken manhole cover on Tippings Lane.

Grass verge on Mansfield Road in poor condition after completion of some utilities work.

### **Correspondence**

Various items of correspondence received were circulated and noted.

### **Parish Plan**

**Planning** – no items District Plan consultation due March 2012

**Education and sport** – no items

**Environment and tourism** – no items

**Transport** – no items

**Communications** – Newsletter to be published in early February and to contain a tribute to Cllr. Paul Elliott.

Cllr Smith commented that the PC website required updating.

### **Finance**

- Accounts – The Clerk had circulated a schedule of accounts containing 17 payments amounting to £6827.05. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr. Selby and approved.
- The Clerk presented a request from the Church Council for a grant towards the costs of maintaining the burial grounds. The request contained expenses from 2010-2011 and it was agreed that a S 137 grant would be made in support of the request, in support of the previous decision of the Council. Cllr Farr proposed that a grant of £500 should be paid, in line with previous grants; seconded by Cllr McDowall and approved.

- S137 application for contribution towards the DARE costs of St Michael's School, to fund the tee shirts @£100. Cllr Reeves proposed that a grant of £100 be provided, seconded by Cllr Smith and approved. ( Cllr Clerk declared an interest and abstained)

### **Planning applications**

12/00135/FUL - application for the construction of two storey extensions to the side & rear and detached storey building to the rear garden at Maedene, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.  
Application supported

11/01249/FUL – application to extend the attached garages to a distance of a further 1400mm wide to allow garages to be used for a modern car, replace flat roofs with low pitch tiles cut roof at 21&23 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield.  
Application supported

11/01761/FUL – upgrading the existing floodlighting system at Farnsfield Tennis Club, New Hill, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

### **Community Safety Group**

No items to report – next meeting 12 March 2012

### **Farnsfield Village Centre**

Roof leak repaired.

Upper Hall floor to be resurfaced in the Easter holidays.

Lower Hall floor to be recovered in the near future to coincide with the hall bookings.

### **Agenda items for the next meeting**

Christmas lights

Planning.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chairman), B McDowall, L Selby, L Weaver.

M Salt Clerk

Also present Co Cllr A Stewart).

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs P Smith, E Holt, R Reeves.

## **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

## **Planning applications**

None received

## **Nottinghamshire County Council Proposals to reduce street lighting**

The proposals made by Nottinghamshire County Council to reduce the costs of NCC by approximately £3m by switching off, dimming or reducing the time street lights are lit. There is a potential saving in a parish the size of Farnsfield of £1000pa.

One suggestion was to dim the lights in the village – not possible as only lights on main roads can be dimmed as they are of a much higher wattage.

Concern was expressed regarding the state of the footpaths, particularly on Station Lane.

Cllr Reeves, via the Clerk, raised concerns as the public houses in Farnsfield closed at 12 midnight, coinciding with the proposed times the lights are to be switched off.

The proposals were then considered in detail and it was agreed that all junctions should continue to be lit. The areas around the sheltered housing on Alexander Road, Abbott Crescent and Irving Close should remain lit in the event of emergency calls for support for the residents.

The remainder in the village to be switched off as proposed between the hours of 12 midnight and 5am.

It was also agreed that the lights on Mansfield Road, proposed by NCC to be switched off permanently.

It was agreed that this decision should be reviewed at the meeting of 27 March 2012 when comments from residents could also be considered before the final response to NCC is made by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, E Holt, B McDowall, L Selby (Chair), P Smith, L Weaver.

M Salt Clerk

Also present Co Cllr A Stewart, B Laughton.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs R Reeves A Farr, M Hamilton.

## **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.32pm.

Cllr Stewart reported that discussions were under way regarding the temporary installation of an interactive speed sign on Mansfield Road.

He announced that NCC had put into the budget £30,000 for the grant towards the refurbishment of the play area at Lady Goodwin's Corner.

The Clerk informed the meeting that WREN had offered a grant of £50,000, the maximum applied for but the release of the grant required the contribution from the Parish Council of £5,500 into the WREN funds. This was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.

It was noted that the reported potholes had been repaired.

Cllr Laughton stated that the District Council had not increased the Council Tax but the Police had done so.

Questions were raised regarding the Farnsfield increase of 0.90% showing on the Council Tax statements although there had been no rise in the precept for the Parish. It was noted that this was due to the change in properties in Farnsfield eligible for Council Tax thus showing a slight rise for the remaining properties, such detail would not show at District level.

Cllr Stewart stated that the 50mph speed limit on the A614 was causing a few problems mainly due to queuing traffic attempting to access the A614 but unable to find gaps in the traffic flow as it had evened out. The 50mph limit will be reviewed and a 60mph limit considered over the next 12 months. A roundabout is likely to be installed at Rose Cottage.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.55pm.

### **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

The minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Weaver, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.

### **Recreation Grounds**

**Acres** – Cllr Holt reported an incident of fly tipping which had been dealt with. Comment was made that a den had been constructed in the woods using fencing and damaged trees; this had been reported to the police. Comments were made regarding the frequency of emptying the litter bin.

**Wilson's Field** – Lighting times adjusted.

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – no issues with the equipment following the recent inspection.

**Parfitt Drive** – No issues, no further information regarding the proposed tree work.

### **Footpaths and highways**

Pot holes repaired.

Damaged seat at the bottom of the Ridgeway – an attempt was made to repair the seat but it was found that the concrete is cracked. It was agreed that a black resin type seat be installed.

Two street signs missing – Southwell Road and Main Street.

### **Correspondence**

Various items of correspondence received were circulated and noted.

### **Parish Plan**

**Planning** – no items

**Education and sport** – no items

**Environment and tourism** – no items

**Transport** – no items

**Communications** – Police contact number now 101

Web site updated.

## **Finance**

- Accounts – The Clerk had circulated a schedule of accounts containing 11 payments amounting to £11272.31. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr. Davis and approved.

## **Planning applications**

The following application was considered:

12/00014/FUL – variation of condition 02 of planning permission 11/01371/FUL (Erection of single wind turbine with hub height of 55m and blade tip height of 71m) to revise siting of turbine at Rufford Forest Farm, Centenary Avenue, Rufford

Due to lack of information regarding the re-siting of the turbine it was agreed to advise the District Council of this and reiterate the comments made previously.

## **Community Safety Group**

Cllr Selby reported that the main issues raised at the last meeting related to speeding vehicles, an accident on the A6097, the Notts Police Alert System and a raising of awareness regarding tobacco products.

## **Farnsfield Village Centre**

The Clerk reported that the work on the Hall floors would commence in the Easter holidays, a full electrical safety check would be made to ensure there are no problems.

## **Christmas Lights**

It was agreed to refer the matter to Cllr Hamilton as he had previously suggested that local business owners be contacted regarding any future scheme.

## **Notts. County Council Street Lighting Proposals**

It was noted that the matter had been discussed at the meeting held on 13 March 2012 when the scheme was proposed for acceptance in principle with some amendments noted by Cllr McDowall, circulated at the meeting. The Clerk stated that he had received objections to the proposals from two residents. Cllr Davis proposed that the scheme, as altered on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012, be sent to Notts. CC; seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.