

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th April 2004 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), CG Rhodes,
DGC Slight, GD Stafford.
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs. J Bradbury, F A Reynolds, LM Selby

Planning applications

04/00776/FUL – proposed detached double garage at The Spinney, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

04/00769/OUT – proposed new dwelling at Lyneside, Station Lane, Farnsfield

Application not supported.

Reason – plot considered too small resulting in over-intensification of the site due to the fact that the plot is triangular and will not allow for the provision of a reasonably sized dwelling.

04/00890/FUL – proposed conservatory to the rear of the property at 1 Church Side, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

04/00828/FUL – convert part of barn to accommodation and kitchen/bedroom extension at Forest Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The following decision of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted:

04/00071/FUL – conservatory at the Plough PH, Main Street – approved – (opposed by FPC)

03/02988/FUL – proposed extension to the day care centre, White Post Farm – approved.

04/00100/FUL – extension at 3 Abbott Crescent – approved.

Millennium seating project

Cllr Peet requested an update of the project, agreed by the Millennium Committee and handed over to the Parish Council for completion. Five seats have currently been installed, the cost of providing these to be provided by Cllr Rhodes. Once the cost has been provided the residue of the £1910 transferred from the Millennium Committee will be allocated to the provision of additional seats in the parish. To be installed at the earliest opportunity.

It was agreed that suitable plaques be placed upon each seat.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 27th April, 2004 in the Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllr. J Bradbury (Chairman), M Salt (Clerk)

Councillors present, K Clarke, DGC Slight, AD Jepson, DA Peet, FA Reynolds, G Rhodes.

Dist. Cllr. N Armstrong, Co Cllrs A Stewart, B Laughton

7 members of the public were present.

Minutes of the meeting of 22nd April 2003

The minutes of the meeting were circulated, there were no matters arising, and the minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Clerk's report for 2003-2004

The report was circulated for information.

There was a general discussion regarding the Parish Plan including the support to the process provided by local businesses both in time and financial support.

It was agreed that the report gave a basis for future developments involving the nominated Parish Councillors and support from the volunteer groups. Contact already having been made regarding policing and planning issues.

A discussion took place regarding the recent need for local elections following two vacancies arising on the Council and it was agreed that whilst there can be cost implications there is a democratic right for the public to call for them.

Footpaths were discussed, particularly the one from Beck Lane leading towards the Halifax Bomber Memorial, now fenced off, concerns were expressed that some barbed wire had been used.

The road improvement programme for the Main Street was raised and it was agreed that there would be some considerable improvement so long as the services were co-ordinated and the opportunity was taken to re-instate a village scene consistent with the conservation area.

Concern was expressed regarding the amount of water collecting on the roads during rainfalls, particularly on Cockett Lane opposite Cockett Farm.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 27th April 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllr J Bradbury (Chairman), K J Clarke, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet, FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

None

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Elliott to the Council following his appointment as Councillor.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd March 2004, (full), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Slight and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 20th April, 2004, (planning), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

The minutes of the Village Centre Committee meeting of 20th April 2004 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – Cllr Stafford reported that some attention was needed to the entrance area of the playground as some puddling was occurring. To be checked by Cllr Rhodes.
2. The Acres – Cllr Stafford that he had received comments from residents from Southwell Road area concerning a party on the field and litter deposited. He had checked and all of the rubbish had been bagged up and left correctly for transporting away. The new litter bin has been installed.
3. Southwell Road - No problems reported with the equipment, a check will need to be undertaken regarding the soft surfaced areas, possible lifting.
4. Wilson's Field – The Clerk reported that an Enforcement Officer from Newark & Sherwood District Council had been in contact regarding the erection of the fencing as it was over 2m in height, following a complaint from a nearby resident. The matter was taken up by the Clerk who had advised them that the fencing was installed after consultation with neighbours and the purpose was crime reduction and should it be removed or lowered then all litigation responsibility should be transferred to N&S DC. The requirement to modify the fencing was removed. However the matter of the floodlighting was raised, the same complainant. It was noted that all steps had been taken to rectify the situation but the lights would not

be used again until the autumn when they would be checked. N&S DC have been informed of this.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a reply from Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the naming of Powell Court. The information received indicating that there was a 30 day period where the matter could have been resolved but this was not known or indicated to the Parish Council, (District Councillors in attendance were also unaware of this but recalled the original discussion regarding the proposed name – Pingle Close). The Clerk would contact N&S DC for further advice regarding a name change.

The Clerk reported that he had a local contractor available to deal with any overgrown paths and requested information where attention was required.

Seat installation

Following the transfer of responsibility to the Parish Council from the Millennium Committee to oversee the installation of the agreed seat programme Cllr Rhodes reported that 5 seats had currently been installed, Combs Wood, Cotton Mill Lane, Park Lane, Bronsbeck and Acres Wood, with 4 more to install. The cost to date amounting to £1775 plus Vat, including the additional work required regarding the seat alongside Southwell Trail/Brickyard Lane.

Cllr Slight proposed that the remaining seats be installed and the Parish Council fund the additional costs exceeding the grant from the Millennium Fund, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

It is the wish of the Council that this scheme be completed by the end of June 2004.

Parish Plan

A brief discussion took place concerning the draft guidance to Parish Council in the completion of Parish Plans. It was agreed that the main item was regarding planning currently being pursued with N&S DC by Cllrs Jepson and Peet.

It was also agreed that at future meetings the Councillors agreeing to take a lead on the various parts of the Parish Plan, listed below, would give regular updates at the full council meetings.

- Development and Planning Needs - Cllrs. Jepson and Peet
- Education and Sport - Cllrs. Clarke and Stafford
- Environment and Tourism - Cllrs. Reynolds and Rhodes
- Public Transport - Cllrs. Stafford and Bradbury
- Communications - Cllrs Slight and Bradbury

Correspondence

Several items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

Cllrs. Bradbury, Slight and Peet requested to attend the Interim Parish Meeting at Kelham Hall on 20th May 2004.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts consisting of 11 cheques amounting to £3007.09p, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson. The schedule was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Peet and accepted.

Planning applications

04/00893/FUL - erection of single storey garage with study within roof (alteration to approved scheme) at Swan Lodge, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield

Application supported.

04/00894/LBC - Swan Lodge, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield

Application supported.

04/00982/FUL - proposed first floor extension to existing dwelling at 2 The Sandholes, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

04/00986/FUL – proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling at 4 Spring Lane, Farnsfield

The application was not supported on the grounds of over-intensification of the site and impact upon neighbouring property.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the electrical inspection of the centre had been completed. A review of the fire alarms had taken place and it was proposed that the fire control box be replaced to modernise the system and strobe lights be installed to comply with Disability Discrimination Act requirements, this was agreed.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.42pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th May 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet, G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr FA Reynolds.

Planning applications

04/00973/FUL – siting of mobile home on a temporary basis for an agricultural worker at Lurcher Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield
Application supported.

04/01064/FUL – proposed two storey extension at 17 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/01111/FUL – erection of a conservatory at the rear of 8 The Spinney, Farnsfield
Application supported

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th May 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs J Bradbury (Chairman), PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet, FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.

Clerk M Salt, Co Cllr A Stewart, Co Cllr Laughton, Dist Cllr N Armstrong.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllr KJ Clarke

Update on highway matters

Cllr Jepson gave an update regarding the progress of the current workings on Main Street, detailing the target dates, proposal to change the LGV signs to HGV signs and no waiting proposals. An update was given regarding a discussion between the County Council and Severn Trent regarding the drain system, with an agreement from Severn Trent for NCC to replace a section of drains from the Village Green to Tippings Lane. Concern was again expressed regarding the blocked outlets on Tippings Lane. Cllr Jepson agreed to take this up with NCC Highways.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27th April 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Elliott and agreed

The minutes of 11th May 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

Appointment of officers

The Chairman stated that he would not be continuing in office for a further year and proposed Cllr Peet as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Jepson. There were no other nominations and Cllr Peet was appointed as Chairman and took over from Cllr Bradbury as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

Cllr Slight was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Rhodes , there being no other nominations, Cllr. Slight was appointed as Vice-Chairman.

Committees –

The composition of Committees is as follows;

Finance and General Purposes – Cllrs. Bradbury, Elliott, Jepson, Reynolds

Village Centre – Cllrs. Clarke, Elliott, Selby, Stafford.

Recreation Grounds – Cllrs. Clarke, Rhodes, Selby, Stafford.

Clerk's Report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – Cllr Stafford reported that some damage had been caused to the litter bin, repairs have been affected. The progress of the Section 106 grant from Wimpey was raised as planned developments of the recreational facilities were awaiting this. (Clerk and Cllr Armstrong to pursue the matter with N&SDC)
2. Acres – Cllr Stafford reported that he had arranged for the grass to be cut in the picnic area and the football pitch to be marked out. The guttering on the pavilion required attention – Cllr Rhodes to deal. Concern regarding moles on the top pitch area.
3. Wilson's Field – Cllr Rhodes reported that he was dealing with the hard play area and obtaining quotes for re-surfacing the area. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had replied to N&SDC Planning Enforcement regarding the complaints received from Mr. Fowler.
4. Southwell Road – no items of concern. It was queried if NCC would make good any damage caused to the area when they had ceased use of the car park as a temporary pound. The Clerk stated that they had given this assurance at the meetings held in advance of the road works.

Footpaths and highways

Main Street was discussed at the commencement of the meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had written to N&SDC regarding Powell Court and was awaiting a reply upon advice regarding the re-naming process.

Whilst it was accepted that N&SDC have not sufficient funds to deal with all of the issues raised in the Farnsfield Conservation Area Report within the current road work project it was agreed that a bid would be submitted to N&SDC following the completion of the current works.

Seat installation

Cllr Rhodes presented details of the 5 seats installed to date and provided the costs up to date including the additional work undertaken on Brickyard Lane/Southwell Trail. The cost per seat being £300 plus work on Brickyard Lane @ £275 to install and remove the seat following complaints, mainly from horse-riders regarding a potential hazard to them. The Council discussed the costs and progress to date and were satisfied with both plus the additional compensation for the abortive work on Brickyard Lane. The agreement to install the additional seats was confirmed, assuming that the cost would be £300 per seat, and arrangements would be made to re-install the seat on Brickyard Lane in a safe position.

Parish Plan

1. Planning – Cllr Jepson reported that he and Cllr Peet were in contact with Richard Mapletoft of N&SDC concerning the potential adoption of the plan. Discussions to date had been positive and information was awaited from Mr Mapletoft.

2. Education & sport – Cllr Stafford raised the issue of skateboards and reported that further issues would be discussed.
3. Environment and tourism – no matters to report from Cllrs Rhodes and Reynolds
4. Public transport – Cllrs.Stafford and Bradbury reported that they were following up the suggestion that the RCC would assist with the project.
5. Communication – Cllrs Bradbury and Slight presented a report which included the potential siting of a notice board adjacent to the Warwick Arms, consideration of producing a local directory, producing and delivering a news-sheet possible using the Royal Mail to deliver at a cost of £50 per 1000 copies, and the development of a website. The details of the proposals to be fleshed out and presented at a later date.
6. Policing – the Clerk reported upon a meeting with the police resulting in a letter from the police, in response, being circulated to all households with the copy of the Parish Plan.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, including 17 cheques amounting to £13,875.11p.

Cllr Rhodes declared an interest, the explanation of the invoice prepared by CG Rhodes was given under the item covering the provision of seats.

The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and agreed.

Planning applications

04/01225/FUL –erection of a rear extension at Hunters Moon, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/01220/FUL – proposed extension at Margaret’s Cottage, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/00769/OUT – proposed new dwelling at Lynside, Station Lane, Farnsfield
Re-submission – it was again considered that the plat being triangular in shape was too small for the development and would result in over-intensification of the site.

04/01280/FUL – erection of 2 storey extension at 27 D’Ayncourt Walk, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the fire alarm control box had been replaced and the system upgraded to comply with DDA Act, with the installation of strobe warning lights.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th June 2004, in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, AD Jepson, PJ Elliott, DA Peet (Chairman), CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.
M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted from Cllrs. Bradbury and Reynolds.

Planning applications

04/01338/FUL – erection of new dwelling with new access on land to rear of the Old Vicarage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/01197/FUL – erection of a side extension at 14 Gregory Gardens, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/01401/FUL – alterations to existing annexe building at Hescoll Cottage, Main Street, Farnsfield.
Application supported following a site visit on Saturday 12th June.

04/0116/FUL – remove existing dormer window, re-build and extend to form longer dormer window to provide new bedroom and separate bathroom at 18 D'Ayncourt Walk, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

The planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

Installation of seats – letter from Cllr Bradbury.

The Council considered a letter from Cllr Bradbury to the Chairman regarding the installation of seats referred to the Parish Council from the Millennium Committee expressing concern regarding the charges made by CG Rhodes suggesting that they deviated from the agreement with the Millennium Committee.

It was pointed out that the agreement with the Millennium Committee was not binding upon the Parish Council. The matter had been discussed fully at the meeting of 27th April 2004 and again when the invoice was presented for payment on 25th May 2004. Cllr Bradbury being present on both occasions.

It was also agreed that whilst the seats were not of stone construction, as proposed by the Millennium Committee, they were considered appropriate and value for money. It was also noted that an agreement had also been made to complete the programme, at a similar cost, and install an additional seat.

It was regretted that Cllr Bradbury had chosen to raise the matter as he did but it was accepted that any concerns regarding the conduct of the Council should be raised, in accordance with the Code of Conduct and properly discussed.

The view of the Council is that the matter has been dealt with properly with the authority of the Parish Council and a letter to be sent to Cllr Bradbury advising him of the outcome.

Update upon Main Street road-works

Cllr Jepson provided the latest update regarding his communications with the project managers and activities to date involved in the Main Street scheme.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd June 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight (Chairman), GD Stafford.

Also present – M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs. J Bradbury, DA Peet, FA Reynolds.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Jepson and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 8th June 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Selby and agreed.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 8th June 2004 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. **Memorial recreation ground** – Cllr. Stafford enquired what progress was being made to re-instate the chippings in the gateway – Cllr Rhodes dealing. The Clerk informed the meeting that there had been no progress in upgrading the play equipment as the Section 106 grant (Wimpey Homes, Tippings Lane had not been received from Newark & Sherwood DC – enquiries were in hand with N&SDC but it was believed that they had not sent out an invoice to Wimpey, currently being dealt with.
2. **The Acres** – The guttering on the pavilion has been damaged – awaiting repair. An additional dog bin was requested as the litter bin near to the pavilion was being used for this purpose – Clerk to enquire with N&SDC if they will empty a bin some distance from the gateway. Cllrs. Rhodes and Stafford reported that they had been approached by the organisers of a youth football team seeking to play regularly on The Acres. It was agreed that they liaise with the organisers and negotiate times and prices and report back to the next meeting. Cllr Rhodes was to ensure that the hedge cutting in The Acres area was satisfactory.
3. **Southwell Road** – Cllr Jepson gave an update regarding the damage caused by youngsters since the installation of the NCC Highways compound. Trees had been damaged with the building of a den, security fencing removed and materials removed from the compound. The Clerk agreed to contact Chris Charnley and

arrange for better security of the site. The incidents have been reported to the police and patrols had been observed to stop briefly in the vicinity.

4. **Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford reported that a seat in the field had been broken, to be repaired by Cllr Rhodes. Cllr Stafford reported that he had been in contact with Mr Fowler regarding the lights on the hard play area and a meeting had been agreed with himself and Cllr Rhodes in order that the necessary adjustments to the lights can take place when suitable.

Footpaths and highways

Co Cllr Stewart provided an update to the Clerk regarding the issues raised concerning the current road works, these was passed on the meeting in his absence.

The progress of the road works were discussed with agreement that Cllr Jepson liaises closely with Peter Topliss as the closure of the Main Street nears, planned for 21st July 2004, details of the sections of closure were unclear.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had made arrangements with Mr Rose, the nominated County Council contractor to cut the undergrowth several pathways in the parish. Once commenced a contract would be agreed for two cuts per year, May and August.

Cllr Rhodes enquired if progress had been made regarding the Hexgreave pathways and agreed to bring a map, showing the proposed alterations, to the next meeting.

Seat Installation

Cllr Rhodes stated that he was awaiting delivery of the end sections of the seats and once they were in his possession the seats could be constructed and placed in position.

Co-option of Councillor

The Clerk reported that three nominations had been received, Michael Pain, Thomas Howell and RA Davies.

Following a vote it was agreed that Mr Pain be co-opted.

Note – following checks with Newark & Sherwood DC it was discovered that the voting age had not been lowered from 21 years, as proposed, there Mr Pain, being 20 years of age, was ineligible and the co-option process re-run.

Parish Plan

Cllr Elliott had the details of the volunteers from the Parish Plan committee and was endeavouring to link them to the Councillors with nominated responsibilities to further the plan.

The Clerk reported that he had arranged a meeting with Newark & Sherwood DC for Councillors to view the CCTV facilities available, which may assist the Parish Council deal with the anti-social problems to take place on Monday 5th July 2004 at Kelham Hall.

Correspondence

Several items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts scrutinised by Cllr Slight containing 7 cheques totalling £2346.36. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr Stafford.

Cllr Slight, having examined the accounts for 2003-4, following the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of 8th June 2004 presented a report for consideration by the meeting containing some minor changes to the accounting process. Cllr Elliott proposed that the 2003-4 accounts be formally approved by the Council, having been subjected to Internal Audit, seconded by Cllr. Stafford, and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Slight suggested that the reserve account should attract a better interest rate and be moved to the Alliance & Leicester Building Society. Proposed by Cllr Jepson seconded by Cllr. Stafford, and agreed.

It was also proposed by Cllr Jepson that the Co-op Instant account be closed, following the report by Cllr Slight that the sweep fee was in excess of interest earned, and a current account only be maintained, seconded by Cllr Stafford, and agreed.

A request for financial assistance from the Farnsfield Responder Group was presented by Cllr Peet and Cllr Clarke proposed that the proposed \$137 grant for 2004-5 of £250 be increased, as a one-off payment to £1000 to assist with the purchase of the new equipment required for blood pressure testing. This was seconded by Cllr Jepson, and agreed.

Planning applications

04/01447/FUL – erect a two storey extension at Annella, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported.

Village Centre

No items to report.

Agenda items for the next meeting

Cllr Elliott requested that the future of the Main Street school site be discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th July 2004, in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.
M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Bradbury.

Planning applications

04/01473/FUL – erection of garage, store and score box building, including demolition of existing building at Farnsfield Cricket Club, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/01779/FUL - glass roof extension and ground floor alterations to existing dwelling at Wicklow, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/01716/FUL – erect garage, conservatory extension and internal alterations at 13 Greenvale, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/01665/FUL – proposed conservatory, bedroom extension, garage and car port, pitched roof to existing front porch at Wickets, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.
Application not supported – after a vote- on the grounds of design and impact upon neighbouring properties.

04/01646/FUL – erect two storey extension at 57 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/01515/FUL – demolition of existing porch and store, construction of a new single storey entrance hall and utility at Combs Farm, Combs Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/01665/FUL – extension to existing garage at 7 Milldale Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

Planning decisions of Newark & Sherwood District Council.

The decisions were noted.

Co-option of Councillor

The Clerk reported that, following advice from Newark & Sherwood District Council that the age of representation, whilst proposed, had not be lowered Michael Pain could not be co-opted. After discussions with the Chairman and Vice Chairman it had been agreed to re run the co-option process with the two remaining applicants.

A ballot (confidential) took place between the two candidates, Thomas Howell and RA Davies.

After counting the votes Mr RA Davies was the nominated person for co-opting to the Council. This was proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and agreed unanimously.

Hard play area – Wilson’s Field

Cllr Rhodes stated that he had obtained quotes for the re-surfacing of the play area as follows:

C Lawrence £7255

Riggott £2702

Bev Servicing £2970

All net of Vat.

It was agreed that Cllr Rhodes, Cllr Stafford and Cllr Peet visit sites completed by Riggott and BS and report to the next meeting.

The quote from C Lawrence was discounted as being totally disproportionate and the Council expressed their disappointment in the response from Chas Lawrence having installed the hard play area and lack of response to rectify the problem of drainage encountered since construction.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th July 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, RA Davies, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.

Also present, M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist. Cllr B Laughton

Apologies

None

New member

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Roger Davies as a co-opted member at his first meeting of the Council.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd June 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th July 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Selby and agreed.

The minutes of the Village Centre Committee meeting of 13th July 2004 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – Cllr Rhodes reported that the gravel was to be installed in the gateway area.
- 2. The Acres** – Cllr Stafford reported that the guttering on the pavilion was still in need of repair, and had been damaged further. A letter had been received from Mr/Mrs Brown regarding the use of the football pitch by the boys and girls teams. The boys would play on Saturday mornings and the girls on Sunday afternoons. They will be using the small pitch and Cllr Stafford is making arrangements for the pitches to be prepared. It is also proposed to have the new field cut and rolled and move the dog training sessions to that field as soon as possible. Cllr Stafford to co-ordinate. It was also agreed that the gas bottle supply to the showers in the pavilion be replaced by an electrical heating system – Cllr Rhodes to provide details and install as soon as possible.
- 3. Southwell Road** – Cllr Stafford reported that the grass had been cut but part of the hedge on Southwell Road required cutting as did Neddy's Jitty – Cllr Stafford to contact the contractors.
- 4. Wilsons's field** – Cllr Rhodes/Stafford/Peet reported that they had been to look at work undertaken by Riggott's and proposed that the contract to re-surface the play area be awarded to them. The conditions to be imposed – 5% of the cost to be retained for 3 months and a 12 months warranty requested. This proposal was supported unanimously.

Footpaths and highways

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8pm to permit Co. Cllr Stewart to comment to the meeting.

He was given an update regarding the Main Street road works and agreed to check with County Council Highways regarding the provision of traffic lights at the junction of Station Lane and Cockett Lane and the speed limit signs.

Cllr Jepson informed him of the work he and Cllr Stafford had undertaken to contact the bus companies and arrange for temporary bus stops to be placed on the route. It was agreed that Cllr Stewart requested that the buses stop anywhere on demand of the local residents.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that the developers of the old engine shed on Station Lane had purchased 1/3 hectare of land from the County Council to provide a garden area around the property

Cllr Laughton informed the meeting of his selection of prospective Conservative candidate.

He also reminded the meeting of the 'speedwatch' meeting arranged for 12th August 2004, Cllr Peet attending.

The Clerk informed Cllr Laughton of the actions by Newark & Sherwood DC to remove the discretionary rate relief from the Village Centre at a cost of £2000 to the Parish Council, after the precept had been agreed, and asked him to make enquiries to see if other parishes had been similarly affected. Whilst discussions had been held with the Finance Department their proposal that the Village Centre be allocated charitable status is not supported by the Parish Council.

The Chairman restored Standing Orders at 8.13pm.

Cllr Rhodes gave an update regarding the footpath situation in Hexgreave, outlining the proposals made at a meeting held over 3 years ago with no apparent action agreed. The Clerk informed the meeting that any footpath closures will be the responsibility of the land owner to make the application and pay the costs involved. The Rights of Way Officer at Notts County Council to be contacted by the Clerk.

Seat installation

Cllr Rhodes stated that he now had all of the materials and required advice regarding the siting of the seats, Cllr Peet agreed to liaise with Cllr Rhodes.

Parish Plan

Development and planning – Cllr Jepson reported that following the initial contact with Newark & Sherwood DC the changes in the planning regulations were awaited by Mr Mapletoft before any further progress could be made.

Education and sport – Cllr Stafford stated that he considered that the 'Helping better communities' project may assist in securing a grant for a skate-board project, a site for which is still to be determined.

Environment and tourism – no report

Public transport – Cllr Elliott stated that the RCC were involved in a community project dealing with local transport needs.

Communication – Cllr Bradbury stated that whilst he had been away there had been no response from Notts CC regarding the proposed siting of a notice board adjacent to the Warwick. He and Cllr Slight to liaise regarding further actions. Cllr Stafford stated that he had collected a Parish newsletter from Tuxford and would pass it on for information.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, consisting of 13 cheques amounting to £4256.99p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the kitchen in the Scout's area was in urgent need of attention. Cllr Rhodes assisted by Cllrs Clarke and Selby agreed to design a plan and Cllr Rhodes would present the costs for consideration at the meeting to be held on 10th August 2004.

Farnsfield Primary School

Cllr Elliott asked the meeting to seek information from the various parties involved in the running of the school to enquire what would be happening to the Main Street site when the school closes in September 2005. The main concern being that it was in the centre of the village, in a conservation area and no firm indication has been communicated from the Governors, the Trustees, the DFES, or Newark & Sherwood DC regarding their future intentions for the site.

It was agreed that the Clerk write and seek their views.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th August 2004, in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, RA Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, GD Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr DGC Slight.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

04/01429/OUT - proposed restaurant and motel, Old Rufford Road/A617, Farnsfield.
The proposal was supported with one abstention. There were serious concerns regarding the traffic arrangements and it was considered that the entrance to the site should feed off from the roundabout on the A614/617.

04/01971/FUL – application to install an additional window at Eaton House, Main Street, Farnsfield,
Application supported.

04/02004/FUL – application to demolish existing school and build new school at Walter D'Ayncourt, Branston Avenue, Farnsfield.
No decision made due to insufficient information regarding the parking arrangements.
Concerns were expressed that the proposed increased height of the building could impact upon neighbouring properties, although the application was supported in principle, including the extra provision of community sporting facilities.

04/01789/ADV – application to erect additional signage at the White Post Day Nursery, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/01648/LDC – application to extend the car parking at the rear of White Post Garage, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/01927/FUL – application to erect a two storey extension at 5 Woodland Close, Farnsfield.
Application supported but concern was expressed that the forward part of the extension could impact upon 6 Woodland Close, Loss of privacy and light.

The planning decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

Seats

It was agreed that Cllr Rhodes install the three additional seats in the locations previously agreed. The site in dispute on Brickyard Lane/Southwell Trail would be finalised by the Clerk.

Cllr Rhodes left the meeting due to an interest in the following item.

Scout's Room Kitchen.

Cllr Clarke reported that she had attempted to obtain additional quotes for the replacement of the kitchen, and that whilst it had been surveyed there was only the one quotation from CG Rhodes.

In view of the urgency of the work it was agreed to place the order with CG Rhodes at a cost of £4110 + Vat.

Cllr Clarke agreed to meet with CG Rhodes and arrange for the work to be undertaken during the summer school holidays whilst the premises were not in use.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th September, 2004, in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, RA Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr LM Selby.

CCTV Systems

The Chairman welcomed Bill Brown, from the Nottinghamshire Police, to the meeting to inform the members upon the requirements and limitations of a CCTV system in the village and its potential to impact upon crime reduction.

Bill Brown gave a comprehensive presentation about the requirements and limitations of a CCTV system, also illustrating the differing types of systems available and their respective costs.

Comparative costs were suggested for a Community Service Officer (CSO) and the general consensus was that when comparing costs the most effect option could be a CSO.

Bill responded to questions and was thanked by the Chairman for his input and requested further information regarding the CSO provision.

Bowls Club

Mr R Allington presented proposals to the meeting, on behalf of the Bowls Club, to erect a new bowls pavilion on the site of the existing one. He requested permission from the Council under the conditions of the lease agreement between the Bowls Club and Farnsfield Parish Council.

The request to develop the site was approved, but it was made clear that this consent in no way affected the Parish Council's powers to make comment upon the application as part of the planning consultative process undertaken by Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

04/01338/FUL – erection of new dwelling at the rear of the Old Vicarage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield. (amended plans)

Application supported.

04/02239/FUL – proposed extension and alterations including loft room and pitched roof over existing flat roofs at South Close, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/02059/FUL – toilet block and conservatory at White Post Modern Farm Centre, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield
Application supported

04/02031/FUL – extension to restaurant and alterations to provide a disabled toilet at Winner City Restaurant, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/02060/FUL – new window at 5 New Hill, Farnsfield
Application supported

04/01988/FUL - erection of two storey extension at 27 D'Ayncourt Way, Farnsfield
Application supported

04/10924/OUT – proposed restaurant and motel on land off Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield. (amended plans)
Application supported

Highway matters

Cllr Jepson gave an update regarding the progress of the road works on Main Street. He stated that there were negotiations in hand regarding the siting of a street light adjacent to Allsorts due to the request for additional lighting into New Hill.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th September 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, GD Stafford.

Also present, M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllrs A Stewart, and B Laughton, Dist Cllr N Armstrong.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr DCG Slight

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to allow the members of the public present to raise items.

A report was received of instances of damage to 4 motor vehicles parked on Main Street, some quite seriously.

The Chairman gave an update of the efforts the Council were making in an attempt to get a police presence in the village and the consideration of alternative solutions, such as, CCTV or Community Support Officers.

Councillor Laughton appraised the meeting of the Warden scheme at Ollerton. The Clerk agreed to obtain details of the scheme.

Representations were made regarding the proposal to re-site the bus stop from outside the Church to The Green.

Cllr Jepson informed the meeting that no decision had yet been taken although the matter was under consideration and would seek to clarify the matter with Notts. County Council

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.50pm.

(Cllr Clarke joined the meeting).

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27th July 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Clarke and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 10th August 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Jepson and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 14th September 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – Cllr Stafford sought information when the stone chippings would be installed at the entrance gate – he was advised by Cllr Rhodes that it would be attended to.
2. The Acres – Cllr Stafford reported that there had been some problems regarding the security of the pavilion and that he had taken this up with the managers of the football teams using it. There was also concern that the youth teams were using the main pitch instead of the small one, this practice not being acceptable as it could result in the main pitch being unplayable.
Dist Cllr Armstrong informed the meeting that a complaint had been received at Kelham Hall regarding the uneven surface on the main pitch likely to cause trips and falls. The Clerk agreed to contact NCC (ground maintenance contractors) and request them to perform an inspection and carry out remedial work, if necessary. No complaints had been made to any members of the Parish Council.
Cllr Bradbury brought to the attention of the meeting a health and safety circular regarding the safety of goal posts. (these are covered by a separate risk assessment conducted by the Parish Council and are also subjected to regular inspections. The Clerk informed the meeting that coppice work had been undertaken in the wooded area by BTCV as part of the agreed maintenance programme.
3. Southwell Road – Cllr Jepson was requested to remind NCC, at an appropriate time to ensure that the area used as a compound was re-instated.
4. Wilson's Field – Hard play area has been resurfaced and there was some discussion regarding re-lining the surface but no decision made. It was suggested that two lights be switched off but it was agreed that as the design included the use of four lights for even pitch lighting it was agreed that all four should remain and be adjusted so as not to cause interference to neighbours.

Highways

Cllr Jepson gave an update regarding the current status of the road works on Main Street. He reported that there had been agreement regarding the siting of street lights and suggested that bollards be installed to stop parking on the footpath which is not only illegal but a danger to pedestrians and causes damage to the footpath. This was agreed and the required information was provided to Cllr Jepson for him to consider with Cllr Slight.

Cllr Jepson also reported that Stagecoach had no objection to the removal of the bus stop from the Church to The Green. It was agreed unanimously that Cllr Jepson inform NCC Highways to remove the bus stop at the Church.

Co Cllr Stewart reminded the meeting of the County Council initiative 'Building Better Communities' and suggested that the Parish Council submit a project application, and authorised its submission (as sponsor) by 14th October 2004.

Seat installation – it was reported that three of the four had been installed and the Clerk was awaiting a meeting with NCC regarding the siting of the fourth on Southwell Trail/Brickyard Lane.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – Cllr Jepson gave an update of the slow progress being made with Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Department regarding adoption of the Parish Plan due to lack of guidance and information from Government Office.

It was agreed that the Parish Council members of the other groups make contact, and arrange meetings with the volunteer groups (originally working with the Parish Plan) in order to make progress.

Correspondence

The Clerk placed several items of correspondence for noting.

The proposed Code of Conduct for Council Employees was discussed and as it closely followed the Code of Conduct for Councillors it was agreed that the council would recommend acceptance of the Model Code of Conduct contained in the document.

Accounts

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, containing 15 cheques amounting to £7500.26p. He advised the meeting that cheque number 909 was a replacement for cheque 881 payable to Newark & Sherwood District Council for trade waste removal, amounting to £279.46p – the previous cheque having been lost by N&SDC. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clerk, seconded by Cllr Rhodes and accepted.

Planning

No applications received.

Cllr Elliott requested information regarding the letters sent out regarding the future of the School Main Street site following closure of the school. The Clerk informed the meeting that a reply had been received from NCC, who stated that they had no interest in the matter as they did not own the property. There was no reply from Newark & Sherwood DC Planning. The Trustees had given a verbal undertaking that the site would be developed, as far as they could influence, in accordance with the conservation status of the area. A written reply will be requested when contact is again made with Pauline Rouse, Chair of the Trustees.

Village Centre

Cllr Rhodes reported that work was in hand to install the kitchen in the Scout's area and would be completed within three weeks.

Cllr Elliott stated that he was in contact with Brackenhurst regarding the area at the rear of the lower hall but had been unable to make progress due to the summer vacation.

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 12th October 2004 in the Library, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, R Davis, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), PJ Elliott
FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.

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Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Clarke

Planning applications

04/02408/OUT – application to erect a bungalow on land adjacent to Roselea, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

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

Licensing Legislation

Cllr Peet and Cllr Slight having attended a consultation meeting at Kelham Hall gave a brief overview of the relevant parts of the proposed legislation so far as it affected Parish Councils. The main changes being in relation to the permitted number licensed bars in rooms such as Farnsfield Village Centre and identity requirements for young people in an effort to control under age purchasing of liquor.

Further information would be circulated by N&SDC when available.

Highway matters

Cllr Jepson gave an update regarding the current progress on Main Street reporting that there will be a delay in completion until late November, a slippage of 5/6 weeks. This being due to the replacement of damaged kerbs, by NCC workforce, and slower than expected progress due to accommodating local business needs. Most had been received very well by the traders, with the odd exception.

He would be in touch with Mr Potter regarding a blocked drain in Tippings Lane and NCC regarding the holly bush overhanging the footpath at Rose Cottage.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th October 2004 in the Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, RA Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, DCG Slight, GD Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. L Selby and Co Cllr A Stewart.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 28th September 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed subject to the inclusion of an item relating to the school, raised by Cllr Elliott.

The minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Bradbury, and accepted. (minor amendment to include that Cllr Elliott was present.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 12th October 2004 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. **Memorial Recreation Ground** – Cllr Stafford commented that the chippings had still not been place at the entrance. Concern was expressed regarding the state of the entrance to the Tennis/Bowls area having been churned up by cars and now muddy.
2. **The Acres** – Cllr Stafford stated that he had received a complaint that the gas bottle in the pavilion was empty, replaced by Cllr Rhodes. The progress of the electric water heater was raised. Cllr Davis had discussed this with Cllr Rhodes and it was agreed that Cllr Rhodes pursue this urgently and report back to the next meeting with costs for the equipment, (believed to be about £1700), and the costs for installation. Cllr Rhodes was also requested to repair the guttering to the pavilion. The Clerk reported that he had met with Phil Moody, NCC,(manager of the ground maintenance contract), on 21st October 2004 regarding the comments made by Dist Cllr Armstrong at the meeting of 26th September 2004. He accepted that the football pitch required attention and would ensure that it was undertaken.
3. **Southwell Road** – The Clerk reported that he had discussed the replanting of shrubs with Phil Moody. It was agreed that the play area surround would receive attention after the Highways Dept had moved from the parking area. The main shrubbed areas were maturing well and needed some attention to clear the ground weeds. The area on Wilson's Field would be attended to. A general discussion took place regarding the future use of the recreational areas in view of the

impending S106 grant due to be received from Newark & Sherwood DC. The possibility of siting a skate board area was raised. It was agreed that the issue of future provision be discussed with the wider group of volunteers in the village, mainly assisting in the Parish Plan development and the advisors at RCC and Newark & Sherwood DC. The possibility of alternative access to the Acres was also briefly discussed.

4. **Wilson's Field** - Cllr Stafford stated that the seat near the steps to Footpath 1 required repairing, the lights on the play area required attention, the electric meter box required replacing, due to previous vandalism, the hard play area required line markings. Cllr Rhodes had previously undertaken to attend to these tasks and was requested to complete them as a matter of urgency. Cllr Stafford also reported that a sensor had been fitted to the lights eliminating the need for him to attend and switch them on.

Footpaths and highways

Cllr Jepson informed the meeting that the work was behind schedule and would not be completed for about 6 weeks, to conclude early December 2004. The seat near to the Warwick Arms had been damaged and would be replaced by NCC. The work had fallen behind schedule due to additional problems encountered, such as lack of adequate drainage at the Ridgeway junction, accommodating the needs of shopkeepers, most had expressed satisfaction with the co-operation received from NCC workers, some damaged kerbstones require replacing.

The matter permission to site a notice board at the Warwick was being dealt with by NCC.

Concern was again expressed regarding parking on the footpath and it was agreed that 15 metal bollards be purchased and installed by NCC at locations identified by Cllrs. Jepson and Slight, and agreed with Peter Topliss NCC.

It was also agreed that 10 litter bins would be installed. A meeting to be arranged with the suppliers to consider the most suitable type as they cannot be fastened to the new lamp posts.

Cllr Rhodes reported that the last seat had been installed at the Brickyard Lane/Southwell Trail junction.

Parish Plan

In order to make progress it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange meetings in the near future between lead Councillors and volunteers from the Parish Plan action group.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury comprising of 11 cheques amounting to £4839.24p.

The S137 payment to Dare UK was proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Slight and agreed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the reserve account at Alliance and Leicester had been opened and requested that the cheque for £70,000 be completed and deposited by Cllr Slight – agreed and completed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he was still awaiting information from Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the S106 grant.

Planning applications

04/02492/FUL – ground floor extension to front elevation at Pembroke, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported

0402586/FUL – erection of an extension, alterations and detached garage at Middlehay Station Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported

Cllr Rhodes abstained.

The decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC Planning were noted.

Village Centre

A progress report was requested from Cllr Rhodes regarding the scout room kitchen. He informed the meeting that it would be completed within 3 weeks.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised

The meeting closed at 9.57pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd November 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman),
FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight.
Clerk M Salt

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr GD Stafford.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 26th October 2003 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Elliott and accepted.

The minutes of the following committees were noted:

Recreation Grounds Committee of 9th November 2004.

Finance and General Purposes Committee of 16th November 2004.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – chipping at the entrance not yet installed.
2. The Acres – Pavilion gutter still awaiting repair, gas bottle installed. Price for the installation of new shower heating system – John Wright £2412 + Vat. It was agreed that two further quotes should be obtained with a view to installing the system as soon as possible. Damaged waste bins require replacing. There has been some reduction in mole infestation. It was suggested that there may be a requirement to erect fencing to segregate the junior pitches from the main ones.
3. Southwell Road – Cllr Jepson informed the meeting that NCC would tarmac the car parking area once the site had been cleared. Damage reported concerning the plastic coating on the climbing frame and attention required to the soft surfacing, rising at the edges.
4. Wilson's Field – meter box replaced. The Clerk to liaise with the Cricket Club regarding the replacement of the damaged fencing.

Cllr Clarke joined the meeting at 8pm.

Footpaths and highways

Cllr Jepson reported that Main Street would be resurfaced during the week commencing 27th November. The gully in Tippings Lane is still blocked and the pipe work blocked at the Beck. Liaison still on-going with Newark & Sherwood DC. The one-way signs to be re-instated at the Green. The bus stop issue at the Church has still not been resolved as Stagecoach have still not replied to NCC. Damaged kerb stones replaced The seat at the

Warwick to be replaced by NCC. Complaint of dangerous parking opposite Forge Cottage.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury, containing 13 cheques amounting to £6636.80p.

Proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

Cllr Clarke proposed that Section 137 grants for £50 each be paid to the Bowls and Tennis Clubs, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and agreed.

The Clerk reported that N&SDC had received £26,000 of the Section 106 grant from Wimpey and had invoiced them for the remaining amount, when this had been received the grant would be paid the parish.

Cllr Elliott left the meeting at 8.25pm.

The Clerk reported that the Finance and General Purposes Committee had met on the 16th November 2004 to consider the precept for 2005-2006. A recommendation that the precept should be set at £50,000 for 2005-2006 was proposed by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications

04/02792/FUL – alterations to exterior of premises following internal refurbishment at The Warwicks Arms, Main Street, Farnsfield
Application supported.

04/02714/FUL & 02/2716 LBC – demolition of detached garage and extension to Gardeners Cottage and The Lodge, erection of an extension to The Coach House, The Lodge and The Cottage, Blidworth Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/02814/FUL – portal frame structure for vehicle workshop and valeting services at Andy Taylor Motor Traders, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/02823/FUL – erection of conservatory at 48 Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/02825/FUL – alteration to roof design to existing dormer and new planned dormer extension at 4 Spring Lane, Farnsfield
Application not supported on the following grounds:

1. over-intensification of the site

2. impact upon neighbouring properties

04/02795/FUL – proposed conservatory at 1 Woodside, Farnsfield
Application supported

04/02588/FUL – erection of loose box range at Forest Farm House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/02719/FUL – two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 48 Abbots Crescent, Farnsfield
Application not supported on the grounds of over-intensification of the site.
5 votes for, 3 against, 2 abstentions.

04/02879/FUL – two storey rear extension at Ash Farm, Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported

04/02867/FUL – two storey side extension at Homefield House, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported

Village Centre

Cllr Rhodes reported that the kitchen had been installed and the floor would be completed within the next few days.

Agenda items for the next meetings

None raised

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th December 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield

Present

Cllrs KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DCG Slight, GD Stafford, M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Bradbury

Planning applications

04/02639/FUL – replacement of existing dwelling with new low energy dwelling at The Pebbles, Southwell Road, Farnsfield

Cllr Davis declared an interest – neighbouring property.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to permit members of the public to present their comments at 7.38pm

Standing Orders re-instated at 7.55pm

After a lengthy discussion the decision was adjourned until a site visit had taken place, arranged for Thursday 16th December 2004. At the site meeting the application was supported.

04/02910/FUL – erection of a single storey rear extension at Kinrara, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

04/02891/OUT – erection of a petrol filling station and road side restaurant on land at Lockwell Hill roundabout, Kirklington Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

1 against, 2 abstentions.

04/02847/FUL – erect a three bedroom dormer bungalow on land adjacent Woodlands, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

1 abstention.

04/0297/FUL – application to erect an office extension at 7 Gregory Gardens, Farnsfield. Decision adjourned until a site visit had taken place on 16th December 2004. At the site meeting the decision was not to support the application on the following grounds:

1. over-intensification of the site
2. impact upon the neighbouring property

Highway issues

Cllr Jepson read out a letter he proposed to sent to NCC regarding the work undertaken in the village and the support he had received from them. This was supported unanimously. He reported that the bus stop situation was still unresolved. The pipe blockage on Tippings Lane had not been cleared but the matter had been passed to highway maintenance for work to be undertaken in January 2005.

The bollards were in the process of being installed. Comment was made that enforcement of the Traffic Regulation Orders would be necessary to restore compliance with the yellow line system.

Accounts

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts for approval, scrutinised by Cllr Peet containing 9 cheques amounting to £3745.91p. proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Stafford, and agreed.

Meetings for 2005

The schedule of meetings for 2005, circulated by the Clerk, were approved .

The meeting closed at 9pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7,30pm on Tuesday 25th January 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DCG Slight (Chairman), GD Stafford.

Also present M Salt (Clerk), A Stewart Co Cllr.

Apologies

Apologies fore absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs DA Peet and FA Reynolds.

Apologies were also received from Dist Cllr N Armstrong and Co Cllr Laughton.

Chairman

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Chairman Cllr Peet could be absent from meetings over the next few months due to health problems. He requested that the appointment of a temporary Vice Chair be made in the event that Cllr Peet was unable to be contacted and the Vice Chair, Cllr Slight was unavailable. It was agreed that Cllr Jepson would fulfil this role.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd November 2004 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 14th December 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed,

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 11th January 2005 were noted.

Clerk's report

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – The Clerk reported that he had engaged Sid Pavor Ltd, a specialist contractor in dealing with public open space/ recreations grounds for local council, recommended by Sherwood & District Council. He would be making good any damage to the soft surfaces and replace faulty equipment or parts to ensure that there was no risk.
- 2. Wilson's Field** – similar activities would also be undertaken in this area and the entrances to the hard play area treated to prevent mud being carried on to the playing area. The fence separating the play area from the cricket field would be replaced following negotiations with the Cricket Club. Light on the footpath repaired

3. **Parfitt Drive/Southwell Road** – as above attention is to given to the gates, the soft play area and the damaged surface on the equipment, reported previously. Cllr Jepson reported that NCC had resurfaced the car park area with tarmac as promised. He also reported that some of the reseeded area was being damaged by cyclists.
4. **The Acres** – pavilion guttering repaired, the gates and litter bins still require attention. Concern was expressed regarding the encroachment of moles on to the football pitch. The Clerk reported that he had received a quote from Newark & Sherwood DC to gas the moles at a cost of £960 but this treatment also entailed closing off the area for 48 hours to allow the gas to seep out of the ground. An alternative process had also been suggested. Cllr Rhodes stated that he had treated the moles recently and considered that there was not a continuing problem. Cllr Slight agreed to monitor the situation over the ensuing weeks before more drastic action was taken to control the situation.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk informed the meeting of a NCC closure of part of Robb Lane to motor vehicles plus resurfacing work on Southwell Trail to be phased over three years.

Cllr Jepson gave an update regarding the Main Street.

The Clerk reported that Andy Lynham of Notts CC had confirmed that the ‘Stage Coach’ bus stop will be moved to the Green and appropriate notices posted. He also confirmed that the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) (yellow lines) would be completed, particularly on Mansfield Road.

The Clerk reported that he had raised a request for a review of the TRO’s in the village and it was agreed that this should occur, although it was noted that NCC was currently conducting a county wide audit prior to de-criminalisation of parking offences, enforcement to be transferred to the Council(s).

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.12pm to allow Cllr Stewart to participate

He thanked the Parish Council for the recent letter of appreciation of the work undertaken on Main Street and stated that the letter would be published in the Highways magazine.

Cllr Bradbury suggested that with new owners at White Post Farm the matter of the footpath in the area should be pursued by Notts CC.

A discussion of the lack of enforcement of TRO and the continuing problem of parking on footpaths took place.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received costs for a PCSO to be employed in the parish, managed by the Police, and responsible for public order and enforcement issues, amounting to £25 – 30k per annum.

Comment was made that such costs were unreasonable as a high proportion of Council Tax already went to policing the area.

Further discussions to take place with the police and the possibility of sharing a scheme with other parishes faced with similar problems to Farnsfield.

Cllr Stewart stated that speed guns are now available and training is taking place. He suggested that liaison could occur with Southwell Town Council for shared or rented use. He confirmed that the use of the speed guns did receive the support of Notts County Council.

A discussion also took place regarding the siting of additional bollards on Main Street and it was suggested that Notts CC Highways be consulted.

Litter bins also to be considered on Main Street.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.37pm.

Cllr Jepson raised the matter of complaint from Mr Watts regarding the fencing completed to the 'boundary' of his field on Southwell Trail following the installation of a seat by the Millennium Committee, carried out by CG Rhodes, in good faith.

After some debate it was agreed that it was not a Parish Council matter, and whilst efforts have been undertaken to resolve the situation Mr Watts should be so advised.

Parish Plan

- 1. Education and sport** – Cllr Elliott reported that discussions had taken place and further meetings were planned to discuss the issues raised, eg skate boarding.
- 2. Environment and tourism** – Cllr Elliott reported that he had met with Mary Beeley of the WI regarding the 'Best kept village competition' and whilst the WI could assist they did not have the ability to manage the project. The issue required a different approach and Cllr Elliott was to pursue the matter with Cllr Reynolds.
- 3. Public transport** – awaiting information from RCC – Cllr Elliott to pursue.
- 4. Communication** – The Clerk reported that the first Parish Newsletter would be out with the February issue of The Bramley. It was agreed that the contact telephone numbers of Councillors should be published.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting. He drew the attention of the meeting to two items, the appointment of the Clerk as the 'designated officer' under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, effective from 1st January 2005. He also informed the meeting of the introduction of the new licensing process and policy from Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts for payment, scrutinised by Cllr Davis, containing 17 cheques amounting to £10,597.19. Cllr Rhodes declared a pecuniary interest.

They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Stafford and accepted.

Planning applications

04/3102/FUL – Two storey extension to existing dwelling at The Stables, Main Street, Farnsfield

No decision made due to insufficient detail on the site plan. Comment was made that it was also a listed building and consent required plus it is in the conservation area.

05/00043/ADV - display fascia signage and free standing double sided post sign at the Warwick Arms Public House, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Not supported as it is considered out of keeping with the village scene and not in accordance with the conservation area. The letter up the post and ‘carvery’ considered garish. There was also insufficient clarity as to the precise location of the sign post.

05/00030/FUL –sun blinds over windows and retention of CCTV cameras at Spar Stores, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Concern was expressed regarding the proposed signs but it was also accepted that these replaced existing ones although the colour had been changed at some point. There was no support for the proposed sun blinds – out of keeping with the village scene and conservation area.

05/00031/ADV – display shop sign, at Spar Stores, Main Street, Farnsfield.

See comments at 05/00030/FUL

Village Centre

Cllr Elliott reported that Brackenhurst could not assist with the area at the rear of the centre.

Cllr Clarke requested that the Village Centre become a no smoking area, Request supported unanimously.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th February 2005, in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), CG Rhodes, FA Reynolds, LM Selby, GDC Slight, GD Stafford.

Apologies for absence

None

Planning applications

05/00081/FUL – conversion of outbuilding to dwelling on land at Hall Farm, Main Street, Farnsfield

Application not supported for the following reasons:

1. not in keeping with other surrounding buildings in the conservation area
2. close proximity of the building to the church
3. concerns regarding the different ground levels at the property boundary and church supporting buttress.

05/00156/FUL – proposed dormer bungalow with access from Fletcher Court on land adjacent to Woodlands, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported

05/00129/FUL – alterations to pitch and part of roof to enable existing bedroom to be better utilised at The Cottage, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Application supported

05/00208/FUL – conversion of redundant outbuildings and barn for residential use, including a single storey conservatory at Farnsfield House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported

05/00204/LBC – two storey extension at The Stables, Main Street, Farnsfield

04/03102/FUL - two storey extension at The Stables, Main Street, Farnsfield

Application not supported as follows:

1. not conducive to linking with a listed building
2. fills the entire site and closely abuts neighbouring property
3. the proposed building will totally remove the parking provision for the property and will cause additional street parking.

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

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd February 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman),
LM Selby, GDC Slight, GD Stafford
Also present M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr B Laughton

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from CG Rhodes, FA Reynolds
Also received from Co Cllr. A Stewart.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2005 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr Stafford and accepted.
The minutes of the meeting of 8th February 2005 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.

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

Miss Singleton raised concern regarding the composition of the new road surface following an accident involving a horse slipping and falling over, the rider narrowly escaping serious injury.

The Chairman informed Miss Singleton that the matter had been reported to the County Council.
Cllr Jepson expressed concern that Tippings Lane is due to be re-surfaced by the same contractors who completed the main street, but it was accepted that they only applied the surface materials supplied/agreed by Notts County Council.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.44pm.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** –The Clerk reported that the ‘spring’ children’s equipment had been repaired and appropriate surfacing provided around them.
The remedial work was complete except for the gateway area.
- 2. The Acres** – Cllr Slight reported that there was considerable improvement in the mole situation with no encroachment on to the football pitch. Cllr Stafford expressed concern regarding the state the football teams left the pavilion following matches and requested that letters be sent to the teams regarding this.

3. **Southwell Road** – Cllr Selby reported that the gates to the play area had been completed and work had been started to restore the play surfaces, but had been interrupted by the inclement weather. Cllr Bradbury requested that the nameplate at the entrance be treated to remove ‘Hadley Park’
4. **Wilson’s Field** – Cllr Stafford reported that the matting had been installed at the entrances to the hard play area, he would contact Mr Rhodes regarding the light bulb replacements.

Footpaths and highways

Cllr Jepson reported that he had had a discussion with Peter Topliss of Notts CC Highways and the notice signs relating to the TRO (yellow lines) were to be replaced. It was agreed following a discussion that a meeting with Chris Charnley of Notts CC be requested to raise the outstanding matters, bollards, drainage on Tippings Lane, footpaths quality of road surfacing and yellow lines, the Clerk to arrange a meeting. The Clerk reported that he had received information from Cllr Stewart that the footpath alongside the A614 would be discussed with the new owners of White Post Farm. Cllr Stafford suggested that an information sign should be placed at the bottom of New Hill informing the public of the whereabouts of the Library and Village Centre. Cllr Jepson stated that whilst a good job of work had been undertaken to repair the bus stop at the Plough the tarmac surfacing was awaiting replacement. Cllr Elliott agreed to contact the Rural Community Council who had offered their services to conduct a transport plan which could include a traffic survey.

The proposal to divert Footpath 1 across Wilson’s Field was approved.

Co Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that Cllr Stewart was meeting Chris Charnley on Monday 28th February and would raise any issues on behalf of the Parish Council – the Clerk was to contact Cllr Stewart.

Parish Plan reports

Education and sport – Cllr Elliott reported that were on-going regarding the best use of the Section 106 monies and potential matched funding.

Environment and tourism – Cllr Elliott reported that he had pursued the matter further regarding the ‘best kept village’ competition and was in discussions with Bruce McDowell.

Public transport – no further information at this stage.

Communication – The Clerk reported that the first Parish Newsletter was sent out in February as planned and there have several comments of support for it. A second issue will be circulated in April.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting at the meeting.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, containing 13 cheques amounting to £6548.86p. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a reply from the VAT Inspector confirming that the VAT accounts were in order and that there was no VAT to be charged on VC bookings.

Planning applications

05/00280/FUL – Two storey side extension and single storey side extension at Homefield House, Station Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported

05/00212/FUL - erection of two storey extension to private dwelling, demolition of timber garage and erection of industrial kitchen building for preparation of food for outside catering business at Hillside Cottage, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Application not supported on the following grounds:

- Concerns upon highway grounds, road already busy, often parked fully and would suffer closures with the increase of commercial vehicles in addition to those servicing the library and chip shop.
- The property is in a conservation area and such a development is not in keeping with the general character of the area
- Impact upon neighbours

05/00209/FUL –erection of two storey front/side and single storey front extension at 16 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

05/00271/FUL – demolition of existing dwelling and construction of four new dwellings at Silverwood, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was not supported on the following grounds:

- The outline planning consent states that the dwellings should be of a ‘modest ‘ size – the proposed dwellings do not appear to be modest (what is N&SDC definition of ‘modest’?)
- The previous comments are still relevant and the objection repeats the one made at the outline stage – ‘object to the proposals on the grounds that the proposal 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 would not create an attractive living environment or allow for adequate open space and distance between dwelling to meet the needs of privacy; parking and access is not satisfactory and the junction is already to be considered hazardous, particularly at school opening and closing times
- Additional comments regarding traffic movements are – the building of a new school is under way and all school traffic from the current 2 school sites will converge at this point. The site visit previously undertaken was at lunch time and

not at peak traffic movements i.e. morning and afternoon school opening and closure; additional traffic now uses Far Back Lane due to the new Rainworth by pass, an easier route through Farnsfield.

- Upon consideration of the appeal for a previous application on the site – 02/01990/OUT - the Inspector commented as follows – ‘the approach to the site indicated in the illustrated drawing would, in my opinion, be wholly out of character with the surrounding area in particular the siting of three dwellings on the Far Back Lane frontage would result in an arrangement which would appear to be cramped and un-neighbourly. The effect would be compounded significantly by any solution, as indicated, which brought the new houses significantly in front of the prevailing building line’ The Parish Council supports this view and the proposed development is significantly in front of the prevailing building line.

The decisions made by Newark & Sherwood Planning Department were noted.

Village Centre

No items raised.

Agenda items for the next meeting

No items raised.

Personnel matters

The Clerk left the meeting.

The Clerk’s salary was discussed following a recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee that national guidelines and pay scales should be accepted and implemented by Farnsfield Parish Council with effect from 1st April 2005. It was agreed, with one abstention, that the Clerk’s salary be set at scale point 30 on the national scales from 1st April 2005 and annual increments up to scale point 34. paid pro rata.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th March 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), CG Rhodes, FA Reynolds, LM Selby, GDC Slight, GD Stafford.

Apologies

None

Planning applications

05/00409/FUL – extension and alterations to dwelling, including erection of new garage at Staddle Stones, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield
Application supported.

05/00394/FUL – conversion of loft at The Gables, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

05/00169/FUL – temporary siting of a mobile home in the grounds of Farnsfield House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield, whilst alteration and conversion works are undertaken at the house.
Application supported.

05/00382/FUL erection of dwelling on land to the side of Willow Fen, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

05/00336/FUL – erection of single storey extension to rear of 48 Abbott Crescent, Farnsfield
Application supported.

Church Clock

Cllr Rhodes appraised the meeting of the recent problems with the west facing church clock following the recent visit by English Clockmakers. There is an on-going problem causing the clock to run slowly.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact English Clockmakers and obtain a detailed summary of the work required together with an estimate.

It was also noted that should the damage be ‘storm damage’ and insurance claim may be appropriate.

Main Street

Cllr Jepson gave an update of the meeting held on 7th March 2005 attended by himself, Cllr Slight, Chris Charnley (NCC Highways), Co Cllr A Stewart and Co Cllr B Laughton. It was agreed that he prepare a letter summarising the outstanding issues and circulate it at the next Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th March 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs R Davis, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), C G Rhodes, FA Reynolds

LM Selby, GDC Slight, GD Stafford

Also present M Salt (Clerk), Dist. Cllr N Armstrong

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. PJ Elliott, K J Clarke, J Bradbury

Also received from Co Cllr. A Stewart.

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Andrew Charlton, Local Area Police Commander, to the meeting and suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm to allow the 4 members of the public present to address local policing issues to Inspector Charlton.

Mrs Jepson raised issues regarding repeated incidents of vandalism on Station Lane and had concerns that the problem would escalate.

Mr Wilson raised concerns regarding recent vandalism to the cricket pitch that could render it unplayable, at a considerable cost to the club.

Mr Teather raised concerns of lack of feedback from the police after repeated complaints of damage to his property on Brickyard Lane and commented that many residents were becoming disillusioned with the police and required something from the redress the apathetic situation that now exists.

Inspector Charlton responded to the issues by explaining the 'problem solving approach' adopted by him, he was aware of the issues and would endeavour to arrange for officers to be in the area at appropriate times to address the problem.

He stated that the local office Constable Lyndsey Wyke could be contacted by mobile on 07910 336893. and would respond to local calls when on duty.

Cllr Armstrong suggested the use of mobile CCTV cameras but was aware that they were not easily available.

Cllr Jepson urged the Inspector to produce a police presence in the village as there is already signs of flagrant disregard for the law, demonstrated in parking offences, repeated damage, disregard for people and property, and there is serious concern that the situation will deteriorate further.

Cllr Rhodes made the point that local ratepayers were entitled to a local service from the police.

Inspector Charlton left the meeting giving assurances that he would endeavour to improve the situation and provide the Clerk with information regarding the areas affected by criminal activities in the village.

He was thanked for his attendance by the Chairman and left the meeting.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.25pm.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2005 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr Selby and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 8th March 2005 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

- 5. Memorial Recreation Ground** –No items to report
- 6. The Acres** – Cllr Rhodes reported that the new heater had been installed in the pavilion but some additional work was required to the showers prior to the gas system being removed. Cllr Stafford reported that the small pitch had been rolled and marked out.
- 7. Southwell Road** – Nothing to report
- 8. Wilson's Field** –The light bulbs still require replacing.

Footpaths and highways

Cllr Jepson reported that the blockage in the drains on Tippings Lane had been cleared and the road had been resurfaced. Concern was expressed of the potential problems likely to be caused by the regular parking of a tractor on the footpath on Tippings Lane.

Cllr Slight reported that he anticipated a reply to the grant application submitted to the County Council for litter bins and a notice board.

Parish Plan reports

- Education and sport** – Nothing to report
- Environment and tourism** – Nothing to report
- Public transport** – no further information at this stage.
- Communication** – Nothing to report.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting at the meeting.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Slight, including 10 cheques amounting to £7,043.73p. Cllr Stafford proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Davis, and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications.

05/00374/FUL – erection of conservatory to rear of 12 Gordon Close, Farnsfield
Application supported.

05/00516/FUL - conversion of garage to form utility and w.c. and erection of extension to kitchen at 2 Gregory Gardens, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

05/00492/FUL –extension and alterations at 13 Woodland Close, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

Village Centre

No items raised

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm