

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th April 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

Planning applications

03/00763/LBC – proposed garage and storerooms at Swan Lodge, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

03/00762/FUL – proposed erection of single storey and storerooms at Swan Lodge, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

Both applications were supported.

02/02782/LBC – demolition of external fire escape and internal stairs and walls, restore room sizes and rear single storey extension at Upper Hexgreave Hall, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield. (amended plans)

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

Both applications were supported.

03/00543/FUL – change of use from filling station to be used as vehicle sales at Robin Hood Service Station, Rufford Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/00641/FUL – proposed first floor extension at 1a Nether Court, Farnsfield.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.55pm to allow the applicant to comment and respond to questions.

Standing Orders resumed at 8pm

Application supported.

03/00692/FUL – proposed sun lounge at The Woodlands, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/00747/FUL – proposed conservatory to the rear of 4 Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Planning notifications received from Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.16pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd April 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

One member of the public was in attendance and District Councillors N Armstrong, B Laughton, County Councillor A Stewart.

The Clerk circulated his annual report.

Miss Singleton commented that whilst she considered that the litter picker appointed by the Council did a good job the general state of the village was a disgrace, with litter strewn everywhere. She also commented on parking and speeding vehicles in the village, the lack of police presence and the nuisance caused by some of the youth of the village.

A general discussion took place over the above issues with the District and County Councillors pledging their support to assist in resolving local matters. It was suggested that street cleaning could be undertaken at a local level, as done in Bilsthorpe.

The issue of parking and obstruction of footpaths by vehicles was discussed thoroughly.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Parish Magazine/Parish Meeting

This year . the last of the current Council, has been one of progress, resolving some long standing issues.

Firstly the long running saga to conclude the Wimpey programme which eventually resulted in the transfer of the land adjacent to the Wimpey homes to Parish Council ownership and the long delayed opening of the children's play area. The area is gradually maturing to a good standard although after the first year of planting some of the shrubs require replacing.

The second major issue was that of the long running legal problems the Council undertook to recover funds considered to have misappropriated, and this resulted in an out of Court settlement bring a rather difficult chapter to a close.

The net result of these issues was an increase in the Parish reserve funds of £100.000, the first £50,000 being a grant from Wimpey for long term maintenance of the open space area and the other as compensation.

During the year Councillors were subjected to increasing legislation and procedures from central government, the first being to sign up to a new Code of Practice, seen by many Councils in the country as another unnecessary piece of beaurocracy, as most Councils operated an 'open book' policy in the conduct of affairs. However this resulted in the loss of one Councillor who felt unable to sign up to the new requirements, leaving a vacancy unfilled for the remainder of the year.

On the planning side things failed to improve yet another major development site has been imposed upon the village despite over 100 objections from the village and the Parish Council, again with very little provision of affordable housing. The result of this decision is the redevelopment of Toppings Lane to include footpaths, wherever possible and a road traffic scheme to accommodate the additional traffic. It will be interesting to see how site traffic negotiates the already congested Main Street, the highway planners believe the road system will cope.

The condition of the roads in the village have not improved, the yellow paint around the pot holes comes and goes, but the roads remain in the same state as before. We were led to believe that the Main Street was due for resurfacing in 2002-3, but later told that this was not so, may be it will happen in 2003-4, the latest prediction, we will wait and see and ask further questions if nothing develops.

There have been on-going incidents of vandalism and nuisance in the village resulting in additional costs in repairs to us and others, such as the Cricket, Tennis and Bowls Clubs. The mindless few cause loss and inconvenience to others with little sign of official deterrent despite large increases in local taxes.

The Council moves on towards the next four years with Councillor Allington retiring after long service to the Village and the nomination of eleven new Councillors, two not having previous service on the Council. Again there will be no Parish election.

The Parish plan is a new venture and will produce much information for developments in the village over the next few years.

There are still changes to come in local government and it will be necessary for Councils to be in a position to respond, thankfully Farnsfield now is after finalising previous issues leaving it to concentrate on the future, maintaining the fabric of the village, and making improvements wherever possible.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd April 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

Apologies

None

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting (full) held on 25th March 2003 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Allington, seconded by Cllr Hampshire and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 8th April, 2003, (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Peet, seconded by Cllr Hampshire and agreed.

The minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee meeting held on 8th April 2003 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – Cllr Peet suggested that the sign at the ground should include 'no cycling'.
2. Southwell Road – Comment was made that some of the shrubs were dying and some attention was required to the weeds, access gate and soft play area surfacing. A meeting with Phil Moody of Notts CC was suggested.
3. Wilsons Field – The Clerk reported that the work to be undertaken by Greenwood Forest would be deferred until October 2003. Cllr Stafford suggested that the light at Footpath 1 could be upgraded by a brighter bulb at a cost of £125. The lights on the play area had again been damaged, the Clerk to contact Abacus to arrange for reinforced glass to be installed. Cllr Bradbury suggested that the wickets to the play area be replaced, Cllr Rhodes to action. Consideration was given to re-siting the youth shelter and supply a waste bin nearby.
4. The Acres – The Clerk updated the meeting regarding the planning application in respect of the land off Cotton Mill Lane, that a further suggestion from Newark & Sherwood Planning Dept had been received suggesting that the application be amended to show 'public open space'. This was rejected. Concern was expressed that the rubbish from the tree area had still not been removed.

Footpaths and Highways

The Clerk and the Chairman gave an update of the meeting held with Mr Don Fitch, Roy Potter, (Notts. County Council), and Co Cllr Stewart regarding highway matters

in Farnsfield. The state of the roads was discussed and the supposed repairs to Mian Street, due in 2002-3 were now deferred until 2003-4, likely to be in March 2004.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.09pm to permit Cllr Stewart to join in with the discussion.

He undertook to pursue the Council's concerns and discuss the allocation of funds for the highways budget with the relevant people at County Hall.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.27pm.

Cllr Hampshire raised the issue regarding the removal of the poplar trees alongside Footpath 9, stating that he was under the impression that they were to be replaced.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated several items of correspondence for noting.

A letter from Wimpy was discussed concerning the proposed name for the service road into the new development off Toppings Lane. The preferred name being Pingle Close.

The Clerk presented a request for £175 for the DARE programme at the Walter D'Ayncourt School and requested agreement to a \$137 donation. This was proposed by Cllr Peet, seconded by Cllr Clarke, and agreed.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts for consideration, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury. It comprised of 10 cheques amounting to £3229.85p, was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Hampshire, and agreed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the internal auditor, Ian Fraser, had resigned from the position and that the proposal was to replace him with Dennis Kenyon, previously the auditor employed by the District Auditor to monitor Farnsfield Parish Council's accounts, until his recent retirement.

It was agreed unanimously that Dennis Kenyon be appointed as the internal auditor with immediate effect

Planning applications

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

The application was supported.

03/00804/OUT – demolition of existing dwelling and re-development with 4 new dwellings at Silverwood, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was not supported for the following reasons, contravening Newark & Sherwood District Plan Policy H20:

1. it does not reflect the character of the locality in terms of scale, density and layout
2. it does not respect features which contribute to the local landscape

3. it does not create an attractive living environment and allow for adequate open space and distance between dwellings to meet the needs of privacy
4. it does not have satisfactory parking and access provision.

Additionally it is considered there would be an exacerbation of local traffic problems. There is already heavy parking in the area due to bowls and tennis activities. The proposed development is also at a busy junction on a school route, to be the main school route in the village with two years when the new school is built.

03/00532/FUL – proposed single storey rear conservatory extension at 7 Spring Court, Farnsfield (amended plans).
Application supported.

03/00858/FUL - proposed alterations and extension to the existing dwelling at 2 Sandholes, Farnsfield.
Application supported

03/00909/FUL – proposed alterations to the existing dwelling, Blacksmith's Cottage, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.
The application was not supported, it was considered out of keeping with other properties in the conservation area, had too many glazed area, and the roof line could be improved.

Village Centre

The Clerk had no items to report.

Cllr Clarke was updated on the progress of the side rails/guards at the rear of the Lower Hall.

Cllr Clarke reported that the retaining hook for the Lower Hall door had been removed.

Standing Orders

The Clerk circulated an amended version of Standing Orders for consideration. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Peet, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and accepted.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

Chairman's remarks

'Firstly I wish to thank all Councillors and the Clerk for their help and support during my term of office. During the past four years since this Council came into being I believe we have grown collectively into a strongly working unified body which has achieved a number of positive assets for the village. I should like that atmosphere to continue and even expand in the coming four years if this is at all possible.

Secondly, I must refer to the financial and legal events which have cast a shadow over the Council since 1999 onwards. Without your continued trust and support during this trying period the work undertaken by Councillor Bradbury and myself would not only have made the situation more difficult but almost impossible to achieve.. We owe you our thanks for being so tolerant and understanding.

Finally, and regretfully, in my opinion, Raymond Allington has decided to retire after serving with the Council since 1991, when both he and I were elected. During that time he has contributed both with his time and expertise to many of the positive improvements we have seen in the village during this period. The most important of all I believe was the refurbishment of the Village Centre in 1994/5 from what previously had been little more than a slum. Latterly he was the Council's consultant and mediator during the construction of the Hard Play Area on Wilson's Field. These are two examples I have highlighted. There are many others which I am sure each one of you could add. Let us also not forget, when he was the Chairman of the Council for three of those 12 years and also the Chairman of The Village Centre Management Committee. Raymond may I offer you. On behalf of the Council and myself, our very many thanks for all you have done for the Council and the village, your input will be greatly missed. Our very best wishes go to you and your wife for the future'.

Cllr Allington responded, thanking the Chairman for his kind remarks.

Cllr Peet proposed a vote of thanks for Cllr Jepson for the manner he had conducted himself as Chairman, during a period when many difficult decisions were made, being firm but fair. This was endorsed by all present.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 13th May 2003, in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Hampshire, A D Jepson (Chairman), D A Peet, F A Reynolds, G Rhodes, L Selby, D Slight, CG Stafford, M Whittaker.

Apologies

None

Declaration of Office

All present completed and signed the Declaration of office in the presence of the Clerk

Appointment of Chairman.

All present were provided with a copy of Standing Orders to remind everyone of the procedure and to assist new members of the Council.

Cllr Peet proposed Cllr Bradbury as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Clarke. There were no other nominations and Cllr Bradbury was elected unanimously. He then signed the declaration of office.

Cllr Jepson handed over the Chairmanship to Cllr Bradbury.

Cllr Reynolds proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Jepson for the manner in which he had conducted himself as Chairman over the past two years, his style being firm but fair. This was supported by all present.

Cllr Bradbury informed the meeting that he was moving out of the village to reside at Rainworth. He requested that if anyone formed the opinion that due to him being away from the village his position as Chairman became untenable then he would reconsider his position.

Appointment of Vice Chairman

Cllr Jepson proposed that Cllr Peet be appointed Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Reynolds. There being no other nominations Cllr Peet was appointed Vice Chairman unanimously.

Appointment of Committee members

Finance and General Purposes – Cllrs. Jepson, Hampshire, Slight and Whittaker.

Village Centre – Cllrs. Clarke, Stafford, Selby and Whittaker

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

Appointments to outside bodies

Governor Walter D'Ayncourt – Cllr Clarke
Governor Church of England School – Cllr Selby
Youth Club – Cllr Clarke
Football Club – Cllr Stafford
NALC – Cllr Jepson
Groundsman – Cllr Stafford
PCC – Cllr Reynolds
Churchyard and Church Clock – Cllr Rhodes
Twinning – Chairman
Tennis – Cllr Jepson
Bowls – Cllr Peet
Snow Warden – Cllr Stafford
Police Liaison – Clerk
Cricket – Cllr Peet

Bank Mandate

A new bank mandate was completed by all Councillors and the Clerk

Planning applications

03/00892/FUL – inclusion of additional window to previously approved conversion at Railway Goods Shed, Formerly known as Station Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported

03/006654/FUL – redesign of affordable housing unit and optional conservatory status to existing George Wimpy units, land off Tippings Lane, Farnsfield. It was considered that there was insufficient detail regarding the alterations to the affordable housing.

The proposed conservatories are not supported on the grounds of over-intensification of the site.

03/1040/FUL – proposed extension and alterations at 4 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield. Application not supported. The grounds being over-intensification of the site, lack of privacy due to the rear having 5 windows overlooking the adjacent property. The front elevation appearing overpowering.

03/00996/OUT – erection of a new single storey dwelling at The Pebbles, Southwell Road, Farnsfield.

The decision was deferred until a site visit had taken place scheduled for Saturday 17th May 2003.

At the site meeting, attended by Cllrs. Bradbury, Clarke, Peet, Slight, Stafford and the Clerk, it was agreed that the proposed development would have a severe impact upon neighbouring properties and result in a loss of privacy. There would be over-intensification of the site, there would be further back land development. The application is not supported.

Planning decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th May 2003, in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury (Chairman), K J Clarke, A D Jepson, D A Peet, F A Reynolds, C G Rhodes, L M Selby, D G C Slight, G D Stafford, M Whittaker

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. R S T Hampshire.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd April, 2003, were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Jepson and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th May 2003, were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Peet, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – comment was made that the grass was in need of cutting and the ‘no cycling signs’ had not been installed.
2. The Acres – it was noted that the rubbish had been removed.
3. Southwell Road – Cllr Stafford read out a letter from a resident on Station Lane who had made a request that an oak tree be planted on the recreation ground in memory of a member of the family killed in an accident. He was not able to be buried in Farnsfield due to the 12 month residency provision. It was agreed unanimously and that Cllr Stafford make the necessary arrangements with the family. It was noted that the playground gate springs required replacing, the grass needed cutting. Cllr Rhodes reported that the main pathway had been mowed out through the wooded area.
4. Wilson's Field – Cllr Rhodes reported that the wickets on the play area had been re-installed. The Clerk stated that he was to get in touch with Abacus regarding unbreakable glass to be fitted in the floodlights.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk had previously circulated the reply to highway matters received from Don Fitch, Acting Highways Manager, Newark Area of Nottinghamshire CC. Comment was made that some of the issues raised had not been addressed, particularly the issue of disposal of surface water in Beck Lane, the culverts still blocked despite meeting with Mr Fitch and Gary Burden. It was agreed that Cllr Jepson act as the liaison between the various parties regarding the building and remedial works being undertaken in Tippings Lane.

Comment was made that the signs at the entrance of the village on Southwell Road and Longland Lane had been defaced. The Clerk reported that he had raised this with Mr Fitch and was awaiting a reply.

Comments were made regarding the construction work on Toppings Lane, these were noted by Cllr Jepson for action.

Comments were made that parking on footpaths continued to be a problem. The Clerk informed the meeting that he was attempting to arrange a meeting with a representative of the local police to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Comments have been received by members of the Council concerning the state of Southwell Road/Main Street, once incident where a motor cyclist almost lost control due to the uneven surface, Highways Dept, already aware of the concerns.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated to the meeting a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr. Peet, comprising of 16 cheques amounting to £34,541.79p. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr.Stafford, seconded by Cllr Slight and accepted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.12pm to allow public comment.

Miss Single raised several issues including, litter on the field purchased adjacent to the Acres, the blocked culverts on Toppings Lane, weeds on the footpaths.

Dist. Cllr Armstrong gave Cllr Laughton's apologies. The Chairman congratulated both of them on their re-election as District Councillors.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.16pm.

Planning applications

03/00965/FUL – replacement of existing pavilion for the shooting ground at Cockett Farm, Farnsfield.

Cllr. Reynolds declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

The application was supported.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the fencing work at the rear of the centre was complete.

No further news had been received regarding the application by the Youth Club to modify the area at the rear of the Lower Hall.

The future decorating of the centre would be discussed by the Village Centre Committee at its next meeting.

Burial Grounds provision

Cllr Stafford reported that concern was being expressed that the current Church burial ground was almost full and a new site would be required in the near future. Cllr Rhodes was of the view that the matter, whilst requiring discussion for future provision, was not too urgent.

It was agreed that the matter be deferred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee and also advice be sought from Newark & Sherwood DC.

Agenda items for the next meeting

Cllr Rhodes requested that the bus stop provision at the Church be included.

It was suggested that the police be invited to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th June, 2003, in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury (Chairman), K J Clarke, RSJ Hampshire, AD Jepson, DA Peet, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Whittaker

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Reynolds.

Planning applications

03/01065/FUL – proposed structural alterations and extension to enlarge study/guestroom .form new bedroom and entrance link to garage at Clematis Cottage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.

It was noted that the property was in the conservation area.

Application supported.

03/10340/FUL – demolition of garaging and storage building and erection of two storey extension (granny flat) at Hill House Farm, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/01250/FUL – conversion of garage into study and rear extension at 2 Goodwin Court, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/01279/FUL – proposed conversion, linkage and extension of two existing buildings for office use (B1) at Hexgreave Hall, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/01278/LBC – proposed alterations to the two outbuildings and convert them into office accommodation and extend Hexgreave Hall,Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03.1247/03/FUL – application to erect fence and gates at 4 Woodland Close, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Consideration of reply from Newark & Sherwood DC re planning application, land off Cotton Mill Lane.

The Clerk circulated the reply received from N & S DC suggesting that the Parish Council's application be amended to 'public open space' from 'recreational purposes' to enable a quick reply to the application.

The matter was discussed and it was considered that the original application should stand it was viewed that it was no different from outline planning permission, the Parish Council had given a written undertaking not to develop the

land without further consultation, and the application did not differ from one recently dealt with, change of use of a garage to a car sales lot, without any details of future use or building works.

The Clerk to respond to Mr Stedman accordingly.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th June 2003, in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. K J Clarke, RST Hampshire, A D Jepson, D A Peet (Chairman), F A Reynolds, CG Rhodes, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Whittaker

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Bradbury and LM Selby

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27th May 2003, (full), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed

The minutes of the meeting of 10th June 2003, (planning), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr Clarke, and agreed.

Clerk's report

Recreational areas

No specific matters raised in relation to the individual recreational areas. The Clerk gave an over-view of the meeting with Phil Moody, Notts, CC by Cllrs Stafford, Rhodes and himself, concerning the revised arrangements for inclusion in the contract. These included the cutting of areas of grass at the entrance to the village, clearing paths near to the Walter D'ayncourt School, cutting out the hedged on 'Neddy's Jitty', basically ensuring that all areas that give rise for concern by residents are dealt with.

The Clerk gave an appraisal of the seminar he had attended with Zurich on risk assessments of local council responsibilities. It was agreed that the Clerk approach local workmen to obtain an emergency service to deal effectively with problems as they arise causing potential harm to the public.

The Clerk updated the Council on the latest response from Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the land purchased off Cotton Mill Lane. They rejected the suggestion that the application be amended to 'public open space' and considered that the original application was akin to outline planning consent and was similar to a recent application considered for change of use of Robin Hood Filling Station to a used car sales area. It was proposed by Cllr Jepson that an appeal be lodged with the Secretary of State, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed unanimously.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had made contact with the police who would attend at some future meeting

Cllr Hampshire raised the issue of lights on Toppings Lane currently being erected as part of the development of the area by Wimpy. Concern was expressed as to the

type of light and support being erected. It was agreed that Cllr Jepson discuss the matter, on behalf of the Council, with Mr Potter, Notts CC.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated numerous items of correspondence for noting.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.29pm to allow members of the public present to comment.

Miss Singleton expressed concerns about a hole in ground in the wooded area adjacent to the Acres, which she considered to be dangerous, nettles on the pathways and the fact that the dykes from Toppings Lane were still blocked.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders at 8.35pm.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, comprising of 14 cheques amounting to £5,733.87p.

The were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Hampshire and approved.

Planning applications

None to consider.

The decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

Village Centre

No items reported by the Clerk.

Cllr Clarke raised concerns that whilst the screening erected on the fire escape dealt with the majority of the problem access to the roof could still be gained by members of the youth club. Cllr Rhodes agreed to check the installation with Cottams.

Bus shelter, Main Street, adjacent to the Church.

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the possibility of erecting a bus shelter at the Church stop on Main Street with the County Council. It was possible to have one providing 1.5m clearance remained on the footpath after erection of the shelter. It was agreed that the Clerk request the County Council to check out the site and if possible arrange for a shelter to be erected.

Nottinghamshire County Council electoral changes

The Clerk summarised the proposed changes to the County Council electoral system and it was agreed that the matter would be re-considered at the next Council meeting on 15th July 2003.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The public were excluded for the next item of discussion.

Cllr Jepson reported to the Council following his consideration of the Audit Commission review of Newark and Sherwood District Council. He had prepared draft answers to the questionnaire, and a draft summary of views for inclusion in the questionnaire. The views of Cllr Jepson were considered item by item and endorsed unanimously by the Council.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th July, 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. K J Clarke, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), RST Hampshire, CG Rhodes, F A Reynolds, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Whittaker.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr J Bradbury

Planning applications

03/01505/FUL – proposed two storey extension and single storey front extension at 55 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield,

Cllr Jepson declared an interest and left the room.

Application supported.

Cllr Jepson re-joined the meeting.

03/01582/FUL – proposed single storey side extension at Lyndhurst, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Application supported – comments to be made re conservation area and matching materials

03/01310/FUL – proposed pet centre at White Post Modern Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported – concerns expressed regarding the colour of materials used and merging into the landscape.

No decision from Newark & Sherwood DC to note.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Present

Cllrs J Bradbury (Chairman), K J Clarke, RST Hampshire, A D Jepson, D A Peet, C G Rhodes, F A Reynolds, L M Selby, DGC Slight, G D Stafford,

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M Whittaker

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 24th June 2003 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr.Jepson, seconded by Cllr Hampshire and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 15th July 2003, (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr Stafford and accepted.

The minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee of 15th July 2003 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

The minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee meeting provided an update as to the current situation.

Cllr Stafford informed the meeting that the light at the foot of Footpath 1 – Wilson's Field had been adjusted and he was in negotiations with the neighbours to have some tree foliage removed which was obscuring the light.

The Clerk circulated some inspection forms to be completed by Councillors if they wish to report any defects requiring immediate attention as part of the risk assessment survey to be carried out in the near future when the information was received from Zurich Insurance as part of the Local Council's Advisory Service. It was agreed that a special meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Would meet on the 5th August 2003 to set up the risk assessment process.

Highways and footpaths

Cllr Jepson gave an update regarding the current situation on Toppings Lane. The street lights are in the course of erection but there would not appear to have been any consultation with the officers of Newark & Sherwood DC as to the appropriate style to be erected in the conservation area.

Concern was expressed that the drainage situation had not been rectified.

Cllr Jepson informed the meeting that he had discussed the junction of Toppings Lane/Main Street with Mr Potter (NCC) regarding the line of vision which is considered to be inadequate. Feedback was awaited.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8pm to allow District and County Councillors present to contribute.

Co Cllr Stewart re-stated that the road repairs on the Main Street would take place in March 04 requiring 1/3 of the local area budget.

He enquired if a response had been received from the police and was informed that a verbal one had been received proposing a meeting about October. – it was agreed that a letter be sent by the Clerk requesting a firm date.

Comment was made that the Wimpy sales office was very close to the roadway and as no apparent consultation had taken place Cllr Jepson agreed to pursue the matter.

The apparent lack of progress with the current planning application for the land off Cotton Mill Lane was discussed and the meeting was informed that the appeal process had commenced.

The Policing Plan was discussed and it transpired that there was a lack of any rural policing strategy despite reassurances being given by the Chief Constable to County Councillors and others at recent public meetings. The Local Police & Disorder Plan also contained no reference to rural issues.

Standing Orders were re-introduced at 8.30pm.

The Clerk circulated some P3 Footpath Survey forms in order to complete the full survey of footpaths and compile an accurate record of the state of them. Some clearance work has been undertaken at Parish expense in order to deal with some immediate issues.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Hampshire, containing 15 cheques amounting to £5704.59p They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr Peet and accepted.

The Clerk circulated the final accounts for 2001-2 having been formally accepted by the auditors. He advised the meeting that the accounts for 2002-3 were being finalised for audit.

S137 Grant applications – the Clerk presented two applications for grant aid, the first from Farnsfield First Responder for £250, proposed for acceptance by Cllr Peet, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed. The second by the Farnsfield Pre-School Group. The application was considered and Cllr Peet proposed that a grant of £1250 be made, seconded by Cllr Clarke. Cllr Jepson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Planning applications

03/01688/FUL – proposed extensions to existing loft bedrooms at 51 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield.
Application supported

The following decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted:
03/00909/FUL – Blacksmith's Cottage, Mansfield Road – approved.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that there had been some problems with the chemicals used to clean the floor in the Lower Hall and these had been taken up with the supplier and manufacturer

Concern was expressed that there may be some gas bottles stored in an upper store- room. – the Clerk to check..

Cllr Stafford informed the meeting that he had received a report of a barbeque being held at the rear of the Village Centre and had previously understood that no activities should take place there.

The Clerk stated that he had approved the barbeque having risk assessed the situation and being satisfied that responsible adults would be in charge of all events. It was also noted that recent approval had been given for the area to be developed by the Youth Club using grant aid.

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 12th August 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, (Chairman), K J Clarke, RST Hampshire, AD Jepson, DA Peet, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, GD Stafford, DGC Slight, M Whittaker

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received fro Cllr FA Reynolds.

Planning applications

03/01729/FUL – proposed two story extension at Sennen Cottage, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

After consideration of the proposals it was agreed to hold a site meeting at 9am, Saturday 16th August 2003. After the site meeting the application was supported.

Planning decisions

The decisions of Newark and Sherwood DC were noted.

The Clerk requested that the meeting agree to the withdrawal of the appeal in relation to the land of Cotton Mill Lane following the decision made by Newark & Sherwood DC to approve the application.

Agreed unanimously.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.55pm to permit a discussion regarding the appeal decision in relation to Silverwood, Broomfield Road, Farnsfield.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.12pm.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts for approval containing 9 cheques amounting to £4474.34p, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson.

They were proposed for approval by Cllr. Hampshire, seconded by Cllr. Slight and approved.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on the 26th August, 2003,
in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J. Bradbury (Chairman), K.J. Clarke, A. D. Jepson, D. A. Peet, R. S. Hampshire,
C. G. Rhodes, F. A. Reynolds, D. G. C. Slight, G. D. Stafford, M. Whittaker.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Selby

Planning applications

03/01942/FUL : House type substitution and garage relocation
Plot 15, land off Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.

Application was supported although concern was expressed over the proximity of the building foundations to the hedge which had been damaged already by other footings on the site.

03/01999/FUL : Proposed alteration to existing building to form additional living space and
car parking, Cockett Farm, Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.

Application was supported.

03/01580/ADV : A decision was deferred pending further enquiries concerning the type of
lighting to be used for sign 12

PLANNING DECISIONS

Planning application 03/01340/FUL approved – proposed two storey extension

Subsequent to the closure of all planning matters, the Chairman informed the members of the public and the councillors who had been unable to attend the emergency meeting held earlier in the day, details of the road closures affecting Farnsfield from the 8th September. Appendix 'A' refers.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Appendix A

Road Closures

A meeting was held on Tues 26/8/03 between Parish Councilors, Co.Cllr. Andy Stewart, Don Fitch, the Highways Manager for the Newark & Sherwood area and Geoff Woodthorpe the Senior Highway Engineer.

This meeting was called to discuss the road closures as announced by Notts County Council

The Councillors stated that they were most disappointed about the lack of communication and consultation in this matter as they were not aware of the full implications of the work and road closures. The meeting was only being held some 18 days after the notification of the closures had been announced.

The Highway Engineer said that he had mentioned the forthcoming work on the A614 at White Post previously but the Council reminded him that no mention was made of road closures. The Council's opinion was that some detailed consultation regarding the amount of closures and the work to be done may well have defused the present situation

The work concerned will take place at the White Post roundabout on the A614 from 8 September for 8 weeks and is designed to alleviate the flooding which regularly occurs there. The drainage pipes will be taken both east (towards Rainworth) and west (towards Farnsfield) along Mansfield Road and it is that that will cause the road the road closures as, owing to existing services in the verges, the drains have to run along the roads for some considerable distance before emptying into ditches, the maintenance of which will be the responsibility of NCC Highways.

Mansfield Road, both eastwards and westwards, at the junction is not sufficiently wide for 2 way traffic to continue to flow whilst these works take place and the proximity of the roundabout prevents a traffic light system being used on the junction (this would mean traffic from one direction only being able to move at any one time and this would cause even more severe congestion on the A614 north and south)

It was suggested that the road works take place only between 9:30am and 3:30pm to allow rush hour traffic to use the junction, but the County Council said that if this were to be done the time taken by the road works could well double and the costs escalate accordingly – there was no alternative to the road closure.

The alternative route for access to Farnsfield will be via the A614 junction at Lockwell Hill – along the A617 and down Cockett Lane. The closure of Station Lane end may be considered under emergency powers held by NCC if the circumstances warrant it.

The County Council said that they will be continually monitoring the junction of Cockett Lane with the A617 closely and may, if necessary, introduce temporary traffic signals

With many representations from residents of the Tippings Lane area having been received the question of the use of Tippings Lane and Beck Lane as a rat run was

raised. NCC said that they could use the emergency powers to restrict the use of the Longlands Lane junction of the A614, but only as a last resort and then only for safety at that junction. They had no powers to close the road owing to traffic concerns in other roads leading from the junction.

It was suggested that some additional warning signage may be used to attempt to calm traffic on Tippings Lane and Beck Lane but Notts County Council does not feel that there will be a significant extra risk to residents.

It was recommend that drivers do not use Tippings Lane / Quaker Lane / Gregory Gardens / Beck Lane / Longlands Lane unless they would normally use this route owing to the restricted width of these roads and that residents of these roads take extra care in case of extra traffic.

If residents have concerns regarding traffic safety that appear, or are still active, when the plans start will they please contact me on 474244 or the Clerk to the Council on 883916. Cllr Stuart can be contacted on 01636 636270 if you wish to make your representations at County Council level.

The Highways Department can be contacted on 01636 682644

Main Street

It was announced that the long overdue resurfacing of Main Street is now definite for this financial year and it is hoped that this will start in February 2004, weather permitting.

The work will extend from Bells Field (the junction of Chapel Lane and Mansfield Road) and the 30 mph restriction sign on Southwell Road

This is a major scheme of work costing some £200,000 which will obviously create some major temporary problems in Main Street and the surrounding roads.

It is anticipated that this work will take place over a period of 2 months with Main Street being often restricted to single line traffic – and on occasions, when the very narrow stretches are being dealt with, closed completely.

Notts County Council will be consulting the Parish Council in advance of any final plans being prepared

Residents who have to park on the road will be being asked to make alternative parking arrangements

Further details will be given as soon as they are known. Again, will you please make any queries to me or the Clerk to the Council – details as above.

John Bradbury
Chairman, Farnsfield Parish Council

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th September 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, (Chairman), KJ Clarke, RST Hampshire, AD Jepson, DA Peet, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. FA Reynolds, M Whittaker.

Planning applications

03/02056/FUL – proposed extension and alterations to the rear of the house at Milcott House, Southwell Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/02038/FUL – change of use from shop to residential use including associated alteration works at the Bus Stop Cottage, Main Street, Farnsfield

Application supported.

03/02039/LBC – internal alterations-conversion to residential use, open up existing window opening to rear elevation at the Bus Stop Cottage, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported – concerns expressed regarding the fitting of the roof light into a pan-tiled roof.

03/02097/FUL- proposed single storey rear extension at 5 Alexander Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported – concerns expressed re potential loss of light to neighbouring property.

03/02096/FUL – proposed single storey extension at Middle Close, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd September 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, RST Hampshire, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman),
FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, DGC Slight, M Whittaker

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs, J Bradbury, LM Selby
GD Stafford, Dist Cllrs N Armstrong and B Laughton

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd July 2003 (full) were proposed for acceptance by
Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Hampshire and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 12th August 2003 (planning) were proposed for
acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr. Whittaker and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 26th August, 2003 (planning) were proposed for
acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and agreed.

The minutes of 9th September 2003 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr
Jepson, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (adjourned) of 5th

Clerk's report

Recreation grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – no issues raised.
2. The Acres – no issues raised
3. Wilson's Field – comments made that there was a need to remove more branches from the tree on Footpath 1 in order that the steps are fully illuminated.
4. Southwell Road – the playground gates have been repaired but the slam plate requires re-securing.
5. Seats – the Clerk gave a resume of the current situation regarding the additional seats being installed by the Millennium Committee – with particular reference to the one on the trail near to Brickyard Lane as it has been alleged that some damage to the hedgerow was caused during installation. It was agreed that this was not a Parish Council matter and that Liaison had taken place with Mr Wade of Notts CC. The resultant issues would be resolved by the Millennium Committee, Mr Wade and the landowners with assistance from the Parish Council, Cllr Peet volunteered to represent the Council.

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

Mr Stevens reiterated what the Clerk had stated and confirmed that the Millennium Committee had the matter in hand.

He informed the Council of the locations agreed for the additional seats and welcomed the addition of Cllr Peet to assist in the future.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.08pm.

Footpaths and highways

A discussion took place regarding the current situation due to the road closure at the White Post and diverted traffic through the village. Some minor incidents have occurred but generally traffic is moving on the diversionary routes .

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a reply from Notts CC regarding the proposition to install a bus stop at the Church – the decision being to refuse the request as the pavement was too narrow to meet minimum requirements at that point. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Notts CC and request that the pavement be widened to facilitate the bus stop when the road works on Main Street take place in 2004.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.20pm to allow further public comment

Miss Singleton made comment regarding the unevenness of the footpaths on Quaker Lane. And a ridge in the footpath on Gregory Gardens left by the Wimpy contractors, (Cllr Jepson agreed to make enquiries).

Co. Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that some road planings had been put on Brickyard Lane at no cost to meet a local resident's requirements. It was considered appropriate that similar attention be given to Cotton Mill Lane and Crabnook Lane.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a request for financial assistance from Fiona Copley to fund the fireworks for a community project that 'Farnsfield Results' were undertaking. Mrs Copley addressed the meeting outlining the proposal and stating that the proceeds of the bonfire and firework display would be donated to charitable causes in Africa.

The Council agreed to consider the request later in the meeting and thanked Mrs Copley for the information provided.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.55pm.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting and sought attendees for the Parish Council Conference on 17th November 2003 and Housing Strategy Partnership Trust Meeting of 26th September 2003.

Accounts

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Slight consisting of 10 cheques amounting to £4179.48. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and agreed.

The Clerk then informed the Council that he had prepared the accounts for 2002-3 and they had been subject to Internal Audit by Denis Kenyon and were presented to the Council for approval prior to submission to the nominated Auditors, Hacker Young. The accounts were examined and proposed for acceptance by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Whittaker and accepted.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

03/01729/FUL –proposed two storey extension at Sennen Cottage, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield, (amended plans)

The proposal was initially not supported on the grounds of its visual appearance not being in keeping with the neighbouring dwellings, however after some discussion a proposal for support was received from Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Whittaker, the votes cast were 3 in support, 3 against, 1 abstention, the Chairman using his casting vote to support the proposal.

Decision – application supported.

03/02180/FUL – convert and extend roof space to bedroom/en-suite and detached garage at 15 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/02118/FUL –proposed conservatory conversion at The Plough, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application not supported on the grounds that the proposal was not in keeping with the conservation area, being visible from the Main Street.

03.02119/FUL – proposed rear conservatory at 6 Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/02152/FUL – proposed extension and conservatory at The Pingle, Combs Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

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

Village Centre

No items to report.

Committee meeting agreed for Tuesday 14th October 2003 following the Planning Meeting.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The Chairman informed the public that the remaining items would be undertaken in closed session and requested them to leave.

Application for funding – fireworks ‘Farnsfield Results’

The application made by Mrs Cobley on behalf of Farnsfield Results was considered and following advice from the Clerk it was agreed that it was not an appropriate use of public funds to sponsor a charitable event for the benefit of people outside the local community.

The application was rejected on the grounds that it was not an appropriate use of public funds.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury (Chairman), KJ Clarke, RST Hampshire, AD Jepson, DA Peet, CG Rhodes, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Whittaker.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. FA Reynolds and LM Selby.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

03/02259/FUL – proposed single storey extension to form garage and utility, replace flat roof over dining room with pitched roof at 2 Woodland Close, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/02408/FUL – erection of two double garages with study/office over at Keepers Cottages, Hexgreave Park, access road A617, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

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

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury (Chairman), KJ Clarke, RSJ Hampshire, AD Jepson, DA Peet, FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received. And accepted, from Cllrs. LM Selby and M Whittaker

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd September 2003 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 14th October 2003 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Hampshire and agreed.

Clerk's report

Recreation grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk reported that he had received an application for funding from the Tennis Club to assist them to replace the wire mesh fencing around the tennis courts. The Clerk informed the meeting that the application could be properly dealt with under S137 should the Council decide to proceed. He also reminded the meeting that a lease had been granted to the Tennis Club and the maintenance of the fencing was their responsibility. The matter was discussed at length and the decision was that it should be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration and that additional financial reports from the Tennis Club be requested by the Clerk. The possibility of other grant aid was to be pursued.
2. Wilson's Field – it was reported that the shrubs in the corner of the field adjacent to the play area would be planted by NCC in the near future. The Clerk presented a request for funding from the Cricket Club to install new facilities (nets) for use by the youth element of the Club. The Clerk informed the meeting that this application could be met by a S137 grant should the Council wish to pursue this course of action. Comment was made that although the provision would be for the youth element in the first instance, it would also be used by any member of the Club. The matter was referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee and supporting financial information requested.
3. The Acres – The Clerk reported that BTCV had performed further work in the woodland area, clearing undergrowth and generally tidying up the area.

4. Southwell Road – The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Phil Moody of NCC who had informed him that the dead shrubs were to be replaced and the area surrounding the play area tidied up.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with NCC regarding the replanting of the White Post roundabout and had referred them to Cllr. Stafford. Cllr Stafford confirmed that he had had a meeting and agreed the planting scheme, in line with the original with lower shrubs to assist visibility across the roundabout and bark chippings around the perimeter instead of the original grass, which had not been a success. He also reported that a footpath had been provided from the roundabout to Wonderland with crossing provision across the A614.

The Chairman gave a detailed update regarding several items of correspondence he had undertaken with NCC Highways regarding several highway issues including weight limits, traffic calming, speed controls and the general state of footpaths. He also raised several issues, such as footpaths and street lamps affected by the Farnsfield Conservation Plan.

His actions were supported by the Council.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.28pm to allow the members of public present to comment.

Co Cllr Stewart supported Cllr Bradbury's actions and stated that he had received copies of the correspondence and would provide whatever support he could. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr Fitch in order to give the Council the opportunity to meet with the contractors and agree and local issues to be included in the works.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.45pm.

Accounts

The Clerk produced a schedule of accounts containing 11 cheques amounting to £3541.18p, scrutinised by Cllr Hampshire.

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

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

03/02467?FUL – proposed single storey front and rear extension at 22 Cockett Lane, Farnsfield

Due to insufficient detail being included on the plans to indicate existing and proposed work no decision was made and the Clerk requested to obtain further from Newark and Sherwood DC Planning Department.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had obtained quotes from Lane Sheppard to re-decorate the Lower Hall, kitchen, exterior and metalwork at the rear of the Centre.

It was agreed that as the total cost of the work fell below the threshold for tendering and the previous work undertaken by Lane Sheppard had been of good quality that the quote be accepted and the work be undertaken as soon as possible. The meeting was informed that the re-decoration of the Lower Hall would take place immediately after the Christmas break.

Councillor's allowances

The papers, having been previously circulated to all members were considered in detail and, whilst it was accepted that Councillors could receive allowances for public duties, it was unanimously agreed that there would be no change to the present arrangements.

The present arrangements are for re-imbursement of mileage incurred on Council business outside the Parish and expenses in undertaking such business or attending training programmes.

Agenda items for the next meeting

Cllr Slight proposed that the absence of policing in the village and contribution to a private scheme be considered.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllrs J Bradbury (Chairman), RSJ Hampshire, AD Jepson, DA Peet, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Whittaker.

Apologies

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

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered

03/02467/FUL – proposed front and rear extension at 22 Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was not supported on the following grounds – it was considered that the design of the alterations, in particular the front gables, were not in keeping with the remainder of the property, nor the adjacent properties. Objection on the grounds of visual amenity.

03/02516/FUL – two storey rear extension at 5 Alexander Road, Farnsfield

The application was supported.

03/02627/FUL – conservatory to rear of 32 Parfitt Drive, Farnsfield

The application was supported.

03/0265/FUL – change of use of land at Far Baulker Farm, Farnsfield

The application was supported.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd December 2003 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from G D Stafford and M Whittaker and accepted .

Minutes of previous meetings

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

The minutes of the meeting of 11th November 2003 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Hampshire and agreed.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 11th November 2003 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – The application for financial assistance from the Tennis Club was discussed and Cllr Rhodes suggested that the Council could make a contribution towards the common fencing between the Tennis Club and the children's' playground. Cllr Jepson suggested that this application should not be finalised without the reply from the Cricket Club, with a similar request for assistance. This was agreed.
2. Wilson's Field – Concern was expressed regarding the increasing puddling on the hard play area – the Clerk to contact Charles Lawrence. Cllr Peet reported that he and Cllr Stafford had met with Mr Hughes (complainant re ball nuisance from the hard play area) and suggested that a fence be erected to prevent this and also to stop the balls running down the footpath on to Mansfield Road. It was agreed that quotes be obtained for the next meeting.

Footpaths and highways

Due to apologies being received from Co Cllr Stewart a letter was read out regarding the work done to re-surface Brickyard Lane with highway planings. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter confirming that Nottinghamshire County Council would liaise with the various departments in order to erect a bus shelter adjacent to the Church when the re-surfacing of Main Street occurs.

Cllr Peet reported that the White Post roundabout would not be turfed when replanted. A footpath towards Wonderland had been added during the road works at the roundabout with crossing provision over the A614.

Cllr Stafford had been in contact with NCC regarding the gritting of Cockett Lane in the event of icy conditions as more traffic were using it following the speed retarders being imposed in Rainworth, and it is a bus route.

The Chairman gave an update, and circulated papers, regarding the consultation he had undertaken with Nottinghamshire County Council and Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the proposed resurfacing of Main Street and the re-instatement of areas to conform to the Conservation Study/Report undertaken by N&S DC.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Mr Stedman and other officers of Newark & Sherwood DC to discuss the matters raised by the Chairman.

Footpath adjacent to the Warwick Arms car park – the reply received from the brewery was passed to Cllr Slight for his to pursue further with the licensee.

At 8.25pm the Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the public present to comment.

Cllr Hampshire reported that the recent meeting held by N&S DC on housing stock options had been attended by about 35 residents and it was agreed that the Residential Design Development Appraisal published by N&S DC be obtained following its expected approval at a Cabinet Meeting of Newark & Sherwood DC on 8th December 2003.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders at 8.30pm.

Correspondence

Numerous items of correspondence were noted.

Accounts

The Clerk presented the request for the annual grant from the Bowls Club and the Tennis Club under S137 for £100 each. Both were proposed by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed.

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, including 16 cheques amounting to £5443.56p, which were agreed by the meeting.

The Clerk presented the proposed precept for 2004-5 to the meeting and referred to the minutes of the F&GP meeting of 11 November 2003. Cllr Jepson proposed that the precept be set at £50,000 for 2004-2005. This was seconded by Cllr Peet and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications

03/024674/FUL – proposed extension to dwelling at Janik, Main Street, Farnsfield.

The application was supported subject to the following conditions –

1. the windows on the north side, Main Street to match and be in keeping with the existing windows
2. roof line to match existing.

03/02710/FUL – proposed extension, alterations and porch at Croesco, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield
Application supported.

03/02665/FUL – proposed extension and alterations to enlarge study/guest room, form new bedroom and entrance link to garage at Clematis Cottage, Chapel Lane.

The application was not supported on the following grounds –

1. impact upon neighbouring properties, considered to invasive.
2. over-intensification of the site.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the Lower Hall and kitchen would be re-decorated during the week commencing 5th January 2004.

There had been a Food hygiene inspection by Newark & Sherwood DC no matters were raised and a certificate of conformity issued.

The fire appliances had similarly been inspected with no problems reported.

Police presence in Farnsfield

Councillor Slight raised the issue of lack of policing in Farnsfield for discussion with the view of considering options.

He gave an outline of the current state of policing and the measures taken some years ago with the introduction of private security patrols and suggested that the situation be reviewed and consideration be given to upgrading the private security alternative as an option.

After a lengthy debate it was agreed that the choice of private security was a matter for the individual and that sufficient money was paid for adequate policing provision in the village.

Long Service Certificate

The Chairman presented Councillor Rhodes with a certificate issued by NALC in recognition of 40 years continuous service on the Parish Council. He was congratulated by all present and thanked for his service to the community.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th January 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs/ J Bradbury (Chairman), K J Clarke, RSJ Hampshire, A D Jepson, D A Peet, F A Reynolds, CG Rhodes, LM Selby. DGC Slight, GD Stafford.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Whittaker and accepted.

Planning applications

03/02834/FUL – proposed domestic conservatory to the rear of the property at 32 Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

03/02946/FUL - proposed internal alterations at ground floor and conversion of existing garage to living accommodation at Blacksmiths Cottage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.

Application not supported –

1. Design – glazed gable and roof elevations
2. Highway grounds – possibility of glare from new window to approaching traffic along Mansfield Road
3. Conservation area – proposals not in keeping with existing buildings

03/02944/FUL – convert roof space to bedroom/en-suite, front porch, detached garage and front boundary wall.

Application supported.

03/02988/FUL – proposed extension to the day care centre at White Post Modern Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The planning decision of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

Cllr Jepson gave a summarised update following his review of financial papers received from Mr Stedman of Newark & Sherwood DC following the meeting held on 8th December 2003 to discuss highway matters. Several highway matters were discussed to be continued at the next full meeting.

Accounts

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Peet, containing 17 cheques amounting to £7587.94. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed.

The Clerk reported that he had received notification from Hacker Young that the accounts for 2002-3 had been finalised with the appropriate certificate issued.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury (Chairman), RST Hampshire, A D Jepson, D A Peet, C G Rhodes, L M Selby, G D C Slight, G D Stafford, M Whittaker.

Apologies

Ap[ologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs K J Clarke and F A Reynolds

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd December 2003 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Stafford and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2004 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Slight and accepted.

Clerk's report

Recreational areas

1. Memorial recreation Ground – The application for financial support to the Tennis Club for the replacement of the perimeter courts netting was discussed in some details. It was agreed unanimously that the Council would not provide financial support on this occasion and that the Tennis Club be advised to contact Newark & Sherwood DC for grant aid.
2. The Acres – Cllr Stafford informed the meeting that damage had been caused to the pavilion shutters and the gas bottle mounting. He also referred to the recent problems caused by dogs fouling the football pitch area. He had complained on a previous occasion that a match had been delayed whilst the pitch was cleared and the blame had been attached to the Dog Agility Trainers, this has been found not to be the case, the trainers (present at the meeting) confirmed that they exercised good control of the dogs in training, stray dogs were the culprits. It was agreed that the Clerk would display extra notices warning dog owners of enforcement and contact the Dog Warden.
3. Southwell Road – concern was expressed regarding grass/moss growing between the pavement blocking. Concern was expressed generally regarding the state of the hedgerows. Cllr Rhodes to contact Henry Perry to arrange for Cotton Mill Lane hedging to receive urgent attention. The Clerk to contact NCC regarding adoption of the roads on the estate.
4. Wilson's Field – Cllr Stafford reported that the electric meter box had been vandalised and Cllr Rhodes was in the process of installing a new one. The Clerk reported that he was in contact with Charles Lawrence regarding the hard play area. It was agreed that the new fencing be erected as proposed by Cllr Rhodes to prevent damage to neighbouring residents property and remove

the hazard of balls running on to Mansfield Road, and the associated road safety problems.

Footpaths and highways

The Chairman gave an update concerning the re-surfacing of Main Street. It was reported that the proposed resurfacing would not now take place until after the start of the new financial year, and a date had not been fixed. Don Fitch had been replaced by Chris Charnwood. The Clerk referred to a letter received from Katherine Wimble, N&SDC, confirming that the road resurfacing scheme would include a new drainage system, footpath resurfacing, tarmac not block as the roads were too narrow, and the street lighting would be subject to further discussion.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Co Cllr Stewart to contribute to the discussion.

In response to comments made by Councillors that conservation work was being undertaken in neighbouring villages Cllr Stewart commented that decisions were now made in 'Cabinet', thus preventing input from councillors representing parishes. He would endeavour to raise the concerns of the Parish Council with the appropriate bodies on the County Council.

He also raised the issue of patrols from part time police officers and would make enquiries of the costs involved in such policing.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.42pm

The Chairman raised the issue of the seating programme commenced by the Millennium Committee and requested that the Parish Council formally adopt the programme with the appropriate transfer of funds. This was agreed and the Chairman to progress the matter with the Millennium Committee.

Cllr Slight stated that the footpath problem adjacent to the Warwick PH car park was still on-going.

Correspondence

Several items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

A document – Newark & Sherwood DC Issues Report required some detailed consideration with a view to providing a response on planning matters by 27th February 2004. Comment was made concerning the shortness of the consultative period and it was agreed that a small group consisting of Cllrs Bradbury, Jepson and Peet review the report and provide a response, to be presented to the Council on 23rd February 2004.

Accounts

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, consisting of 6 cheques amounting to £1152.16p. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr.Slight, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

The Clerk circulated to all members a detailed schedule from which the 2004-5 precept was derived.

Planning

04/00042/FUL – proposed extension to the existing farm managers cottage at Carr Banks Farm Cottage, Longland Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/00071/FUL – proposed conservatory extension at The Plough Inn, Main Street, Farnsfield.

The application was not supported.

The Plough Inn is in a conservation area and whilst not a listed building is noted as one 'of special interest' It was considered that such an extension would not be in keeping with the original building and surrounding ones. It would be visible from the Main Street and would detract from the surroundings.

Planning grounds – visual impact, conservation area, design features.

Decisions of Newark & Sherwood Planning Department were noted.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that there was a long term problem with the cleaner due to ill health, but he was looking at alternatives.

The heating system in the upper and lower halls was currently under review.

Dates of future meetings

The Clerk circulated a schedule of meeting dates for 2004 which were agreed.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllrs. K J Clarke, RST Hampshire, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman),
CG Rhodes, LM Selby, M Whittaker.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. GD Stafford, FA Reynolds,
DGC Slight and J Bradbury. The apologies were accepted.

Two members of the public were present and the Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm to allow them to discuss matters with the Council.

Mrs. Turpin expressed concern regarding problems encountered when the Village Centre had not been unlocked on time to allow the admission of a childrens' party. The Clerk explained the booking and unlocking procedures and accepted that on this occasion the unlocking arrangements had not gone as planned. It was accepted that errors do occur and in order to prevent such occurrences in the future he would look at ways of inclusion of contact arrangements on the booking forms to allow for the supply of a key to the premises, if the applicants are considered suitable and there are no health and safety implications, such as use of equipment.

Mrs Turpin accepted the assurance and thanked the Council for the opportunity for allowing her to raise the matter with her. The Chairman said that such feedback was important if the service provided by the Parish Council was to continually improve.

Mrs Sweeting sought advice from the Council on planning procedures regarding an application she was intending to submit. This was provided and she was advised to follow the usual cycle related to planning applications with Newark & Sherwood District Council.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders at 7.55pm.

Planning applications

04/0100/FUL – application for a two storey extension at 3 Abbott Crescent, Farnsfield.

Cllr Selby declared an interest – application by son – there being no prejudicial interest she remained in the meeting, took no part in the decision.

The application was supported subject to comment that the new gable end should be 'hipped' to match the existing gable at the other end of the pair of semi-detached houses.

The decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Department were noted.

Village Centre

The Clerk informed the meeting of the progress made following the unlawful entry into the centre by juveniles (believed), and the theft from the office of centre keys. There had been a need to replace the locks on the front doors to prevent further breaches of security and, thanks to Cllr Rhodes, the centre was made secure within hours of the discovery of the occurrence and the replacement locks were in place and the additional keys supplied for distribution.

Cllr Jepson proposed a vote of thanks for the efforts of Cllr Rhodes, Cllr Clarke and the Clerk for the additional work undertaken to ensure that the centre had continued to function as normal. This was endorsed by all present.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the awaited intercom system for the Scouts Room and Upper Hall was currently being installed and he was making enquiries regarding the installation of a camera security system, details to be reported at a later meeting.

Equipment

The Clerk sought permission to purchase an LCD projector to enable better presentations to the Council when addressing financial matters, risk assessments, for example, this would enable computerised records to be made available to the whole Council easily at any time.

Cllr Jepson proposed that a projector be purchased, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed. Cllr Whittaker to make enquiries and recommend suitable equipment.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th February 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury (Chairman), JK Clarke, RST Hampshire, AD Jepson, DA Peet, G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Whittaker
Also in attendance M Salt (Clerk), Dist. Cllr N Armstrong

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllr FA Reynolds, Co Cllr A Stewart

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27 January 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Peet, seconded by Cllr Whittaker and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 10 February 2004 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Hampshire and accepted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.33pm to allow several members of the public present to express their interests.

A deputation of three members of the public voiced their concerns over the recent attacks of vandalism where vehicles had been damaged on Main Street, the damage involved being of a substantial nature, broken mirrors, brick through a windscreen and similar instances.

Concerns regarding a spate of burglaries and attempt burglaries at premises on New Hill and Main Street.

The general complaint was of a lack of police presence in the village and concern when attempting to contact the police to report the incidents – the comment being ‘there is little the police can do about it’.

After some debate it was agreed that CCTV should be considered, linking into the Spar shop upgrade (offer by Mr Marshall) and that Cllr Armstrong would contact the Crime and Disorder Unit at Newark & Sherwood DC.

It was considered that a police presence on Friday evenings would be useful plus some enforcement of the Traffic Regulation Orders in relation to illegal parking.

The Chairman stated that the Council shared the concern and the Council was currently in the process of addressing policing issues, the Clerk having raised the matter with the Chief Constable and was awaiting an outcome.

Miss Singleton mentioned her concerns regarding the siting of a seat and the alteration of the entrance to Southwell Trail from Brickyard Lane. These were noted.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.58pm.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. The Acres – comments were made that there was a small infestation of mole hills approaching the edge of the football pitch.
2. Memorial Recreation Ground – no items raised.
3. Southwell Road – The gates and fencing around the play area had been re-instated.
4. Wilson's Field – A large area of moss was being scarified, the fencing had been completed. The hard play area was still unresolved and it was believed that the levels were wrong – Cllr Whittaker agreed to check the levels with laser and provide a report. The Clerk would take up the matter with Mark Gamble (Charles Lawrence Plc). Cllr Clerk commented on the state of some signs and it was agreed that the Clerk have all of the signs checked and restored where necessary.

Footpaths and highways

The Chairman gave an update regarding the proposed highway resurfacing and improvement on Main Street, a meeting to consider NCC proposals has been set for 2.30pm, 30/3/04.

Cllr Stafford reported that following his contact with NCC Highways regarding the gritting of Cockett Lane due to the increase of traffic using that route – NCC to monitor. He also reported that the White Post roundabout is due for completion by the end of March.

The Clerk reported that the poor state of Crabnook Lane had been reported to NCC for consideration of some remedial work on the public footpath. Options were being considered and a proposed scheme of work would be forwarded to the Parish Council when completed.

Cllr Slight stated that he was in contact with Pubmaster regarding the footpath alongside the car park – no progress made to date.

Co Cllr Laughton re-iterated that the design meeting scheduled for 30/3/04 would take into account the Parish Council's views. He also added that as there was some drainage work to be undertaken it was likely that Main Street would be closed at the beginning of April.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from NCC – 'Building better communities' – this required the Parish Council to submit proposals of highway work to be undertaken as specific projects. It was agreed that a meeting would take place at 9.15am on 27/2/04 to formulate the proposals.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated several items of correspondence for noting. He stated that he had received letters of resignation from Cllrs. Hampshire and Whittaker, effective on 24/2/04, both of whom were moving away from the village.

The Chairman thanked the two Councillors for their valued contribution and wished them well for the future.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts for consideration and approval. The schedule included 11 cheques amounting to £3637.92p, scrutinised by Cllr Peet. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hampshire, seconded by Cllr Jepson and approved.

Planning applications

04/00246/FUL – proposed conservatory at 109 Station Lane, Farnsfield .
Application supported.

04/00343/FUL- proposed dormer extension to provide shower room at 2 Green Vale, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/00350/FUL – demolish existing primary school and construct new primary school at the Walter D’Ayncourt Primary School, Branston Avenue, Farnsfield.
The application was supported, one vote against, concern was expressed regarding the likely traffic problems to be encountered at opening and closing times with resultant disruption to residents. It was urged that NCC Highways produce a suitable traffic management scheme to help alleviate the potential problems.

Newark & Sherwood Planning decisions were noted.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that following the burglary at the Centre the locks on the front doors had been changed and new keys issued. He was still in the process of replacing a pay-phone, keys stolen, and the additional security work was still on-going.

The Upper Hall kitchen has been fitted with a constant flow water heater in order to minimise the risks to users, from handling kettles of boiling water.

Issues report

The Chairman discussed the proposals made to the Council for consideration in response to the report by himself, Cllrs Peet and Jepson.
The proposals were accepted with amendments considered during the discussion. It was agreed that the Chairman forward the reply to Newark & Sherwood DC.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 10.12pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th March 2004 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

Apologies for absence

None

Planning applications

04/00399/FUL – erection of a single storey side extension at Beauvale, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/00456/FUL – proposed kitchen extension and alterations to roof to form porch to lounge and dormer window to bedroom at Sharrow Cottage, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/00460/FUL – proposed single/double storey rear extension at 5 Alexander Road, Farnsfield.
Application not supported on the grounds that the proposed extension is too large in relation to the existing property: will over-shadow the neighbouring property (adjacent semi-detached property): large garage on the site not shown on the plans will lead to over-intensification of the site.

04/00427/FUL – proposed extension to the existing bungalow, demolish existing garage and erect a bungalow at the side at Springfields, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

04/00455/FUL – extend dwelling at Janik, Main Street, Farnsfield.
Application supported with comments – concern expressed that the roof lights could be better located – 2 on south side 1 each on west and east.

Amendment to Standing Orders

The Clerk proposed that the Standing Orders be amended to permit the Village Centre Committee to have full responsibility for the financial management of the Village Centre, with the exception of staffing – F&GP Committee. The proposal was due to the fact the Newark & Sherwood DC were proposing to remove the rate relief currently applied to the centre unless the VC was controlled by a VC Committee. It was their view that rate relief could not be granted to a precepted authority. The Clerk stressed that the finances are already in the accounts as a separate cost centre and there would not be a separate accounting process in respect of the VC.
Cllr Peet proposed that the amendment be approved, seconded by Cllr Jepson, and agreed unanimously

Parish Plan

The Council received a presentation from the Parish Plan Committee and agreed to discuss further the action points raised in the review. A special meeting is arranged for Tuesday 30th March 2004.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury (Chairman), AD Jepson, DA Peet, FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.
Also present Co Cllr A Stewart, M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies were received, and accepted from Cllr. Clarke, Co Cllr B Laughton

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 24th February 2004, (full), were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

The minutes of 9th March 2004 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and agreed.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

1. Memorial Recreation Ground – Cllr Stafford reported that the hedges on the MRG and Wilson's Field had been trimmed.
2. Acres – Cllr Stafford reported that the hedges had been trimmed – no further reports.
3. Southwell Road – No items
4. Wilson's Field – the Clerk produced the report prepared by ex Cllr Whittaker showing no dipping in the surface of the play area. It was considered that the surface should be raised in the centre to allow surface water to run away and not puddle. It was agreed that quotes for resurfacing the area should be obtained. The Clerk requested Cllr Rhodes to adjust the lights following a complaint from a nearby resident.
5. Seats – Millennium Committee – Cllr Bradbury reported that the Millennium Committee had agreed to hand over the seat project to the Parish Council and handed over a cheque for £1910 to cover the cost of the project.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Items for discussion included:

Parish election – 10 member of the public had sought an election in respect of the two vacancies, to be held on 29th April 2004 should there be sufficient nominations.

'Building Better Communities' – the Clerk reported that suggestions had been submitted to the County Council including electronic signs on the Main Street, speed/junction warnings for Station Lane/Cockett Lane junction and improvement of footpaths Beck Lane/Parfitt Drive area and Main Street.

Cllr Jepson informed the meeting that he had drafted a letter, sent by the Clerk, to Mr Stedman, Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the Conservation Area Plan.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Chief Constable regarding policing in the area and was awaiting the outcome.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow public comment at 8.14pm.

Co Cllr Stewart advised the meeting that there had been some confusion regarding the correspondence 'Building Better Communities', the grant allowed was not £20,000 per scheme but £20,000 per Ward. He had proposed that Farnsfield and Lowdham each receive one electronic speed sign as his proposals for the Ward.

He also stated that he supported the letter sent regarding policing and had spoken with the Chair of the Police Authority.

A general discussion took place regarding the proposed repairs to the Main Street and the potential disruption to the local business community.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.28pm.

Accounts

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts consisting of 16 cheques amounting to £10198.12, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson. Proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Selby and approved.

Cllr Rhodes declared an interest.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

04/00428/FUL – creation of ground floor snug and utility room and first floor ensuite bathroom at Long Cottage, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow public comment on the application at 8.47pm, re-instated at 8.55pm.

It was decided that a site visit should take place, set for 1.30pm Tuesday 30th March 2004.

(Result of site visit – application opposed on the grounds of impact on neighbouring property and design).

04/00511/OUT – residential development at Fairhaven, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield, Application supported.

04/00458/FUL – proposed extension to dwelling at Hamlyn, Station Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported.

04/00596/FUL – proposed side extension at 1 Meadow Close, Farnsfield. Application supported.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that he was in correspondence with Newark & Sherwood DC regarding the rates dispensation for the centre, the requirements that the Village Centre is managed by committee with devolved financial control. The revised Standing Orders having been sent, final negotiations to be completed and the

procedures to be set in place with the Village Centre Committee, scheduled for the next meeting to take place on 20th April, 2004.
No other items of major importance to report.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm.