

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight (joined the meeting at 7.55pm). M Salt (Clerk)

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. GD Stafford.

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared.

## **Planning applications**

06/00524/FUL – new dwelling (re-submission) Land adjacent Lyneside, Station Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported; Cllr Clarke against.

06/00495/FUL – erection of a mobile home for use as annex at Woodland Cottage, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application not supported on the grounds that the application contravened N&SDC Policies H20 and H21, not in keeping with the character of the surrounding environment; considered tandem development. It was considered that it also contravened Policy PPG3.

06/00582/FUL – erection of front and rear single storey extensions and internal alterations at Mayfield, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.  
Application supported.

he meeting closed at 8.15pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

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

Co Cllrs. A Stewart, B Laughton

2 members of the public were present.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. GD Stafford.

## **Minutes of the 2005 Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2005 were noted and approved as an accurate record of the meeting,

## **Matters arising**

None

## **Annual report**

The Clerk circulated an annual report to the meeting summarising the activities of the Parish Council for the past year.

He then provided the meeting with an update regarding the proposals to install CCTV on the Main Street; an update of the costs to the Council of acts of vandalism and a summary of the planning applications.

Alison Milton asked if there were any proposals to provide bins to recycle garden waste; this was dealt with by Cllr Laughton who stated that Newark & Sherwood DC proposed to introduce a third bin for compost in 2008.

It was noted that the first full recycling site was still 3 years away from completion.

Until this was available all electrical/electronic material should be taken to the recycling centres for eventual disposal.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

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

Also present Co. Cllrs. A Stewart and B Laughton.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. GD Stafford.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.37pm to permit Cllrs. Stewart and Laughton to discuss matters with the council.

Cllr Stewart gave an update regarding the application to Building Better Communities and stated that the application had been unsuccessful. He suggested that he may be able to provide some funding towards a notice board, up to £300.

Cllr Laughton commented on the previous question posed to him regarding plan re-submission.

He also commented upon a meeting he had been to with Inspector Charlton who had informed him that it was the intention of the local police to create more formalised working relationships with communities, working patterns had been changed with a view to better cover and allowing for better consultation. In 2006-2007 it was anticipated that more PCSO officers would be available to police the Farnsfield/Bilsthorpe areas.

Comment was made regarding the visits to Farnsfield by the Police Community Vehicle; normally parked in the Plough car park; it was considered that this was out of the way and the vehicle should be in the centre of the village. Cllr Laughton agreed to raise this matter with the police.

Cllr Laughton confirmed that Traffic Regulation Orders were being de-criminalised and the responsibility for enforcement would be passed over to Newark & Sherwood District Council with effect from 1 April 2007.

An update was provided after a recent CCTV inspection of the sewers on Branston Avenue had revealed no pipe defects.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.52pm.

### **Declaration of interest**

Cllr Bradbury declared that he was a member of the Rainworth Parish Council Village Centre Committee as a matter of information to be considered in the event of any conflict of interest occurring when Farnsfield Village Centre matters were discussed..

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

The minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2006 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and accepted.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006 were noted.

### **Recreation Grounds**

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – Cllr Peet commented that an area of moss was present on some tiles and required removal. Cllr Rhodes commented that no action had been taken to extend the dropped kerb at the entrance to the Tennis/Bowls Club.
- 2. Acres** – Comment was made that the shelter, built in the trees, had been burned down and some litter remained plus damage to some trees. The Clerk stated that he had received an expression of interest from Southwell United Youth teams to play matches on the Acres. It was agreed that this should be encouraged but a review of the charges for hiring the pitches should be undertaken. Comment was also made regarding any maintenance of the football pitch likely to be undertaken in the summer period.

3. **Wilson's Field** – The Clerk informed the meeting that Abacus had visited the hard play area to check out the lights following the complaint from Mr Fowler and their proposals were awaited. There was a view that this was an isolated complaint and did not warrant the level of attention it was receiving.
4. **Southwell Road** – No matters raised.

### **Footpaths and Highways**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he and Cllr Peet had met with Cllr Stewart and Jo Horton of Notts. County Council to discuss highway matters.

The following items were raised and feedback upon progress was promised.

- Station Lane – road surface
- Station Lane – restriction of HGV
- Station Lane – state of pavements
- Cocketts Lane – introduction of speed limit
- Cocketts Lane – footpath from Murdoch Close to Mansfield Road
- Southwell Road & Mansfield Road – village entrance signs – gateway or interactive
- Tippings Lane – road surface; flooding and potential danger to pedestrians in icy weather
- Tippings Lane – traffic flow signs
- Branston Avenue – rumour of one way system
- Ridgeway Close – overhanging tree branches

An update to be provided upon receipt of information from Jo Horton

The Clerk circulated information regarding a proposed footpath on Alexander Road. This was noted.

### **Parish Plan reports**

Development and planning – no items

Education and sport – no items raised

Environment and tourism – no items raised

Public transport – no items

Communication – information for the newsletter to the Clerk by 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated items of correspondence for noting. One raised four attention was notification of the Building Better Communities meeting scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

**Accounts**

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury, containing 10 cheques amounting to £6391.76p.

The Clerk made comment upon the increased cost of the electrical inspection and would be seeking a breakdown of the information on the invoice. The accounts were recommended for approval by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Davis and approved.

S 137 application – The Clerk outlined an application for support for a 'CASE' project being undertaken by the Farnsfield St Michael's School. This was viewed as being part of the school curriculum and was not supported.

**Village Centre**

No issues raised.

**Agenda items for the next meeting**

None raised.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of held at 7.30pm on Tuesday  
9<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,  
Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

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

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. GD Stafford.

## **Declarations of interest**

None.

## **Planning applications**

The following planning application was considered:

**06/00701/FUL** – rear extension and alterations to assist care of  
severely disabled family member at 5 The Spinney, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

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

## **Review of outstanding matters**

### **Recreation Grounds**

#### **1. Wilson's Field**

- Lights ( in hand with Abacus)
- Corner planting
- Goal post stops (GR to check with Henry Perry)

#### **2. Memorial Recreation Ground**

- Additional equipment in children's play area?

- Consideration of future use

### **3. Parfitt Drive**

- Fencing at edge of car park
- Shrubs

### **4. Acres**

- New field – re-seeding
- Hedge gapping
- Football pitch maintenance
- Football pitch charges

### **5. Village Centre**

- CCTV system
- Library – new door and window
- Scout's room refurbishment

### **Future developments**

A general discussion ensued with some ideas forthcoming regarding the allocation of the S106 monies currently on deposit. It was agreed that if anyone had suggestions for developments to meet recreational need in the village to submit them to the Clerk. It was also agreed that in order to pursue this item a small working party be formed comprising of Cllr Elliott, Cllr Davis and the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight  
M Salt (Clerk)  
Also present Co. Cllr. A Stewart.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. GD Stafford , FA Reynolds, and Co Cllr B Laughton

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared.

## **Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.  
Cllr Elliott commented that the repeated concerns regarding parking in Farnsfield. Whilst raised with the Co. Cllrs. Had not been included in the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Slight and accepted.

## **Election of Chairman**

Cllr Slight took over as Chair of the meeting and requested nominations for Chair. Cllr Elliott proposed that Cllr Peet continue, seconded by Cllr Davis. There ere no other nominations; Cllr Peet was unanimously as Chairman for the following year, and resumed the Chair

## **Election of Vice Chair**

Cllr Bradbury proposed that Cllr Slight should continue, seconded by Cllr. Elliott; supported with 1 abstention.

### **Election of Committee members**

Cllr Bradbury proposed that the committee members be appointed en bloc in accordance with the existing committee membership; seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed unanimously.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.40pm to allow Co Cllr Stewart to provide an update to the Council.

Cllr Stewart provided an update following the meeting with the Chairman, The Clerk and Jo Horton (Notts. CC).

The matter of signs on Tippings Lane was discussed and it was the general feeling of the meeting that more was needed to slow down the traffic using Tippings Lane and the signs indicating restricted traffic flows were the desired option.

Comment was made regarding the large potholes appearing in the roads, particularly on New Hill, near to the tennis courts; grass on the footpaths on Parfitt Drive and flooding at the White Post roundabout.

Cllrs Bradbury and Elliott pointed out their concerns regarding the potential danger to pedestrians from the sloping footpaths on Station Lane and Quaker Lane.

Cllr Stewart agreed to inform the relevant officers.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8pm.

### **Planning applications**

The following planning application was considered:

06/000311LBC – internal and external alterations at the Bus Stop Cottage, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

### **Recreational areas**

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground-** The Clerk reported that safety inspections had been carried out and some remedial was required as detailed in the report. This work will be completed by Sid Paver. No other issues to report.
- 2. The Acres –** An update was provided regarding the interest expressed by Southwell United to train youth teams on the

football pitched in the 2006-7 season. The maintenance of the field is currently under discussion with Notts. CC.

- 3. Parfitt Drive** – The Clerk reported that an inspection had been undertaken of the play equipment revealing two minor faults currently being rectified by Sid Paver. The quotation to provide 20 metres of knee high fencing at the perimeter of the car park at a cost of £350 was considered and approved. The quote to replace the shrubs in several areas was considered excessive and it was suggested that these areas be grassed over at less cost and less future maintenance.
- 4. Wilson's Field** – The Clerk reported that the area had been inspected and some minor faults had been identified and were to be rectified by Sid Paver. The quote to plant shrubs in the corner area was considered excessive and an alternative solution to be sought. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Cricket Club requesting parking on Wilson's Field on Friday evenings. It was considered too dangerous to allow parking when a large number of children play in the area following the cricket training sessions.

### **Parish Plan reports**

- Development and planning – no items
- Education and sport – Cllr Elliott reported that meetings had commenced to consider future developments regarding the use of the S106 monies held on deposit.
- Environment and tourism – no items raised
- Public transport – no items
- Communication

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated items of correspondence for noting.

### **Accounts**

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury, containing 9 cheques amounting to £7439.32p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a cheque from the estate of the late Irene Yates for £5000 to be allocated to the Village Centre. Rents banked amounted to £3978.00.

### **Crime and Disorder**

The Clerk requested that he be notified of any incidents for inclusion in the newsletter. Comment was made that crimes are not reported to the police due to fear of reprisals.

### **Village Centre**

The Clerk stated that he had received details of the CCTV equipment proposed for the Village Centre by Gill and Taylor. He also outlined a proposal from Globewatch to install infra red cameras supported by a computerised system on a lease basis; providing full maintenance, fixed price agreements for 7 years and replacement of equipment after 3 years for a weekly sum of £33.50p plus VAT.

It was proposed by Cllr Jepson that the equipment should be leased from Globewatch, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

The Clerk suggested that the £5000 donated by the late Irene Yates should be used to re-furbish the scout room during the summer holidays in August when the room would not be required. This was agreed and the Clerk was to prepare a specification and invite builders to submit a price with the proviso that the work can be completed during August 2006.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.  
M Salt (Clerk)

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. J Bradbury

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared.

## **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

06/00824/FUL – general purpose/cattle agricultural building at Lockwell Hill Farm, Kirklington Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

06/00758/FUL – alterations to rear single storey building, The Old Wheatsheaf, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

06/00759/LBC – rebuild existing single storey lean to building at The Old Wheatsheaf, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

## **Village Centre**

The Clerk reported that he had sent out letters to a number of building firms regarding the work to be undertaken in the scout room On 27<sup>th</sup> May 2006 with a closing date of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006; one reply had been received from DCS Station Lane, Farnsfield at £6300.

Cllr Rhodes suggested that the period should be extended in order to invite more quotes but this was not supported.

Cllr Jepson proposed that the quote be accepted and the work awarded to DCS, seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed. Cllr Rhodes abstained.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the CCTV system had been installed in the village centre, as agreed previously; the contract being signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford.  
M Salt (Clerk), Co. Cllrs. A Stewart and B Laughton

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, KJ Clarke.

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared

## **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 (full) we proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr. Elliott and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006 (planning) we proposed by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr Selby and accepted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.35pm.  
Co Cllr Stewart stated that he wished to comment upon 3 issues; Tippings Lane, Youth Service and White Post Roundabout.

Tippings Lane – Cllr. Jepson stated that he had met with Roy Potter to discuss the possibility of increased signage on Tippings Lane to indicate priority direction of travel. He stated that there had been three safety audits and none supported the proposal to install a traffic priority scheme.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council were desirous of the installation of the scheme and requested further support from Co Cllr Stewart.

Cllr Jepson informed the meeting that he had provided Notts. County Council with photographs of the surface puddling on Tippings Lane.

Youth Service – Co Cllr Stewart stated that the Youth Service would not be operating the Youth Club at Farnsfield for the time being.

White Post Roundabout – Cllr. Stewart said that the roundabout had been tidied up for the second time and NCC Highways would attempt to keep it in good order.

Co Cllr Laughton stated that there was to be consultation regarding Fiskerton Waste Disposal Unit. Bilsthorpe was not yet open, awaiting the licence to be issued.

Boundary proposal, Farnsfield Ward to have 3 Councillors, to be confirmed.

Police reorganisation is not proceeding.

Cllr. Jepson commented upon the general cleanliness of the roads and footpaths stating that there used to be a schedule of visits for street cleansing, and requested an updated copy.

The Clerk requested that Cllr Laughton make enquiries regarding the progress of the CCTV camera to be installed on Main Street by BT/Notts. CC.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.55pm.

### **Recreation Grounds**

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – The Clerk informed the meeting that the remedial work identified at the last inspection of the play equipment and surrounding area was on going.
- 2. The Acres** – The Clerk/Cllr Stafford to contact Mr Tinsley of NCC regarding the maintenance of the football pitch.
- 3. Southwell Road/Parfitt Drive** – Remedial work is under way and the new fencing should be installed in the next 2 weeks.
- 4. Wilson's Field** – Sign at the top of the steps pulled out, to be replaced. Cricket Club request to allow parking on Wilson's Field on Friday nights refused due to potential danger to children playing on the area.

### **Footpaths and highways**

Comment was made concerning a number of areas where hedges were overgrown and obstructing footpaths.

The Clerk informed the Council of complaints he had received regarding the unadopted pathways on the Ridgeway. It was agreed that a contractor be requested to clear the pathways.

Cllr Stafford stated that he had been in contact with Notts. CC and they would not be hedge cutting until the end of July.

Comment was made regarding the state of the road surface on Station Lane. Details passed to Cllr. Stewart and Laughton to pursue.

### **Parish Plan reports**

- Development and planning – Cllr Peet informed the meeting that he had attended the Parish Council Conference at Kelham Hall. Little progress has been made regarding the review of planning regulations and a report is expected in September 2006. There was the possibility of devolution of minor planning applications to Parish Councils. Low cost housing was also discussed.
- Education and sport – Cllr Elliott reported that meetings had continued considering future developments regarding the use of the S106 monies held on deposit.
- Environment and tourism – no items raised
- Public transport – Comment was made regarding the lack of a timetable on Southwell Road for the No 29 bus.
- Communication – Newsletter completed and circulated.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated items of correspondence for noting.

### **Accounts**

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Davis, containing 11 cheques amounting to £4243.76. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

### **Planning applications**

06/00930/FUL – proposed conservatory and garden room at Lime Tree Barn, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

### **Crime and disorder**

Cllr Elliott stated that he had received complaints of motor cycles being ridden on Wilson's Field. It was suggested that the gap at the side of the gate be blocked but this was not considered appropriate as it would affect disabled and pushchair access.

The Clerk stated that he had received notices from the Police regarding the miniature motor cycles and would put them on display.

Damage to the fencing on Southwell Trail, a section burnt down.

An air gun pellet had been fired at a house window on Station Lane causing damage.

Some cars around the village have been broken into by forcing down the electric windows.

**Farnsfield Village Centre**

The Clerk reported that the library window and door did not require planning consent as long as the new ones are similar in design and construction. Further prices to be obtained before the contract is awarded.

**Agenda items for the next meeting**

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, R Davis, PJ Elliott, D Peet (Chairman), GD Stafford.  
M Salt (Clerk),

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, KJ Clarke, DGC Slight, AD Jepson, LM Selby.

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared

## **Planning applications**

06/00961/FUL – single storey side and first floor side extension at 16 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield

Application supported.

06/00907/FUL – change of use of land from a caravan holt to a caravan holt with use for a showground for 80 days per year at White Post Wonderland, Farnsfield.

Application supported with the proviso that the current restriction upon use apply.

## **Accounts 2005-2006**

The Clerk presented the accounts for 2005-2006 to the meeting; papers having been previously circulated to all Councillors with explanatory notes from the Governance & Accountability Guidance (2003) plus supporting explanation regarding the Annual Return.

All points in Section 2 of the return 'statement of assurance' were considered separately and a positive answer given to all eight questions.

The Annual Internal Audit report (Section 4) was considered in detail and the Council were satisfied that all accounting controls were in place.

Cllr Bradbury proposed that the accounts should be accepted by the Council as all assurances and controls were complete. This was seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed unanimously.

Given the assurances from the Council the Chairman signed the Annual Return.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke (arrived at 8.10pm), R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes LM Selby, GD Stafford.

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

## **Apologies for absence**

None received..

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to allow general discussion.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that there could not be any arrangements for residents parking near to the Stackyard in the interim period whilst the responsibility for Traffic Regulation Orders was being transferred to Local Authorities.

Cllr Rhodes commented upon the recent problems experienced when storm water caused the sewers to overflow on the Green. He also commented regarding the drainage and surface of Tippings Lane. Cllr Stewart stated that a further meeting was being arranged with County Council Officers.

The proposed wind farm at Rainworth was discussed and it was agreed that much additional consultation was required.

The future of Fiskerton waste disposal unit and the proposed incineration unit were discussed. It was urged that the public should

be encouraged to complete the questionnaire regarding Fiskerton and sent it to Co Cllr Smedley.

Cllr Laughton commented upon the proposal to remove denominational transport to schools in 2007.

Cllr Jepson raised the matter of restoring regular street cleaning.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.58pm.

The Chairman read out a letter he had received from Cllr Slight giving notice of his resignation effective from receipt of the letter, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006. The reason given being that after giving his professional advice regarding VAT and the accounts for 2005-6 and this was not acted upon he felt his presence on the council was untenable. The Chairman stated that he had accepted the resignation on behalf of the Council.

He suggested that a Vice Chairman be appointed but this was deferred until 8<sup>th</sup> August 2006.

The Clerk to advertise the vacancy via Newark & Sherwood District Council Returning Officer.

### **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006 (planning) were proposed by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr Elliott and accepted.

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were noted.

### **Recreation Grounds**

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – The Clerk reported that following the inspection of the ground and equipment the remedial work was being undertaken.
- 2. Acres** – Cllr Stafford reported that two sections of fencing had been removed and nails were protruding. It was agreed that CG Rhodes deal with the matter urgently. ( Cllr Rhodes declared a pecuniary interest and took no part in the discussion).

3. **Southwell Road/Parfitt Drive** – Knee high fencing complete, beds cleared of weeds and damaged trees, awaiting seeding in the autumn.
4. **Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford stated that he had been in contact with Paul Tinsley, (NCC), the hedges would be cut around the area in the next few days.

### **Footpaths and highways**

Cllr David commented upon the state of the footpaths due to weeds growing out of the cracks. He had also received comments from residents of Crabnook Lane as it was being used as a short cut following the surfacing with road finings.

Cllr Stafford stated that he had been in contact with Cllr Stewart regarding the White Post roundabout as it was in a poor state. The Clerk commented that he had raised the matter of road sweeping around the roundabout with Cllr Stewart.

Cllr Rhodes commented upon the problems encountered by residents on the Green following the thunderstorm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, and requested some formal support to the residents. The Clerk stated that he had sent an email to Severn Trent Water and was awaiting a reply. It was agreed to circulate an emergency call out number in the event of future occurrences

Cllr Bradbury commented upon the fatal accident on the A614 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and suggested that Notts. County Council should be urged to make road improvements, suggested some years earlier.

### **Parish Plan reports**

- Development and planning – no reports.
- Education and sport – no further updates.
- Environment and tourism – no items raised
- Public transport no items.
- Communication – no items.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated several items of correspondence for noting,.

### **Financial matters**

1. Accounts – the Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts (not including direct debits), scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury. It contained 12 cheques amounting to £5106.22p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

2. The Clerk reported that Farnsfield Villa had paid the 2005-6 account; Cllr Stafford reported that he had been contacted by Centre Parks regarding their outstanding account.
3. Cllr Bradbury queried the progress regarding the library doors and window. It was agreed that due to the specialist nature of the work that CG Rhodes should undertake the project. ( Cllr Rhodes declared a financial interest and took no part in the discussion)

### **Planning applications**

06/01014/FULM – five wind turbines and associated infrastructure including access tracks, anemometer mast and substation building for an operational period of 25 years on land to the west of Blidworth Lane, Rainworth.

Decision deferred pending further information.

06/01027/OUT – erection of bungalow on land to the rear of Holmdale, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.

Application not supported; over intensification of the site; back land development; concerns regarding the right of access on to Crabnook Lane.

06.01046/FUL – alterations and extensions to existing premises at Farnsfield Pharmacy, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported with the comments that the existing roof should be extended over the proposed extension.

The planning decisions of Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted.

### **Crime and disorder**

Cllr Stafford reported that there had been incidents of theft from gardens on Southwell Lane.

Damage to the fencing at the Acres.

**Farnsfield Village Centre**

Scout room refurbishment to commence on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

**Agenda items for the next meeting**

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, GD Stafford.  
M Salt (Clerk)

## **Apologies for absence**

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

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared

## **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Stafford proposed that Cllr Jepson be appointed Vice Chairman; seconded by Cllr Davis. There were no other nominations and following Cllr Jepson's agreement to accept the post the proposal was supported unanimously. Cllr Jepson was appointed Vice Chairman.

## **Planning applications**

06/01014/FULM – five wind turbines and associated infrastructure including access tracks, anemometer mast and substation building for an operational period of 25 years on land to the west of Blidworth Lane, Rainworth.

After detailed consideration of the documents it was agreed unanimously that no comments should be made,

06/01079/FUL – first floor alterations at Eversley, Southwell Road, Farnsfield/

Application supported.

06/01078/FUL – erection of extension to existing porch at The Old Pharmacy, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

06/01135/FUL – erection of single storey rear extension at 39 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

**Accounts for approval**

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts containing 11 cheques amounting to £8434.04; the scrutiny was undertaken by Cllr Peet. The accounts were proposed for approval by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Davis and approved unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. R Davis, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), G Rhodes, GD Stafford.  
M Salt (Clerk)

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Bradbury, LM Selby, PJ Elliott, FA Reynolds, KJ Clarke.

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared

## **Co-option of Councillor**

The Clerk reported that, following the resignation of Cllr Slight, the vacancy had been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1985 and a reply had been received from the Returning Officer at Newark & Sherwood District Council that no-one had requested an election. It was in order to co-opt a Councillor.

He informed the meeting that he had received an application for co-option from Alison Jane Farr, a resident of Farnsfield, who fulfilled the criteria for appointment as Councillor. There were no other applications to consider.

Cllr. Davis proposed that Alison Jane Farr be co-opted on to Farnsfield Parish Council, seconded by Cllr. Jepson and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk advised Mrs Farr of the decision of the Council and, after signing the Declaration of acceptance, joined the Council.

## **Planning applications**

06/00930/FUL – proposed conservatory garden room at Lime Tree Barn, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

The planning decision of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

## **General matters**

Cllr Rhodes reported that a further occurrence of sewage flooding into properties on The Green had occurred during the heavy rains in August. He reported that the residents were prepared to install a non-return valve to prevent recurrence of the problem and sought Parish Council support.

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Gary Burden of Newark & Sherwood DC expressing continuing local concerns and requesting that the matter is again raised with Severn Trent Water Authority.

The Chairman reported that he had met with other Councillors to consider the proposed work to reseed the field off Cotton Mill Lane. It was agreed that fertiliser and reseedling should take place immediately with a view to creating a good grassed surface by next spring.

CCTV – concerns were expressed by the lack of progress made to re-install the system. The Clerk will make further enquiries with British Telecom.

The Clerk gave an update regarding the building work, proposed decoration and carpeting of the scout room. It was agreed that the building work was £300 over the £5000 donated to the Council, The decoration would cost £1590 and carpet tiles £1850; the latter met from the maintenance provision included in the budget for 2006/7. The Upper Hall will cost £950 to redecorate and will be completed during the Christmas period.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, R Davis, PJ Elliott, D Peet (Chairman), GD Stafford, KJ Clarke

M Salt (Clerk)

Also in attendance, Co. Cllrs. A Stewart and B Laughton

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs. LM Selby, FA Reynolds, CG Rhodes, AD Jepson, A Farr, Dist Cllr. N Armstrong

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to permit members of the public present to comment.

General concerns were expressed regarding the proposal to build a 60 bed hotel at the White Post. The matter was briefly discussed and the parishioners present were advised that the application would not be considered by the Council until 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 giving them time to consider any representations they wished to put to the Council on that date.

Cllr Stewart stated that a meeting had taken place regarding Tippings Lane to arrange for clearance of the blocked drains.

He was requested to make enquiries regarding the replacement of the village signs on Mansfield and Southwell Road.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that an article had been included in the Nottingham Evening Post regarding the recurring problems with sewage overflowing from the mains.

Miss Singleton commented regarding the use of Cotton Mill Lane by vehicles and requested that the hedge be cut.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.55pm.

### **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford seconded by Cllr. Elliott and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2006 (planning) were proposed by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr Elliott and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.

### **Recreation Grounds**

- 5. Memorial Recreation Ground** – nothing reported.
- 6. Acres** – Cllr Stafford commented upon the state of the goal posts and the Clerk stated that an application had been submitted for a grant to replace the posts.
- 7. Southwell Road/Parfitt Drive** – nothing reported
- 8. Wilson's Field** – Cllr Bradbury suggested that the youth teams in training should be encouraged to use the hard play area..

### **Footpaths and highways**

The Clerk circulated details of Footpath modification Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders regarding heavy vehicles in the surrounding areas.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.05pm to allow Cllrs Stewart and Laughton to join the debate.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting of the protocol agreed with participating farmers to pull tractors over on the A614 to assist traffic flows; it was suggested that this scheme be extended to other roads in the district. Cllr Stewart suggested that the scheme was to be trialled on the A617.

Cllr Laughton commented upon the public comments upon the proposal to close the Fiskerton Waste Disposal site; whilst it was

agreed that this may have little effect upon Farnsfield as Bilsthorpe is now open, the closure could generate a considerable amount of additional traffic passing through Farnsfield to Bilsthorpe

The Clerk informed the Co Cllrs. of the delay experienced in reporting defective road signs to the County Council via the website and that 11 days passed before a reply was received acknowledging the initial report.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.12pm.

### **Parish Plan reports**

- Development and planning – no reports.
- Education and sport – Cllr Davis stated that he had met with the County Council Highways Dept. regarding the Bowls/Tennis area and a scheme had been suggested should parking be planned on the site. To be discussed further by the planning group.
- Environment and tourism – no items raised
- Public transport no items.
- Communication – no items.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated several items of correspondence for noting,.

### **Financial matters**

Accounts – the Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts (not including direct debits), scrutinised by Cllr Davis. It contained 12 cheques amounting to £8178.78p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

### **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered.

06/01303/FUL – creation of helicopter landing/take off pad and hanger at Riddings Hill House, Combs Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

06/01396/FUL – erection of new roof to existing extension and rebuilding of walls at The Old Surgery, Station Lane, Farnsfield.  
Application supported.

06/01417/FUL – erection of conservatory to the rear of the property at 9 Woodland Close, Farnsfield.  
Application supported.

06/01381/FULM – demolition of existing garage and 3 dwellings; erection of 60 bed roomed hotel, themed restaurant, 3 replacement dwellings and associated access, parking and landscaping at White Post Garage and land surrounding to the south and west, White Post, Farnsfield.  
Adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

### **Crime and Disorder**

The Clerk reported that a number of street signs has been pulled out of the ground and deposited at various parts of the village.  
It was reported that youths had been causing a nuisance at the health centre on Station Lane, it was suggested that CCTV should be installed.

### **Village Centre**

The Clerk reported that the room used by the Scouts etc, was finished and ready for use.

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

None raised.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, R Davis, PJ Elliott, D Peet (Chairman), GD Stafford, AD Jepson, A Farr, LM Selby, CG Rhodes.

M Salt (Clerk)

Also in attendance, Dist Cllr N Armstrong.

## **Apologies for absence**

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

## **Declaration of interest**

None declared

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to allow members of the public present to speak regarding the proposal to build a hotel at the White Post.

Detailed representations were presented concerning contravention of the Local Plan of Newark & Sherwood District Council, potential lack of privacy, nuisance and concerns regarding highway matters.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.55pm

## **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

06/01381/FULM – demolition of existing garage and 3 dwellings; erection of 60 bed roomed hotel, themed restaurant, 3 replacement dwellings and associated access, parking and landscaping at White Post Garage and land surrounding to the south and west, White Post, Farnsfield.

The application was discussed at length and a proposal to object to the application was made by Cllr Davis on the grounds that it contravened Policy TP02 of the Newark & Sherwood District Local Plan; it was not a change of use of agricultural buildings, there were considerable highway concerns; intrusion upon existing properties in the vicinity with related noise and environmental nuisances; an overdevelopment of the area.

This was seconded by Cllr Jepson and supported unanimously.

06/01539/FUL – erection of ground and first floor extension at Burnstone House, Southwell Road, Farnsfield

Application supported with the rider that matching materials should be used.

06/01494/FUL – form bedroom and en-suite in roof space and extend pitched roof at 10 Gregory Gardens, Farnsfield

Application supported

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, D Peet (Chairman), GD Stafford, AD Jepson, A Farr, M Salt (Clerk)  
Also in attendance, Dist Cllr B Laughton.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs, LM Selby, CG Rhodes, PJ Elliott.  
Also received from Co Cllr A Stewart and Dist Cllr. N Armstrong.

## **Declaration of interest**

Cllrs Clarke and Farr declared a non pecuniary interest in the item requesting financial support for S 137 grant for DARE.

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

Cllr Laughton stated that a grant of £1500 was available to Farnsfield Parish Council for a project in the parish; it was considered appropriate to consider the direction and notice board signs previously discussed.

He also commented upon the EM Spatial Strategy documents for consultation containing major proposals regarding additional housing in the region.

Mrs Holt commented upon the problems she and the family were experiencing in the neighbourhood of the Warwick Arms. The recent events involving fighting on the street; cars have been damaged in her driveway and there is a constant problem with litter. She asked if the Parish Council could support her to encourage the brewery to exert pressure upon the tenants of the public house.

Cllr Stafford commented upon the recent events on Wilson's Field where a fight had taken place between two gangs from outside the village, the police being required to attend.

Concerns were expressed regarding skateboarders on Parfitt Drive, playing 'chicken' across Southwell Road.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.53pm.

### **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford seconded by Cllr. Bradbury and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.

### **Recreation Grounds**

1. **Memorial Recreation Ground** – nothing reported.
2. **Acres** – Cllr Stafford that the water had been turned off at the pavilion.
3. **Southwell Road** – damage had been caused to the swing seats by someone using a Stanley knife; several broken bottles had been cleared up from the area.
4. **Wilson's Field** – It was suggested that a kissing gate may be appropriate at the entrance to stop motor cyclists from using the field. Concerns were expressed that this could cause problems for disabled and parents with pushchairs. The Clerk stated that he had caused the lights at the play area to be checked by Abacus who had reported that the light spillage fell well within the approved guidelines and no remedial action was legally required. To eliminate any sideways glare would entail the raising of the columns at a considerable cost. This was not considered to be necessary.

### **Footpaths and highways**

The Clerk circulated details of Footpath Adoption Order No 39; footpath adjacent to the bungalows on Alexander Road.

### **Parish Plan reports**

- Development and planning – no reports.

- Education and sport – no report.
- Environment and tourism – no items raised
- Public transport no items.
- Communication – The Clerk reported that he had completed a Newsletter to be circulated on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated several items of correspondence for noting It was agreed that Cllrs. Peet and Farr plus the Clerk would attend the Parish Conference at Kelham Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

### **Financial matters**

Accounts – the Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts (not including direct debits), scrutinised by Cllr Peet. It contained 13 cheques amounting to £9700.41p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

### **S137 applications**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received two applications for grants falling within the scope of Section 137.

- Farnsfield St Michaels Scholl – request for £390 for the DARE project.
- Farnsfield First Responders – request for the annual support for maintenance plus £300 for new equipment - £550.

The were proposed for approval by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed; Cllrs Clarke and Farr abstained due to declaration of interest.

### **Planning applications**

**06/01389/FUL** – erection of a conservatory at 3 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield

Application supported.

**06/01571/FUL** – proposed loft conversion with dormer to the rear at Hill House, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Decision deferred – requesting further information due to the property being in the conservation area, adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

### **Crime and disorder**

In addition to the matters mentioned earlier comment was made regarding damage caused by motor cycles to the playing fields.

**Village Centre**

No items raised.

**Agenda items for the next meeting**

None raised; Finance and General Purposes Committee to meet on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 to consider the precept for 2007-8.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, D Peet (Chairman), GD Stafford, AD Jepson, A Farr, LM Selby  
M Salt (Clerk)

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs, CG Rhodes, PJ Elliott, J Bradbury, R Davis, FA Reynolds

## **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Farr declared a non pecuniary interest in the planning application for the Stables, Main Street, Farnsfield.

## **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered

06/01571/FUL – proposed loft conversion with dormer to the rear at Hill House, New Hill, Farnsfield

Application supported.

06/01660/FUL – erection of extension to front elevation and construction of dormer windows at 16 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield

Application supported

06/01585/LBC – replacement windows and doors and wrought iron railing to steps at The Stables, Main Street, Farnsfield

Application not supported as the proposals were not in keeping with the original design contained in the listed building.  
Concern was also expressed that this was a retrospective application.

06/01542/FUL – erection of chalet bungalow and garage on land adjacent to Woodlands, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

### **Copying facilities**

The Clerk presented a request to upgrade the copier, mainly used for producing the newsletter; the current machine being almost 5 years old is slow compared with digital models at a similar cost

It was proposed by Cllr Jepson that the machine be replaced on a 3 year lease, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed unanimously.

### **Road Signs**

Cllr Stafford reported that he had discussed the possibility of enhancing the signage on Cocketts Lane in an effort to reduce speed, with Mr Lynham of Nottinghamshire County Council.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, D Peet (Chairman), GD Stafford, AD Jepson, A Farr, CG Rhodes, LM Selby  
M Salt (Clerk)  
Also present, Cllrs. A Stewart and B Laughton

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs, PJ Elliott, J Bradbury, FA Reynolds.  
Apologies also received from Cllr N Armstrong.

## **Declarations of interest**

None declared.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.32pm to permit Cllrs Stewart and Laughton to update the meeting.

Cllr Stewart stated that the village signs on Southwell and Mansfield Road had been replaced.

Tippings Lane, following a discussion with Bob Hart, NCC Highways Director, there is no intention of placing signs on Tippings Lane as the situation did not warrant them. After some discussion it was agreed that a meeting with Bob Hart be arranged as signage had been included in the discussions when the Main Street improvements were considered.

Cotton Mill Lane, it was agreed that a warning sign informing motorists of the presence of pedestrians was appropriate.

Concerns were expressed regarding the recent works on Longland Lane and Cockett Lane undertaken by the County Council; it was considered that the excavations were too large and unsightly.

Cllr Laughton provided an update regarding the future of the Fiskerton waste site and the proposed recycling centre.

He commented upon the East Midlands Regional Spatioal Strategy urging a response from the Parish Council.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.50pm.

### **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2006 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson seconded by Cllr. Davis and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr Selby and accepted.

### **Recreation Grounds**

- 1. Memorial; Recreation Ground** – The Clerk reported that some repair work was being undertaken to the seats and play equipment following an inspection of the site.
- 2. Acres** – Cllr Stafford reported that some extra cleaning had been required at the pavilion and some cars had been driven on to the football pitch.
- 3. Parfitt Drive** – A recent inspection had identified some repairs to be undertaken following damage caused to the swings and play equipment. The soft surface under the see-saw also required attention. The Clerk reported that arrangements to effect the repairs had been put in place.
- 4. Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford that the lights on the hard play area were working again and requested that the sign at the top of the steps be replaced urgently; order for work placed.

### **Footpaths and highways**

No other matters raised following the discussions with Cllrs Stewart and Laughton.

### **Parish Plan reports**

- Development and planning – no reports.
- Education and sport – Cllr Clarke expressed concern regarding lack of progress to spend the S106 money having previously identified some play equipment in need of replacement.

- Environment and tourism – no items raised
- Public transport – Cllr Jepson expressed concerns regarding the lack of timetables in the village for the 29 & 29A bus routes.
- Communication – no items raised.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting, Cllrs Davis and Jepson offered to review the EM Spatial Strategy and N & S Local Plan and prepare a response on behalf of the Council; this was agreed.

### **Financial matters**

- 1. Accounts** – The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson containing 17 cheques amounting to £4172.55p. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Farr, seconded by Cllr Rhodes and agreed.
- 2. Precept 2007-2008** – Cllr Jepson stated that the Finance & General Purposes Committee had met on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006 to consider the precept for 2007-2008. He reminded the meeting that during the past 10 years Farnsfield Parish Council had only increased its precept by 19% against a national average increase of 92%. He stated that the F&GP Committee recommended that the precept be set at £55,000 for 2007-8, a rise of £5000 due mainly to increases in charges for services provided to the Parish Council. He also explained that following the 'out of court' settlement agreed with the previous Clerk any rises in the precept had been absorbed from this money and the reserve funds; this situation could no longer be sustained. Cllr Jepson proposed that the precept for 2007-8 be set at £55,000, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed unanimously.
- 3. Replacement of copying machine** – Cllr Jepson reported that the F&GP Committee had considered a request to replace the existing copying machine with a more up to date model, which would be faster, and cost approximately the same as the current one. It was agreed that the copier be replaced and the best financial deal be arranged.

### **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

06/01749/FUL – erection of extension to dwelling at 3 Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

06/01720/FUL – erection of front/side two storey extension (resubmission) at 16 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield  
Application supported

06/01642/FUL – reconstruction of 2 former tennis courts and new tennis pavilion at Farnsfield Hall.  
Application supported.

### **Crime and disorder**

The following items were reported:

Damage to swings on Parfitt Drive and litter in the car park area resulting from drinking etc in the car park area.

The Clerk reported that he had discussed crime reported to the Parish Council but not reported to the Police, for fear of reprisals, with the Chief Constable at the NALC AGM. The view of the Chief Constable being that all crime should be reported to the police in order that they obtain an accurate profile of incidents in an area. He was in agreement for the Parish Council to pass on details of such 'unreported' crimes.

### **Farnsfield Village Centre**

The Clerk reported that he had arranged for the Upper Hall to be decorated in January 2007 as part of on-going maintenance of the centre.

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

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

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

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs, A Farr , J Bradbury.

## **Declarations of interest**

None declared

## **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

06/01295/OUT – erection of bungalow on land to the rear of Willow Fen, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was given careful consideration and it was considered that the application contravened Policies H23, 21 and 13 of the Newark & Sherwood Local Plan. It would also set a precedent for back land development in the area.

Cllr Clarke proposed that the application should not be supported on the above grounds, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed; Cllr Rhodes abstained.

06/01809/FUL – breeding unit and farm shop at White Post Modern Farm Centre, Farnsfield  
Application supported.

06/01782/FUL – external alterations for disabled access, external canopy and porch etc at the Warwick Arms Public House, Main Street, Farnsfield

After some discussion it was considered that whilst some improvements were required for the disabled to access the premises, most were internal. It was considered that the main external access should be from the existing entrance on the car park as any proposals to access from the front would add to the existing difficult traffic problems on Main Street. It was noted that there was a proposal to remove bollards at the front of the public house; this was opposed as unnecessary as there was adequate access from the rear; additionally the Parish Council, in conjunction with Notts. CC Highways had approved the existing street bollards in an attempt to reduce pavement parking and improve pedestrian safety. It was proposed by Cllr Elliott that the application be rejected on highway grounds and alterations to the front of the public house not being in keeping with the conservation area. Seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

06/01709/FUL – demolition of existing porch and erection of two storey rear extension and single storey open porch at Ash Farm, Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.  
Application supported.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood District Council.

### **East Midland Spatial Plan/ Newark & Sherwood District Plan**

Cllrs Jepson and Davis outlined their proposed response to the consultations document.

These comments were supported unanimously by the Council and passed to the Clerk for submission.

### **Ground Maintenance**

The Clerk reported that following a scrutiny of the accounts undertaken at the recent Finance & General Purposes Committee it was noted that the costs of ground maintenance, currently undertaken by Notts. County Council had risen from £3500 to almost £7000 for a much reduced service following the agreement of the initial contract in 1999. It was proposed that the ground maintenance be undertaken by the Parish Council following the purchase of an appropriate ride on mower, trailer and hand mower at a cost of approximately £6000 to be taken out of the £55000 allocated to the Parish Council for ground maintenance of the Parfitt Drive area by Wimpey Homes. It was also proposed that Phil Ford be employed to conduct this work at a cost of £3000 per annum.

Cllr Clarke proposed that the Parish Council take over the ground maintenance, employ Mr Ford and purchase the equipment. Seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that the Clerk get the best price for the equipment and agree purchase following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

### **Accounts**

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts containing 7 cheques amounting to £2791.73p, scrutinised by Cllr Peet. They were proposed for approval by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Reynolds and approved.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, D Peet (Chairman), GD Stafford, AD Jepson, CG Rhodes, LM Selby  
M Salt (Clerk)  
Also present – Co. Cllrs A Stewart and B Laughton.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs, A Farr , FA Reynolds..

## **Declarations of interest**

None declared

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to allow open discussion.

Cllr. Stewart informed the meeting that he had made enquiries regarding a 30mph speed limit on Cockett Lane, it appears that this cannot be progressed until the 2008 reviews take place.

Cllr Laughton informed the meeting of a County Council proposal to increase the costs of home care to the elderly to enable them to keep the rise in council tax to 4% for 2007-8.

A general discussion covered the meeting with Bob Hart, Director for Highways, Notts County Council. The information from Bob Hart to arrange for slow signs to be painted on the road surface of Tippings Lane and a safety review of Station Lane/Cockett Lane.

Policing was discussed and Cllr Laughton commented that additional Community Safety Officers would be recruited in 2007.

Cllr Elliott commented that the road surface on Main Street was unsafe for horse riders in wet and icy conditions. Cllr Stewart stated that the quality of surfacing used was standard throughout the county with anti skid treatment installed at junctions and other areas in accordance with EEC guidelines.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.55pm.

### **Minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Davis and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Elliott and approved.

### **Recreational areas**

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** –The Clerk reported that the Bowls Club had requested permission to erect a small storage unit near to the pavilion, request approved. Cllr Rhodes stated that the entrance had been treated with hard core to prevent mud being carried on to the Tennis Courts. He also suggested that the gates be removed but concerns were expressed regarding security of the area.
- 2. The Acres** – Cllr Stafford commented that one football team had left the pavilion in a sludgy state following a match, believed to be a youth team – manager spoken to by the Clerk. It was commented that an infestation of moles was becoming a problem.
- 3. Parfitt Drive** – Concern expressed regarding continuing damage to property and tress plus large amounts of litter, broken glass, left in the car park area following drinking sprees. The damage to the equipment and play surface areas has been reported to the police with no result to date. Preventative measures were discussed, in the absence of policing, and it was agreed to continue to explore the installation of lighting in the play area.
- 4. Wilson's Field** – Cllr Rhodes reported that the sign had been reinstalled at the Mansfield Road end of Footpath 1. No progress had been made regarding the lights on the play area.

### **Footpaths and Highways**

The Chairman provided an update of the meeting with Bob Hart, Notts. County Council Highways' Director that took place on 5<sup>th</sup> January to

discuss Tippings Lane; also present at the meeting was Cllrs. Jepson, Rhodes and the Clerk.

The areas discussed were included in the discussion with Cllrs. Stewart and Laughton.

### **Parish Plan reports**

- Development and planning – no reports.
- Education and sport – Cllr Elliott commented that the project on the Memorial Recreation Grounds was progressing with potential funding sources from WREN and Sports Foundation. A meeting to discuss progress is to be arranged.
- Environment and tourism – no items raised
- Public transport – no items.
- Communication – no items.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting, Cllrs Peet, Clarke and Selby agreed to attend the Parish Conference at Kelham Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007..

### **Financial matters**

**Accounts** – The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Peet containing 12 cheques amounting to £14278.29p. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Selby, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and approved.

**Church ground maintenance** – The Clerk reported that he had received a request for maintenance of the church ground. It was proposed by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Davis that a contribution of £500 be made, This was agreed.

### **Planning applications**

#### **06/01014/FULM (Additional) –**

Five wind turbines and associated infrastructure including access tracks, anemometer mast and substation building, for an operational period 25 years.

Land To The West Of Blidworth Lane Rainworth Nottinghamshire

The application was not discussed following information from Newark & Sherwood DC that only minor alterations had been made that did not affect the original application

The following decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted:

- 06/01318/FULM – demolition of building and erection of 60 bed hotel at White Post – application withdrawn
- 06/01571/FUL – proposed loft extension at Hill House , New Hill, approved
- 06/01709/FUL – work at Ash Farm Cockett Lane – approved
- 06/01720/FUL – extension at 16 The Ridgeway – approved.
- 06.01660/FUL – extension at 16 Branston Avenue, approved
- 06/01303/FUL – creation of helicopter take off/landing pad etc at Riddings Hill House, Combs Lane – refused.
- 06/01749/FUL – extension at 3 Broomfield Lane – approved
- 06/01642/FUL – reconstruction of tennis courts etc at Farnsfield Hall – application withdrawn.

### **Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Newark & Sherwood DC notifying changes in dog control enforcement. There were options for the Parish Council to make their own regulations or to be part of a Newark & Sherwood DC blanket proposal, with parish areas identified.

It was agreed to enter into a District regulatory agreement.

### **Millennium Trust**

Cllr Jepson informed the meeting that he had been approached by Patrick Stevens who had stated that he wished to close the Millennium Trust by spending the remaining money on a tree planting project on the open space area on Brickyard Lane.

This was discussed and it was proposed that a letter be sent to Mr Gascoigne, believed to be the land owner suggesting that the Parish Council assume ownership of the areas of open space and footpaths on the Ridgeway left without proper maintenance provision.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 February 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, R Davis, PJ Elliott, D Peet (Chairman), GD Stafford, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, LM Selby  
M Salt (Clerk)

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs. A Farr and G Rhodes.

## **Declarations of interest**

None declared

## **SECTION 106 considerations**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Newark 7 Sherwood District Council regarding the S 106 grant of approximately £13,500 to be paid by the developers of the Main Street school site.

Cllr Peet informed the meeting that the old school field was being prepared for use as a car park for the building site workers.

Cllr Elliott stated that there was an opportunity to apply for funding from WREN and the National Sports Fund for the project on the Memorial Recreation Ground, Bowls/Tennis/ Multi Gym Project. This would be match funded from the S106 money and the application was required to be submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007; an urgent meeting of the working group is to be called involving the Tennis and Bowls groups.

## **Crime and vandalism**

The Chairman provided a resume of the damage caused at Parfitt Drive; litter from broken bottles and polystyrene.

Cllr Stafford commented that a knife had been found by the grounds man ; damage had been caused to the guttering at the pavilion on the Acres ; the grit bin on Cocketts Lane had been overturned and there had been a fire near a seat on the Acres.

Cllr Peet stated that he and Cllr Jepson had met with the local Police Sergeant at Southwell and had discussed the recent spate of incidents with him; they were advised that the Council could not report incidents on behalf of third parties.

A general discussion then took place involving police presence, CCTV cameras.

Cllr Farr suggested that she contact Rippon Homes. The developers of the school site in order to arrange joint action regarding security in the centre of the village, this was approved.

### **Forward Planning**

The proposal made by Cllr Reynolds, in December, that the village enter for the 'Best kept village competition' was discussed and it was agreed that an entry should be made for the 2008 competition, as it was too late to enter for 2007. This was agreed, but concerns were expressed regarding the state of the village due to the building development on the Main Street.

### **Outstanding works for 2006-7**

The Clerk reported that it was desirous to finalise the outstanding works for 2006-7 in order to obtain an accurate report of the financial state of the Parish Council.

Most works were completed but some were outstanding. Cllr Jepson agreed to look at the outstanding matters.

### **Matters raised by Councillors**

Cllr Davis aired his concerns that the Flower Club had been approach by the Booking Agent rather than the Clerk regarding a proposed charge for storage at the Village Centre of £1 per week. The Clerk stated that there had been several requests for storage in the past weeks due to new long term rental arrangements at the Village Centre and storage was a major issue; he stated that all should be treated similarly and understood that the Flower Club was about to relinquish their storage space. This was refuted by Cllr Davis. The Clerk accepted that it may have been more appropriate to have discussed the storage charges at a Village Centre Committee.

Cllr Jepson informed the meeting that the Clerk had discussed the Insurance Police with him as the Parish Council had included in its insurance the Bowls and Tennis pavilions, including content. There was a request to trace the previous history of this arrangement but no information was forthcoming, it was agreed that a recharge arrangement may be appropriate following contact being made with the respective clubs. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had spoken with the Chair of the Bowls Committee but was awaiting a reply from the Tennis Club.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th February 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, D Peet (Chairman), AD Jepson, CG Rhodes, LM Selby  
M Salt (Clerk)

Also present were Co Cllr B Laughton, Dist Cllr N Armstrong, Inspector Gann, ( Nottinghamshire Police) and 9 members of the public.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs. GD Stafford and FA Reynolds

## **Declarations of interest**

None declared

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm to have an open discussion on policing issues.

Inspector Gann informed the meeting that he had taken over as Local Area Commander in January 2007. He detailed the police staff at his disposal to cover several villages and confirmed that at that time Farnsfield did not have a beat manager, but one was due in March 2007. He also explained that the beat manager would also have responsibility for other villages and would be expected to respond to calls for assistance when on duty.

It was agreed that the availability to patrol in Farnsfield would be limited. He did state that Community Support Officers were being recruited and after training should be available in June 2007 when it was expected that Farnsfield should receive some attention.

Cllr Peet informed the meeting that he and Cllr Jepson had met with Sgt Hunt at Southwell Police Station and had discussed the recent spate of incidents with him, particularly in relation the elderly failing to call the police for fear of retribution, vandalism and general nuisance

issues. Concerns were expressed over the lack of response following reports to the police, other than via 999 calls; examples were given by members of the public present of a total lack of response to calls made to the police. It was considered that any calls over the main switchboard 0115 9670999 (and its variations locally) were a waste of time as they did not receive any response.

Examples were given of police being present at number at public meetings where no trouble was anticipated and a total lack of police presence in villages experiencing problems.

Inspector Gann was asked what was happening regarding the under age drinking in public places at Farnsfield; he was unaware of any fixed penalty tickets being issued in Farnsfield although there are provisions in place for this to take place.

It was agreed that a village approach was required and Cllr Armstrong agreed to assist by providing details of the relevant people, at District level, who could be of assistance to the village to address local problems.

Co Cllr Laughton provided an update concerning local taxation for the forthcoming year.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.20pm.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Selby and accepted noting that Cllr Rhodes was not present at the meeting.

### **Recreation Grounds**

**The Acres** - concerns were expressed regarding the increasing numbers of mole hills on the field, but not on the playing area. Cllr Rhodes stated that efforts were continuing to be made to treat the moles and eliminate them.

**Southwell Road** – Cllr Jepson stated that more bottles had been broken on the car park area and he had spent some considerable amount of time clearing up the mess. Questions were asked regarding

the suggestion of lighting up the area; the Clerk informed the meeting that he was awaiting a reply from Notts. County Council.

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – no items raised.

**Wilson's Field** – The Clerk raised the matter addressed to the Council by Maurice Shakeshaft regarding potential problems with the boundary wall. It was agreed that Cllr Rhodes meet with him and discuss the matter.

### **Parish Conference**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Parish Conference at Kelham Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007 together with Cllrs L Selby and K Clarke. They reported that the information could have been presented in a manner engaging the audience; Cllr Armstrong agreed to report back to the District Council on this matter.

A brief resume` was provided, the main topic being the proposed regulations regarding dog control.

This was discussed and Cllr Clarke proposed that all streets in Farnsfield should be included as designated streets in the interest of road safety and street cleanliness; all open spaces, including children's play areas and other playing fields should be subject to full dog control proposals. Southwell Trail should be included if possible. This was seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed unanimously.

### **Parish Plan reports**

- Development and planning – no reports.
- Education and sport – Cllr Elliott provided an update regarding the discussions with the Bowls and Tennis Clubs and stated that a meeting was planned for 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.
- Environment and tourism – no items raised
- Public transport – no items.
- Communication – no items.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting, Cllr Farr agreed to attend the Building Better Communities Conference on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

## **Financial matters**

**Accounts** – The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson containing 17 cheques amounting to £5067.69. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Farr and approved.

## **Planning applications**

07/00195/FUL – Ground floor extension to front and rear over existing garage, ridge raised with room in roof at 1 Birch Avenue, Farnsfield. Application not supported on the grounds that it was not in keeping with other properties and was an over-intensive development of the property taking into account the style of surrounding properties and its potential height in relation to them; in accordance with local District Policies.

Cllr Clarke abstained.

## **Crime and Disorder**

Cllr Farr gave an update regarding her discussion with Rippon Homes and efforts to raise the profile of the problems in the village via the local papers.

The item was discussed fully earlier in the meeting.

## **Village Centre**

No items raised.

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

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, D Peet (Chairman), AD Jepson, LM Selby, GD Stafford  
M Salt (Clerk)

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs, A Farr, CG Rhodes and FA Reynolds.

## **Declarations of interest**

None

## **Planning applications**

The following applications were considered:

**07/00228/FUL** – 60 bedroom hotel and restaurant; three replacement dwellings; parking, landscape and access (re-submission) at White Post Garage, Farnsfield.

The application was discussed at length and a proposal to object to the application was made by Cllr Elliott on the grounds that it contravened Policy TP02 of the Newark & Sherwood District Local Plan; it was not a change of use of agricultural buildings, there were considerable highway concerns; (although it was noted that the Highways Authority did not object to the proposal, intrusion upon existing properties in the vicinity with related noise and environmental nuisances; an overdevelopment of the area.

It was also considered that the sewage system in Farnsfield would have insufficient capacity to sustain such a development

This was seconded by Cllr Jepson and supported, Cllr Clarke abstained.

**07/00301/FUL** – extension with green roof, also re-roof to existing side extension at Sandcroft, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

# FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th March 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

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## **Present**

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, PJ Elliott, D Peet (Chairman), AD Jepson, LM Selby, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk)

Also present, District Cllrs. N Armstrong, B Laughton, Co Cllr A Stewart.

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted, from Cllrs, A Farr, J Bradbury and R Davis.

## **Declarations of interest**

None

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.33pm.

The Chairman thanked Police Constable Keith Thompson for attending the meeting and invited him to address the meeting.

Pc Thompson stated that he had taken over the role of beat manager for Farnsfield, and other adjoining villages. Whilst he has no answers regarding the recent issues raised with the police he gave an undertaking to raise the profile of the police in the parish. This would be further enhanced with the introduction of Community Safety Officers in the area in July 2007; these 4 officers would be under his control.

He stated that his intention was to maintain an overt police presence, attend Parish Council meetings and hold monthly surgeries in the library.

Cllr Stewart commented that the mobile speed cameras would cease to operate in villages on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

A general discussion took place regarding policing matters in the village.

Miss Singleton commented upon the state of the hedges in Cotton Mill Lane but it was agreed that it was now too late to cut them. Concerns regarding litter in the village were expressed.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.05pm.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Elliott and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 (planning) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Selby and accepted.

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were noted.

### **Recreation Grounds**

**The Acres** – concerns were expressed regarding the amount of damage caused to trees by youths making dens. Damage had been caused to the pavilion guttering. The Clerk reported that following the monthly inspection there were no items for attention.

**Southwell Road** – The Clerk reported that following the monthly inspection there were no items for attention

**Memorial Recreation Ground** – Cllr Elliott reported that a further meeting had been held with the Bowls and Tennis Club representatives and following extensive discussions the proposals would not advance any further due to logistical problems. The Clerk reported that following the monthly inspection there were no items for attention

**Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford reported that the group casing damage at the Acres appeared to have moved to Wilson's Field where damage had been caused to the roof of the Old Gaol, and motor cycles had been used in the area. The Clerk reported that following the monthly inspection there were no items for attention

### **Footpaths and Highways**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Rippon Homes regarding the naming of the street in the new building site on Main Street. The suggestion from Rippon Homes was that the street names should be 'Old School Court Main Street' and 'Old School Court, Chapel Lane' due to the split site. Cllr Reynolds proposed that

this suggestion by Rippon Homes be supported, seconded by Cllr Elliott. The motion was carried 4 votes for and 2 against.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk made available the various items of correspondence for consideration.

One item relating to Traffic Regulation Orders was deferred for further discussion at the meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

### **Accounts**

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts containing 15 cheques amounting to £8121.46p, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson.

Cllr Rhodes declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. They were proposed for approval by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and approved.

### **Planning matters**

None to consider

### **Crime and disorder**

Previously discussed with Pc Thompson; no additional items raised.

### **Farnsfield Village Centre**

No items raised.

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

Traffic Regulation Orders to be considered on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.