

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th April 2009 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, B McDowall, FA Reynolds, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett and Co R Reeves.

Declaration of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

09/00375/ADV – 3 fascia signs and 1 hanging sign at The Warwick Arms Public House, Main Street, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

09/00484/FUL – alterations to external elevations and installation of plant (revised design) at The Warwick Arms Public House, Main Street, Farnsfield.
Application supported in principle; concerns were expressed regarding the lack of information to show the access to the first floor of the property and the parking provision; the application form showed 'not applicable' and information should be provided regarding present and future provision.

09/00414/FUL – additional velux windows at 26 Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

Public meeting at Edingley regarding proposed Gypsy planning application.

The Chairman informed the meeting of the proposal to consider a planning application for a gypsy caravan dwelling and development on Allseford Lane, Edingley. At a public meet over 200 people objected to the proposal. He also stated that Newark & Sherwood DC were required to approve 84 gypsy spaces in the district.

It was proposed by Cllr Stafford that a letter of objection be submitted by Farnsfield Parish Council on the grounds that there would be an impact on Farnsfield, Allseford Road was a narrow lane and there would be resulting traffic in Farnsfield and such a development would not be in keeping with the neighbouring countryside.

Seconded by Cllr Hamilton and agreed unanimously.

Village Gala

Cllr Hamilton provided an update on behalf of himself and Cllr Reeves of their meeting with the gala organising group and had given serious consideration to the use of the Acres. There were concerns regarding parking but the organisers had given assurances that only event traffic would be on the Acres and other parking would be located.

Cllr Elliott expressed his concerns stating that he did not consider the Acres to be a suitable venue and wished to know what arrangements were to be made to renovate the field in the event of damage to the surface.

Cllr Hamilton stated that adequate insurance provision would be available and sufficient arrangements would be made to minimise damage and disruption.

Cllr Hamilton and Reeves to keep the Council informed following future meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th April 2009 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllr. PJ Elliott (Chairman)

Cllrs. K Clarke, AD Jepson, R Davis, FA Reynolds, G Stafford, L Selby
Co Cllr A Stewart.

3 members of the public.

PCSO Kate Anstey

M Salt, Clerk

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2008 were circulated to those present.

Matters arising

Interactive signs – Cllr Stewart detailed the criteria regarding the installation of the signs and stated that Farnsfield did not meet the current criteria.

Parking in Farnsfield – it was stated that only one ticket had been issued. There was a current requirement for the enforcement officers to wait for 30 seconds for the data input and printing of the ticket plus the grace time currently allowed.

Cllr Stewart agreed to raise the matter of grace time as it was preventing effective enforcement. A similar situation exists in Lowdham where only two tickets have been issued.

Cllr Jepson suggested that there was no need for a grace period when parking was on double yellow lines as the offence is committed immediately.

Cllr Stewart agreed to request a review of the scheme.

Annual report

The Clerk circulated his annual report for 2008-9 for information. No questions or comments ensued.

Parish Matters

Jenny Frost requested replacement first aid boxes in the Village Centre as the current ones had disappeared.

Cllr Stewart stated that the programme to replace the light in Farnsfield was almost complete. The new lights are higher and gave out more light and were 25% more efficient than the old ones. Cllr Clarke stated that a complaint had been made that the new lights shone into a resident's bedroom, and the light had been fitted with a baffle to stop the glare.

Cllr Stewart said that Cockett Lane/A617 junction had been completed well in advance of the target date with considerable savings on the budget. Progress was being made regarding the maintenance of the White Post roundabout.

PCSO Anstey suggested that some bushes on the Parfitt Drive parking area be pruned as they were blocking the view of the parking spaces.

She also suggested that the bench outside the Warwick Arms be removed to stop the local youths from gathering and depositing litter.

It was agreed that any decision regarding the bench should not be taken until the Warwick Arms are opened as a Co-operative Store.

Cllr Stafford raised concerns regarding parking on Station Lane when the Cricket Club is used stating that emergency vehicles were having difficulty with access.

Cllr Elliott commented that residents adjacent to the football area on Wilson's Field had complaint of the use of bad language. PCSO Anstey said that attention will be paid to the area and she would speak with residents.

No other matters were raised and the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th April 2009 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett and Co R Reeves and B McDowall.

Declaration of interest

Regarding the planning application by the Bowls Club, it is recorded that the land is leased to the Bowls Club by the Parish Council. Cllr Elliott declared a non prejudicial interest in the planning application made by White Post Farm, being the business advisor.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Selby, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14th April were noted.

Matters arising

Cllr Elliott stated that he had written to Mr Rhodes regarding his request for payment for the church clock repairs as he was unable to visit him personally. It was restated that the Council would not consider any retrospective claims and there was no change in the decision. The Clerk was requested to send a further letter restating the position of the Council.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – Graffiti on the sign to be removed.

Acres – The Clerk produced detailed of the costs received from Ulyetts to undertake out of season maintenance of the football pitch and undertake the marking out in the new season and this was agreed with the contract with Brian Stocks being concluded on 31st May 2009.

Cllr. Hamilton provided an update regarding his meeting with the organisers of the proposed village fete in July and his consultation with local residents where no objections had been received.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr Caldicott and Mr Whilde to comment upon the proposed arrangements.

They stated that at previous fetes approximately 2000-2500 had attended mostly local residents. Parking had not presented a problem in the past.

They would have adequate insurance to cover public liability and restore any damage caused to the field by vehicles although stringent precautions would be undertaken to prevent the occurrence of damage.

It was agreed that the football pitch should be roped off as it would have been treated and seeded by the time the fete takes place.

After a detailed discussion firm assurances were given to the Council that the event would be closely controlled and well organised the aim being to have a good event and to cause minimal disruption to others.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.05pm.

Cllr Davis proposed that the fete should be held at the Acres given the level of commitment from the organisers, seconded by Cllr. Selby and agreed. Cllr Jepson voted against and Cllr Clarke abstained.

Parfitt Drive – some damage to the fence and repairs required to the see-saw.

Wilson's Field –Cllr Stafford stated that he had switched the lights off for the summer period.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that discussions were still continuing regarding the proposal to sign Crab Nook Lane with a view to discouraging vehicular traffic from using the lane.

Parish Plan Reports

- **Planning-** concerns expressed regarding the slow progress being made at the Warwick Arms site; the site is now becoming an eyesore in the centre of the village.
- **Education and sport** – Football provision has been dealt with earlier. It was noted that the Tennis Club mini section are the Nottinghamshire champions.
- **Environment and tourism** – it was agreed that the village would be entered in the Best Kept Village Competition although Cllr Jepson expressed some concerns regarding the state of premises on the Main Street.
- **Transport** – it was noted that all of the bus shelters now had signs and timetables; the shelter opposite the Church still awaiting replacement.
- **Communications** – newsletter published and the web site up to date and much improved.

Financial matters

The accounts including 16 cheques amounting to £6166.63p having been previously circulated to Councillors and scrutinised by Cllr Davis were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

09/00366/FUL – erection of gift shop and pet centre at White Post Modern Farm, Farnsfield.

Application supported

Cllr Elliott abstained having declared an interest.

09/0335/FUL – erection of single storey extension to pavilion at Farnsfield Bowling Club.

Application supported.

Community safety group

Cllr Elliott stated that there was nothing to report.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had provided a statement to the Police regarding damage at the Village Centre.

Village Centre – it was agreed that the Clerk seek estimates for the replacement of the remaining old gas boilers as a priority rather than replacing chairs.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th May 2009 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett, B McDowall.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.35pm and made the following report to the Council:

Cllr Elliott stated that the complaints made against him by the Clerk following the meeting of 24th June 2008 had been dealt with by the Standards Committee of Newark & Sherwood District Council and he was in possession of the report and findings of the Committee. He stated that he wished to make the Council aware of the report and decision prior to the report being released to the public.

He read through the report in detail and read out the results and reasons for the decisions.

Cllr Elliott stated that he would not be appealing against the decision and read out the Committees recommendation that training in the Code of Conduct would be beneficial to all members of the Council, including the Clerk.

Cllr Davis stated that he had discussed the report with the Chairman and was of the opinion that some lessons could be learned in respect of declarations of interest.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.50pm.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 14th April 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 28th April 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

Matters arising

Cllr Reynolds requested that the meeting reconsider its decisions not to pay Mr CG Rhodes for the costs he incurred to replace the hammer of the Church Clock. Cllr Reynolds stated that he considered the clock to be a parish facility and the damage had been caused by the previous vicar, who paid for the repairs at the time but these repairs had not prevented the hammer from breaking a second time resulting in Mr Rhodes replacing the hammer.

He also stated that he appreciated that Mr Rhodes should have sought permission to repair the clock if the Council were to pay and in hindsight realised that he had made a mistake.

Mr Rhodes had been persistent in his arguments that the clock was a public facility and had again requested payment from the Parish Council.

Cllr Jepson proposed that the Council should reverse its previous decision not to pay for the replacement on this occasion only, without prejudice.

Cllr Davis seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

Appointment of Chairman

The Clerk advised the meeting that this was the annual meeting and the appointment of the Chairman, Vice Chair and members of committees should be considered.

Cllr Elliott enquired if there were any proposals for the office of Chairman.

Cllr Reeves proposed that the current Chairman, Vice Chair and members of Committees be elected en bloc. Cllr Davis enquired if the Chairman, Vice Chair and other members of the Committees were willing to stand, all agreed.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Reynolds and agreed unanimously. The appointed officers and committee members are:

Chairman – Cllr PE Elliott

Vice Chair – Cllr L Selby

Appointment of Committee members

Recreation Grounds Committee

Cllr G Stafford
Cllr KJ Clarke
Cllr M Pritchett
Cllr R Reeves

Village Centre Committee

Cllr KJ Clarke
Cllr M Hamilton
Cllr. G Stafford
Cllr M Pritchett

Finance and General Purposes

Cllr. R Davis
Cllr AD Jepson
Cllr FA Reynolds
Cllr B McDowall

Declaration of interest

None declared.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk stated that all of the repairs identified in the inspection report had been completed. The hard core had been placed at the entrance to the bowls/tennis court.

Acres –Cllr Reeves stated that Farnsfield Villa had played 8 matches during the season. The Clerk informed the meeting that the football pitch would be treated with weed-killer and reseeded during the summer break; the movement of the goal posts was also being considered.

Parfitt Drive – The Clerk reported that all of the identified defects had been repaired.

Wilson's Field

Cllr Stafford reported that the sign at the top of the steps required turning around in order that dog walkers would see it.

Footpaths and highways

Comments were made that unlawful riding of motor cycles was occurring on the play areas. Hedges and trees required cutting alongside the footpaths on Main Street and The Green.

Cllr Elliott stated that he had been contacted by Patrick Stevens regarding the widescale abuse of the parking regulations caused by

the delays in issuing tickets. It was agreed that this matter had been referred to Co Cllr Stewart at the previous meeting and he had agreed to request a review of the enforcement conditions.

Cllr Elliott reported that the White Post roundabout should be refurbished by Ulyetts in the near future as the necessary paperwork had been submitted to Nott. County Council.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – Cllr Jepson stated that comments on the Strategic Plan proposals were required by the following Friday, the Clerk agreed to submit comments on the proposals.

Education and Sport – no matters to report.

Environment and tourism – The Clerk reported that the application for the Best Kept Village Competition would be submitted following the meeting when the cheque had been signed.

Public transport – it was noted that the bus stop on the Main Street had been replaced.

Communications – The Strategic Plan to be signposted from the Parish website plus a reminder regarding overgrown hedges. A newsletter to be published in July.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for information including the Code of Conduct training at Kelham Hall on 3rd July 2009.

Finance

Accounts – the schedule of accounts was circulated prior to the meeting; the accounts were scrutinised by Cllr. Jepson and included 16 cheques amounting to £10,560.19p and were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and agreed.

Boiler repairs – Village Centre

The Clerk presented the costs to place the two remaining old boilers in the Village Centre with a combination boiler and also eliminate the need to heat water for the library via an immersion heating system. It was agreed unanimously to replace the boilers as proposed.

Audit of accounts 2008-9

The Clerk reported that the audit of accounts had been completed by the Internal Auditor and they would be presented to the Council for approval at the next meeting.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

09/00413/FUL – retention of mobile home and erection of single storey extension to form swimming pool and associated facilities at Farnsfield House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

09/00575/FUL & 09/00576/LBC – application for removal of 20th century extensions; replacement of north wing (previously truncated); extension to west elevation; internal works in light of modern alterations; replacement and upgrading of electrical and heating services; re-use of attic space as accommodation. External works to include the restoration of the former main driveway at Farnsfield Hall, Blidworth Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

09/00618/FUL – erection of proposed dwelling, removal of existing trees on land adjacent to the Limes, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported.

Community Safety Group

Cllr Elliott reported that at a recent meeting of the group in Lowdham it had been agreed that Bilsthorpe be included in the area.

Information is currently being sought from Newark and Sherwood DC regarding CCTV systems.

Concerns had been expressed regarding the use of speed guns as there was no police back up.

Parking was referred to, previously discussed.

The first anti social behaviour contract had been issued to a 15year old boy in Farnsfield.

The Neighbourhood Watch meeting had not been successful as only 2 members of the public attended and a further meeting was to be arranged.

Farnsfield Village Centre

No items to report.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None declared.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Pritchett, LM Selby,
M Salt (Clerk)
Co Cllr. B Laughton.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Davis, AD Jepson,
B McDowall. FA Reynolds, M Hamilton, R Reeves, GD Stafford.
Co Cllr A Stewart, Dist Cllr N Armstrong.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th May2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Selby, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk stated that he had placed an order for the defects identified in the inspection report to be rectified.

Acres – No matters reported.

Parfitt Drive – No issues on the play area. The Clerk stated that he had received a communication from the Police suggesting the removal of the dog bin from Parfitt Drive following an incident when the contents had been emptied and thrown on a nearby house. It was considered inappropriate to move the bin but to enquire if the bin could be fitted with a secure lid.

Wilson's Field

The Clerk reported that he has requested action regarding the sign reported by Cllr Stafford. Cllr Pritchett enquired if the hard play area could be remarked. Comment was made that the trees were growing

higher and could consideration be given to pruning them, not considered to be a hazard to anyone.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.50pm.

Cllr. Laughton provided an update regarding the change in direction to be taken by the County Council following the success of the Conservative Party at the last elections.

He stated that the policies relating to interactive speed signs, the application of speed limits would be considered. A spending review is under way, the capital programmes has been placed on hold whilst consideration is taken as to how to improve local services.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8pm.

Footpaths and highways

Concerns were raised regarding hedges encroaching upon footpaths some becoming hazardous. The Clerk to liaise with the County Council and make arrangements for some maintenance to be undertaken.

An update was provided regarding the debris on the footpath adjacent to the Warwick Arms, a wall pulled over by vandals. Most having been cleared and the Co-operative requested to remove the remainder by the County Council.

White Post roundabout, likely to be sorted by the end of July 2009.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – The Clerk stated that he had replied to the District Council after the last meeting and had posted details of the Strategic Plan on the Parish website.

Education and Sport – no matters to report.

Environment and tourism – The Clerk reported that the application for the Best Kept Village Competition had been submitted and a reply following the judging of the first round could be expected in the first week of July.

Cllr Elliott reported that following entry into the Village Hall competition, two judges inspected the Village Hall on 23rd June 2009 and seemed to be satisfied with the answers and documents provided, a result is not expected until late July. Cllr Elliott thanked Jane for her attendance at the meeting and support provided at the inspection.

Public transport – no items

Communications – A newsletter to be published in July.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for information.

Finance

Accounts – the schedule of accounts was circulated prior to the meeting; the accounts were scrutinised by Cllr. Jepson and included 9 cheques amounting to £2412.60p and were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Pritchett and agreed.

Accounts 2008-9

The Clerk had previously circulated all Councillors with full details of the accounts for 2008-9 including the papers required to be completed for the audit.

There were no matters raised; the questions at Part 2 were all considered and answered. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Pritchett, seconded by Cllr Selby and approved.

The return was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Planning applications

09/00778-FUL – erection of replacement dwelling at Willow Fen, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Cllr Clarke abstained declaring a non prejudicial interest.

09/00577/FUL – residential development of 2 semi detached dwellings to replace existing semi detached dwellings at Rufford Forest Farm Cottages, Kirklington Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

09/00663/FUL – extension at Kota Tinggi, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Community Safety Group

No report – next meeting scheduled for 13th July 2009.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that he had placed the order for the boilers to be replaced.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None declared.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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Present

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), AD Jepson, B McDowall, R Reeves, FA Reynolds, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)
Co Cllr A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett, K Clarke, and M Hamilton.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.32pm.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that Wheelhouse Park had opened; he and Cllr Selby had attended the opening event.

He stated that since the recent election a review has been undertaken of the County Council's spending plans; a £25m deficit had been identified and steps were being taken to identify savings. A potential saving was the deferring of the plans to create a new Highways Depot at Bilsthorpe, but due to contractual restrictions it had not been possible to stop the project.

Speed restrictions were to be reviewed and all limits should be aligned with village signs.

The Clerk commented that the seat on Southwell Road was in a poor state of repair and required removing.

Cllr Reeves commented upon the poor state of the footpaths on Station Lane.

Cllr Stafford commented on the difficulties caused by vehicles being parked on footpaths.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that the agreements with Ulyetts to maintain the White Post roundabout had been agreed.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.55pm.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – The grass around the seat at the Tennis Courts requires cutting.

Acres – It was agreed that bookings for the football pitches would be via Cllr Reeves who will maintain a diary of bookings. The village fete held at the Acres was a success and no damage was caused to the field; no problems were reported.

Parfitt Drive – gates broken off over the weekend and had been replaced.

Wilson's Field – hedge cutting due during the following week, grass in the corner requires cutting.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk provided an update following the meeting he had with Matt Duckworth, Notts CC on 30th June 09 – any complaints regarding motor cycles on footpaths and bridleways should be sent to the Police as they have an increased 'off road' facility. The styles into the Acres woodland from the field owned by P Stevens to be replaced with gates; considerable damage has been caused in Combs wood due to forestry work, this will be reinstated; the steps on the footpath leading to Combs wood are to be reinstated; the footpaths on the land belonging to Mr Strawson will be realigned. A process has been agreed regarding issuing letter to occupants where hedges are overgrowing the footpaths – the Clerk will issue a letter requesting the work to be done, should this be ignored the normal warning letters will be issued by the County Council. The potholes on Brickyard Lane will receive attention.

Comment was made that the drain cover on Main Street was lifted off during heavy storms causing damage to a car during the last storm. The visibility splays at Cockett Lane/A617 required cutting.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – no matters.

Education and Sport – no matters to report.

Environment and tourism – The Clerk reported that we had not been successful in the Best Kept Village Competition.

No update regarding the Village Hall competition.

The Clerk reported that he had received the notice board to display the map of the footpaths and required a site for the notice board.

Public transport – no items.

Communications – It was agreed to publish a newsletter during July and the Clerk asked for any items for insertion. The recent public meeting to review the opinion of the public regarding community safety and Neighbourhood Watch schemes was poorly attended and it was agreed to run another on at 6.60pm on Tuesday 8th September 2009.

Correspondence – The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for information.

Accounts – scrutinised by Cllr Davis. Cllr Reeves commented that the charges for pitch rental appeared high and it was agreed that a comparison would be made with surrounding parishes.

The accounts consisting of 15 cheques amounting to £9541.59p were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Jepson and approved.

Planning applications

The following planning application was considered:

09/00859-FULM – Demolition of four existing poultry sheds, erection of six replacement poultry sheds, reception building and relocation of access at Baulker Site Bungalow, Baulker Lane Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Elliott reported that he and Cllr Selby had attended the last meeting of the group. Speeding was discussed; SNG had received a letter following a fatal road accident at Lowdham. Bilsthorpe had joined the group and a report was made of major problems surrounding racial issues.

A discussion had taken place regarding the police coverage of the area and concerns were expressed at the low coverage and that Pc Beddington was not being replaced. The SNG had raised the matter with the Divisional Commander, Dave Wakelin and the Chief Constable.

Parking was also discussed and the problems being caused by the previous rule that 10 minutes discretion should be allowed, now reduced to 5 minutes before a ticket issued; the comments from the meeting that the system was almost a waste of time and ineffective.

Comment was made that some yellow lines were not legally displayed but following an inspection by Notts. CC were found to be in order.

Farnsfield Village Centre

Information signs were requested to be placed on the stage lighting.

Church Clock

The meeting was informed that George Rhodes had asked the Council for permission to reset the clock as it had stopped.

The matter was considered and it was agreed that this was not a matter for the Parish Council and George Rhodes was not contracted to attend to the clock. The Parish Council has only agreed to pay for the annual service and inspection of the clock and to consider making a contribution towards the cost of repairs prior to them being undertaken.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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Present

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

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett and L Selby.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 11th August 2009 were noted.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm..

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that there should now be 2 signs on Crabnook Lane, one at either end.

The matter of the speed limit on Longland Lane raised by Mr Linney has been noted and will be considered when the County Council consider the parameters in 201. Cllr Laughton said that all 30 and 40mph limits will be reviewed following a reappraisal of the work being undertaken by NCC.

Cllr Stewart suggested that the Parish Council may wish to replace the seat removed from Southwell Road, or to make an application under the Building Better Communities project.

The state of the footpaths on Station Lane was discussed and Cllr Stewart stated that some work could be considered but the sites required identification.

Speeding was discussed and Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that Inspector Gann had 2 more officers trained to use the radar guns and the speeding problem in villages would be discussed at a meeting between Cllr Stewart and Chief Inspector Charlton.

Paul Inman of Nottinghamshire Police to address the meeting regarding alcohol exclusion orders.

He commented upon the current efforts to prevent the sale of alcohol to persons under age.

He then went on to outline the powers available to the police if an exclusion order were in place.

He suggested that should the Parish Council wish to pursue this then an application should be made to Newark & Sherwood District Council (Legal and Licensing Dept), the consultative process will take approximately 4 months.

He then answered several questions regarding parental responsibility, the extent of the exclusion order.

The Chairman thanked Mr Inman for the information

The Clerk informed the meeting that Newark & Sherwood DC had approved the Dog Control Order for the district. The proposal for the Acres had been withdrawn and no order will be in place as the '6 dog' control order was considered to be inappropriate as no evidence had been produced to the committee. It would be a case of a new application if it was considered appropriate to have a dog control order applicable to the site.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.05pm.

Declarations of interest

Cllr Elliott stated that he may declare an interest at item 14 when the administration support for the Clerk was discussed.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – No items

Acres – Cllr Reeves reported that the football pitch was in good condition but moles had become active. Cllr Hamilton requested that a sign be placed on Cotton Mill Lane to indicate the location of the Acres.

Parfitt Drive – gates broken off again following the recent repair work. A price had been obtained to replace the wooden fence with one more substantial - £5100.

It was agreed that some work had to be undertaken to make the area secure and the Clerk was requested to get further quotes. The Clerk

suggested that it may be appropriate to have light installed and would make enquiries with Notts. County Council regarding the costs as this had been effective to reduce crime and anti social behaviour in other council areas.

Wilson's Field – concerns expressed regarding leaves on the steps on the footpath from Mansfield Road.

Footpaths and highways

The hedges at Silverdale, Broomfield Lane are severely overgrown and obstructing the footpaths and obscuring the street name signs – the Clerk to write to Carmalor and request action.

Cllr McDowall requested that a letter be sent to NCC to request give way signs at the junction of the Green and Blidworth Road.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – The Clerk informed the meeting that there were details of an outline planning application for a number of houses on land off Mansfield Road on NSDC planning website; not yet out for consultation.

Education and Sport – no matters to report.

Environment and tourism – Cllr McDowall provided an update following the public meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Watch and other matters. He said that the meeting had a good attendance and several issues were raised. Several forms had been signed and Kate Anstey, PCSO, was collating them. The Clerk reported that he was in possession of the map cabinet and sought ideas to locate it.

Public transport – no items.

Communications – Discussions took place to enhance the circulation of the newsletter and distribute to the parts of the village not in receipt of the Trader. Some of the attendees at the public meeting offered to distribute locally, e.g. Parfitt Drive area.

Correspondence – The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for information.

Finance

Accounts – scrutinised by Cllr Davis. The accounts consisting of 16 cheques amounting to £5771.89 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Jepson and approved.

Section 137 application

The Clerk reminded the meeting of an application for funding received from the British Legion in November 2008 and after brief consideration they were requested to obtain three quotes for the work on the

memorial. These quotes have been obtained and were considered by the Council. It was felt that the Council should not determine the supplier but agree a donation towards the cost. Cllr Clarke proposed that £500 be granted, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed unanimously.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Elliott reported that at the last meeting held at Lowdham rural policing had been discussed and the Divisional Police Commander Ch Supt Wakelin would attend a future meeting to discuss policing issues. Vandalism, graffiti and Neighbourhood Watch were also discussed. A second ASBO has been issued, there are now two residents in Farnsfield subject to an ASBO order.

Village Centre

No items.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The Clerk left the meeting at 9.05pm.

Administrative support for the Clerk

This matter was raised by Cllr. Davis having been previously considered on 24th June 2008 and a decision made to award the contract. The award of the contract had been placed on hold. The matter was discussed in the absence of the public and various options were considered and the matter adjourned until the 13th October 2009 when further information considered relevant was available.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th October 2009 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), AD Jepson, B McDowall, R Reeves, LM Selby G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. FA Reynolds and M Hamilton.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr M Pritchett effective immediately.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the PCSO Kate Anstey had resigned as PCSO but would be replaced.

It was agreed to change the agenda and deal with the item 'administrative support to the Clerk' after planning matters with the public excluded, if any present.

Declarations of interest

Cllr Elliott declared a potential interest when the support for the Clerk was discussed.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

09/01390/FUL – householder application for insertion of velux window in east face of garage roof at Bramble Cottage, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

09/01418/FUL – change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden at Hill Close House, Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported but comments to be made noting the presence of a substantial building on the current agricultural land and the proposed change of use from agricultural to domestic would not infer any retrospective planning approval for the building.

Planning decisions

None received from Newark and Sherwood District Council.

The Clerk left the meeting at 8.10pm.
No members of the public were present.

Administrative support for the Clerk

Cllr Davis continued with this matter adjourned from 22nd September 2009.

Following some discussion the conclusion was as follows:

'It was also concluded that additional admin. support must be provided for the following reasons :-

Because of the variety of days and hours that the public use the Council facilities they may need to contact the Clerk at any time during the day or evening and any day in the week. It was concluded that it is unreasonable to expect one person to provide this service.

In addition admin. support is necessary to have knowledge of and access to the Council / Clerk's admin. systems and to provide backup support in the Clerk's absence.

It was concluded that that there should be informal discussions between the Clerk and the Council on the best way to provide the admin. support, starting with a 'blank sheet'.

A formal decision was therefore made to rescind the decision to appoint Executive Development Ltd.'

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th October 2009 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, R Reeves, LM Selby
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. FA Reynolds, B McDowall and G Stafford.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th October 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Jepson and agreed.

Declarations of interest

None

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk reported that the repairs identified in the inspection report had been completed.

Acres – Cllr Reeves reported that the lock on the gate to the Acres was missing.

Parfitt Drive – The Clerk reported that he was in the process of obtaining quotes for metal fencing and a meeting was arranged with Notts. CC to discuss the possibility of installing lighting in the area.

Wilson's Field – the issue of clearing leaves from the steps on the footpath has been raised with Notts. CC and they do not supply this service.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Carmalor and the hedged at Silverwood had been cut back.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – The Clerk reported that he had received the Core Strategy Options Report for consultation. It was agreed to consider a reply to the document on 10th November 2009.

Education and Sport – no matters to report.

Environment and tourism – Cllr McDowall provided an update following the public meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Watch that he had received some signed forms.

Public transport – damage reported at the bus stop on Main Street, opposite Allsorts.

Communications – Newsletter to be prepared for distribution in December.

Correspondence – The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for information.

Finance

- 1. Accounts** – The accounts scrutinised by Cllr Jepson had been circulated previously, they contained 10 cheques amounting to £5371.52p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.
- 2. Section 137 application** – The Clerk stated he had received the annual request from Farnsfield Responder for a grant of £250. A report was produced by Farnsfield Responder showing the increase in activity during the past year. Cllr. Clarke proposed that £250 be granted, seconded by Cllr. Jepson and approved unanimously.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

09/01492/FUL – householder application for erection of summerhouse at Little Allamour Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

09/01222/FUL – householder application erection of dormer bungalow at Fosse Way, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported; Cllr Jepson against.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Elliott reported that Kate Anstey was leaving her post as PCSO for Farnsfield on 7th November 2009 and would be replaced.

Farnsfield Village Centre

No items

Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Vacancy for Councillor
2. Core Strategy Options Report.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th November 2009 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), AD Jepson, B McDowall, LM Selby
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. FA Reynolds, K Clarke, R Reeves and G Stafford.

Core Strategy Options Report

The report was considered in detail and the comments for consideration by the Council on 24th November 2009 are as follows:

Question 1

Newark and Sherwood's Vision and Objectives

Do you agree with the Council's Vision, Strategic Objectives and Area Objectives?

Comment – agree.

Question 2

Do you agree with the Council's preferred approach regarding the roles of the settlements? If you agree, what do you like about our approach? If you don't agree, please give your reasons, and you can put forward your own alternative approach.

Comment - agree

Question 3

Do you agree with the Council's proposed Settlement Hierarchy for Newark & Sherwood?

Do you believe that any of the Settlements have been inappropriately placed in the Hierarchy and if so please give reasons? If you broadly agree, are there any particular aspects you like? If you don't agree, what don't you like about our suggested approach, and you can put forward your own alternative Settlement Hierarchy, giving your reasons.

Comment – Options B or C preferred , 4 service centres.

Question 4

Growth Scenarios Options

Do you agree with our broad analysis of the strengths and weaknesses we have set out above? Please let us know your opinions.

Which Growth Scenario do you think best provides for and meets the needs of the District, and realises the opportunities, over the next 17 years? What are the main reasons that have led you to this conclusion?

Comment – support scenario 4; concern expressed that it was unclear regarding the split between Southwell and Rainworth; Farnsfield in urban area on page 77, elsewhere in the report in the Southwell envelope.

Question 5

Do you agree with the Council's preferred approach to Rural Areas?

If you agree, what do you like about our approach? If you don't agree. What don't you like about our preferred approach and you can put forward your own alternative suggestion

Comment – yes.

Question 6

Do you agree with the Council's approach to the extent of the Green Belt and Green Belt Villages?

Comment – yes

Question 7

Delivering Strategic Sites

Do you agree with the Council's approach to delivering Strategic Sites?

Comment – yes

Question 8

Do you agree with the Council's approach to delivering Infrastructure for Growth?

Comment – agree

Question 9

Do you agree with the Council's preferred approach to safeguarding land for new transport schemes

Comment – yes

Question 10

Do you agree with the Council's approach to protecting leisure and community facilities?

Comment – yes

Question 11

Do you agree the Council's approach to selecting sites for allocation?

Comment – yes

Question 12

Do you agree with the Council's Preferred Options for Affordable Housing?

Comment – concerns that the policy is not positive enough; for example page 81 Core Policy 1A the words 'seek' should be deleted and replaced with 'will secure'.

Option 2 is the preferred option due to the wording of the option

At Policy 1B, page 82, delete 'will seek'.

Policy 1C is supported.

Note – the past policy regarding affordable housing has not been robust enough and has allowed developers to avoid the issue there the comments regarding the wording in order to close some loopholes otherwise the situation will not change and the planners will have no influence over the developments.

Question 13

Do you agree with the Council's Preferred Option for Affordable Housing

Exceptions Sites?

Comment – yes

Question 14

Do you agree with the Council's Preferred approach to new housing development? Do you agree with the Council's Preferred approach to securing a mix of housing types on new development?

Comment- yes

Question 15

Do you agree with the Council's approach to allocating pitches: in terms of broad location and in criteria for site selection?

Comment – yes

Question 16

Do you agree with the Council's preferred option for encouraging Economic Growth and Prosperity?

Comment – yes, minimise transport related issues.

Question 17

Do you agree with the Council's Preferred Option for Tourism?

Comment – yes

Question 18

Do you agree with the District Council's Preferred Option for Sustainable Energy?

Comment - yes

Question 19

Do you agree with the District Council's Preferred Option for Managing Flood Risk?

Comment – yes

Question 20

Do you agree with the Council's preferred option for Biodiversity, Geological Conservation and Green Infrastructure?

Comment – yes

Question 21

Do you agree with the Council's preferred option for Landscape Character?

Comment – yes

Question 22

Do you agree with the Council's preferred approach to the Historic Environment?

Comment – yes

Question 23

Do you agree with the Council's preferred option for Newark Town Centre?

Comment – yes

Question 24

Do you agree with the Council's Preferred Option to identify the following strategic sites:

1. Land to the south of Newark and the development principles for the site?
2. Land to the East of Newark and the development principles for the site?
3. Land around Fernwood and the development principles for the site?

If you have any views on the proposed development envisaged for any of the three strategic sites, please let us know, please confirm in your reply, what aspects you like or don't like in terms of the development proposed for each of the three sites, and why? Are there other sites you feel should be considered for growth?

Comments – yes; consolidated development allows for concentration of traffic and the necessary infrastructure to be provided, also close to main trunk roads and rail system.

Question 25

Do you agree with the District Council's approach to providing Sports facilities in Newark?

Comment – yes

Question 26

Do you agree with the Council's approach to rural accessibility in the Newark Area?

Comment – yes

Question 27

Do you agree with the Council's preferred option for managing the role and setting of Southwell?

Comment – yes

Question 28

Do you agree with the Council's preferred option for the Brackenhurst Campus of Nottingham Trent University?

Comment – yes

Question 29

Do you agree with the Council's preferred approach for Sherwood Forest?

Comment – yes

Question 30

Do you agree with the preferred approach for Ollerton Town which the District Council is proposing?

Comment – yes

Question 31

7.56 Do you agree with the Council's preferred approach for the Mansfield

Fringe?

Comment – yes

It is proposed that the above comments be considered by the Council meeting on 24th November 2009 and if approved become Farnsfield Parish Council's response to the document.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th November 2009 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, B McDowall, LM Selby, G Stafford.
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. FA Reynolds, R Reeves.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.
The minutes of the meeting of 10th November 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. McDowall, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.
The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10th November 2009 were noted.

Declarations of interest

None

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.34pm in order to receive comments from 11 members of the public present at the meeting.

The issue raised by the members of the public related to Newark & Sherwood DC Core Strategy Options Report. Concerns were expressed regarding the potential for building additional dwellings in the village and the proposed locations.

The Chairman informed them that the Parish Council had prepared a response to the report and would be discussing at the meeting and in view of the representation decided to deal with the agenda item whilst the public were present.

The Clerk circulated copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2009, detailing the proposed response from the Council subject to ratification at the current meeting.

The responses to the questions were read out and Cllr Davis requested a slight amendment.

With the amendment the responses were proposed for agreement by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed by the Council.

The members of the public were advised to make individual comments to the consultative document via the web site, or by letter.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.43pm.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – No items to report.

Acres – The Clerk reported that the padlock on the gate had been replaced. The second football pitch would be installed on the adjacent field by the end of December 2009.

Parfitt Drive – No further update regarding the installation of lighting.

Wilson's Field – concern was expressed regarding the steps on Footpath 1 if it became icy.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk stated he had received a letter from Notts.CC suggesting the removal of the double yellow lines between Allsorts and the Church.

This was supported as the Parish Council had suggested this on previous occasions.

The Clerk stated that he had requested cg Rhodes to remove the vandalised railings at the end of Bird Cage Walk.

Cllr. Stafford requested that Ulyett's be thanked for their work in tidying up the White Post roundabout; the Chairman stated that this had been done.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – The Clerk reported that he had received the Core Strategy Options Report for consultation. It was agreed to consider a reply to the document on 10th November 2009.

Education and Sport – additional football pitch being installed.

Environment and tourism – Cllr McDowall suggested that it may be possible to install the map cabinet near to the Co-operative on Main Street and he was making further enquiries.

Public transport – bus stop repaired opposite Allsorts.

Communications – Newsletter to be prepared for distribution in December.

Correspondence – The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for information.

Finance

- 1 Accounts** – The accounts scrutinised by Cllr Jepson had been circulated previously, they contained 8 cheques amounting to £2565.90. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.
- 2 Precept 2010-11** – The suggestion by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, contained in the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2009 to raise the precept to £61,200 was proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications

09/01622/FUL – householder application for erection of two storey side extension and rear extensions at Jalna, Southwell Road, Farnsfield. Application supported.

09/01591/FUL – householder application for extension to roof to create additional bedrooms and erection of pitched roof over entrance porch (retrospective revised scheme) at 7 Birch Avenue, Farnsfield. Application supported.

Community Safety Group

Cllr. Elliott reported that he and Cllr Selby had attended a meeting the previous evening which was also attended by a strong Police representation.

Policing matters were discussed and their strategy for local policing was explained; also commented upon was the extraction of officers to the city to deal with gun crime, these still have not been returned to local policing; a drive is under way to recruit Specials; speed gun training was being undertaken and 5 pairs of mobile interactive speed signs were available for use.

Lisa Lancaster is the local liaison person; the new beat manager(s) are Gary Simpson and Steve Harrison, effective from 10th January 2010.

2 PCSOs Charlotte Appleby and Liam Batey have been appointed.

The main point raised by the police was that all incidents need to be reported.

The Chairman stated that he intended to write a letter to the Lord Chancellor regarding the spates of vandalism in the village following the low level of sentences passed on those responsible for damage to the Village Centre; the spates of vandalism occurring on the day the sentences were passed and were not a deterrent to prevent further incidents in the village.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk stated that the Monday Club would cease to function unless some volunteers were found to continue following the retirement of Mrs Holmes; this would be included in the Newsletter.

Vacancy for Councillor

The Clerk informed the meeting that there had not been a request for an election therefore the vacancy would be subject to co-option and it would be advertised in the Newsletter. It was necessary to finalise the process on the 26th January 2010.

Agenda items for the next meeting

Alcohol Exclusion Order.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th January 2010 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, B McDowall, R Reeves, LM Selby, G Stafford.

M Salt (Clerk)

Also present Co Cllr. A Stewart, Dist Cllr. R Bradbury

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. FA Reynolds,

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and accepted.

Matters arising:

Cllr. Elliott reported that he has sent a letter to the Director of Public Prosecutions following the minimal sentences imposed by the Crown Court on the group who pleaded guilty to entering the Village Centre in February 2008, expressing the concerns of the village and the derisory effect the sentences have had upon the perpetrators. The matter has been referred to Nottingham and a reply is awaited.

Declarations of interest

None declared at this stage.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.40pm.

Cllr. Stewart stated that the County Council had reviewed the gritting programme as it had proved to be inadequate to meet recent demands. The grit bins have been re-filled and it he enquired if more bins were required.

Comment was made by Cllr Stafford that many roads had not been gritted, including Cockett Lane, a bus route, leaving them in a dangerous state.

Cllr Stafford commented that Stagecoach had started running a regular bus service along Station Lane, he expressed concerns regarding the width and state of the road, the close proximity to children's play areas and potential problems when car parking reached its peak in the cricket season.

Cllr. Stewart agreed to look into this should the Parish Council wish him to. Cllr Jepson stated that the bus stops had been removed.

Cllr Davis suggested that a mirror at the junction of Station Lane and Cockett Lane would assist motorists and help prevent accidents. Cllr Stewart stated that it was not County Council policy to install mirrors

Comments were made regarding the pot holes which had appeared following the cold spell and it was agreed that the village would be checked and information provided to the Highways Department.

Dist Cllr. Bradbury stated that Bilsthorpe were experiencing problems regarding planning applications and enquired if Farnsfield were, none identified. Cllr Stafford made comment that regard to the potential development in Farnsfield, the infrastructure could not cope, in particular the sewage system.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.12pm.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – No items to report.

Acres – Cllr Reeves stated that the pitch had not been marked out.

Parfitt Drive – No further update regarding the installation of lighting.

Wilson's Field – Cllr. Stafford raised concerns regarding dogs and requested the installation of signs. The Clerk suggested that we wait until the District introduce the new Dog Control Order.

Footpaths and highways

Discussed earlier.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – No items.

Education and Sport – Cllr. Elliott stated that the Tennis Club were wishing to install a 4th court in the village and were seeking a venue, probably encroaching into the Children's play area. They had an offer of LTA funding and would be engaging in some discussions. There was support, in principle for the project but the location of the 4th court would need some careful consideration.

Environment and tourism – Cllr McDowall said that he had received approval to install the map cabinet near to the Co-operative on Main Street and he was making arrangements to do this.

Public transport – Station Lane issue discussed previously.

Communications – Newsletter to be prepared for distribution in March.

Cllr Elliott stated that he had provided an update regarding the actions identified in the Parish Plan evaluation.

Correspondence – The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for information.

Finance

Accounts – The accounts scrutinised by Cllr Jepson had been circulated previously, they contained 17 cheques amounting to £5290.01. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Selby and agreed.

Planning applications

09/01806/FUL – Application for window replacement, erection of boundary fence; widening of existing vehicle access; erection of carport to side of existing garage and erection of single storey outbuilding at Peartree Cottage, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield
Application supported.

09/01831/FUL – Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden at 1 Mansfield Road, Farnsfield
Application supported.

10/000002/FUL & 10/000003/LBC – Replacement of 1920's bay window and construction of a portico at Farnsfield Hall, Blidworth Road, Farnsfield
Application supported.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Elliott stated that there had been a meeting at Lowdham but there was little to report.

Pc Gary Sipson is the new beat officer, Charlotte Appleby was present at the meeting; concern was expressed regarding drug dealing on the Southwell Trail and the situation was being monitored by PCSO Liam Batey. The next meeting will be held at Farnsfield.

Cllr McDowall stated that there was a need to move on with the Neighbourhood Watch schemes and raised concerns regarding youth causing a nuisance on Church Side.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported a water leak in the roof which was being attended to, no internal structural damage.

Alcohol Exclusion Order

The Clerk agreed to scope out a draft document for consideration.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There were no members of the public present to exclude, Dist Cllr Bradbury left the meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received two applications. The details of one, Alison Farr, were included with the papers for the meeting and a verbal update was provided in respect of the second one, Dean Duke.

The Councillors were advised regarding the selection process and were supplied with voting slips.

The result was 9 votes for Alison Farr and 1 for Dean Duke.

It was proposed by Cllr Elliott that Alison Farr be invite to fill the vacancy for Parish Councillor, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed unanimously.

The Chairman requested the Clerk to send letters to the applicants informing them of the decision of the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th February 2010 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), A Farr, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, G Stafford.
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Reeves, L Selby, B McDowall and M Hamilton.

Alison Farr signed the acceptance of Office of Councillor and was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

Declarations of interest

None

Planning applications

10/000112/OUT – erection of dwelling in connection with farm visitor centre at White Post Farm Centre Ltd, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield
Application supported.

Review of finances 2009-10

It was agreed by the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to include this item in the main meeting.

The Clerk had circulated an update of the financial situation for 2009-10 this was considered in detail and no areas of concern were raised. It is anticipated that the year will end on forecast with the likelihood of a slight surplus.

Contingency arrangements for planning applications

The Clerk requested that contingency arrangements be put in place to enable the Council to respond to planning applications received between meetings, particularly in December and August when only one meeting per month takes place.

It was agreed that the Clerk would email the details of applications to available Councillors and take account of their comments and respond accordingly.

Any other business

Councillor Elliott provided an update regarding his correspondence with the Director of Public Prosecutions, now passed to the CPS in Nottingham, a reply is awaited.

The Clerk stated that he had contacted NCC regarding the state of New Hill and surrounding roads and repairs had been undertaken.

Cllr Stafford and the Clerk provided an update regarding the changed Stagecoach bus route along Station Lane. It was agreed to include in the March newsletter that there is likely to be an application by Stagecoach to modify their route to include Station Lane; they have 90 days to give notice to NCC for consultation to take place.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd February 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), A Farr, M Hamilton, AD Jepson, B McDowall, LM Selby, M Salt (Clerk)

Also present Dist. Cllr. N Armstrong, Dist Cllr. R Bradbury

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. FA Reynolds, R Reeves, GD Stafford. Co Cllr Stewart.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Hamilton, seconded by Cllr. Davis and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Farr and accepted.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.36pm.

Cllr. Armstrong gave a brief update regarding the works currently being undertaken in Devon Park, Newark. She also commented that the capital budget would be reduced for 2010-11.

The recent audit result of the District Council was that it was 'adequate'.

Cllr Jepson commented upon the poor standard of work undertaken when repairing potholes in the roads.

Cllr Davis stated that he was still collating the pothole damage to the roads and would pass this on to Notts. County Council and Cllr Stewart.

General comment was made regarding the amount of rubbish that had accumulated on the streets; Cllr Armstrong agreed to raise the matter with the Environment Dept of N&SDC.

Dist Cllr Bradbury made further comment regarding the level of gritting of the roads undertaken by Notts. CC.

Judith and David Milnes, Farnsfield History Society informed the meeting of the intention of the History Society to publish leaflets outlining interesting points on the walks around Farnsfield. After a short discussion agreed to liaise with Cllrs. McDowall and Farr regarding the plans being considered to publish leaflets regarding footpaths in the parish.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.47pm.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – Cllr Jepson commented that should Station Lane become a bus route safety barriers would be required at the entrances to the playing field to prevent children running into the road..

Acres – The Clerk informed the meeting that the second pitch had been completed..

Parfitt Drive – The Clerk reported that he had received plans for the electricity supply from NCC and would continue with the matter with EON.

Wilson's Field – No items.

Footpaths and highways

Cllr Davis commented upon a letter he had received from St Michael's School concerning the current works at the school. The letter contained assurance that the drains on Branston Avenue would be checked before and after the works to ensure there was no repeat of the previous issues.

Cllr. Stafford requested the Clerk to raise his concerns that new hedging along the A617 near to the junction with Cockett Lane had been stolen.

Cllr Davis stated that some grit from the grit bin on Station Lane. Cockett Lane had been removed by a motorist seen to be loading it into his car and wondered what the top up arrangements were.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – No items.

Education and Sport – Cllr Reeves had left a report for the meeting suggesting that the new goal posts on the second pitch were the wrong size and the pitch too small. Cllr Elliott agreed to pursue the matter with Cllr. Reeves.

Environment and tourism – Cllr McDowall said that he had received approval to install the map cabinet near to the Co-operative on Main Street and he was making arrangements to do this. The comments from Judith and David Milnes, earlier in the meeting would result in a meeting with them to agree the best approach.

Public transport – Bus stop flag broken off the bus stop at Bell's Field, Mansfield Road, Stagecoach have been informed.

Communications – Newsletter to be prepared for distribution in March.

Correspondence – The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for information.

Finance

Accounts – The accounts scrutinised by Cllr Jepson had been circulated previously, they contained 13 cheques amounting to £5410.86. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

Planning applications

09/01836/FUL & 09/01837/LBC – Change of use of outbuilding to annex and single storey extension to annex at Tehidy House, Main Street, Farnsfield

Application supported.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Elliott stated that a complain of speeding had been received from a resident on Mansfield Road, He had discussed the matter with Inspector Gann, more officers have been trained in the use of speed guns and more police activity could be expected.

Cllr Elliott readout a reply he had received from the Crown Prosecution Service following his letter regarding the fire at the village centre in February 2008.

The letter catalogued a series of police inconsistencies and it was agreed that a formal complaint should be made to the Chief Constable.

The next meeting of the SNG is 15th March 2010 at Farnsfield.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that he had received contact from the Southwell Live at Home Scheme as they were interested in reinstating the Monday Club in Farnsfield and would advertise for volunteers with a view to a start date in April.

Cllr Clarke stated that the Cricket Club may require a commercial range cooker for the Cricket Club. It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr. Selby that they could have the one from the Village Centre if they replaced it with a domestic type range cooker.

Cllr Hamilton stated that he had received an enquiry from the Toddler Group regarding the improvement to the ramp for safety reasons, side panels to replace the temporary arrangement. It was agreed that he would contact the group and arrange for detailed proposals and costs to be supplied.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th March 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman),
AD Jepson, B McDowall, LM Selby,
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. FA Reynolds,
R Reeves, GD Stafford, M Hamilton and A Farr.

Declarations of interest

None declared

Planning applications

10/000184/FUL – first floor extension and 1½ storey side extension at
Jalna, Southwell Road, Farnsfield
Application supported

10/00101/FUL – use of land for flying model aircraft, land adjacent to
Combs Farm Shop, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield
Application not supported on the grounds that due to the close
proximity of the site to the A614 concerns were expressed regarding
distraction of motorists, danger to road users should an aircraft go out
of control.
Cllr Clarke abstained.

Decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC

Planning decisions were noted.

Village Centre Booking

The current booking form was considered for accuracy and the
information provided.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would prepare an
information sheet to be sent out to customers with the booking form
and conditions of use.

Notice Board – footpaths

Cllr McDowall reported that he was making progress but the meeting with Judith Milnes had not yet been arranged. The Clerk agreed to contact George Rhodes and arrange for the notice board to be installed under the supervision of Cllr. McDowall.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd March 2010 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed. Cllr. Davis commented that after reporting the location of potholes in the roads to Notts. CC they were repaired within a week. Cllr. Jepson stated that they had not been repaired properly and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Hart, NCC Highways.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Selby, seconded by Cllr. McDowall and agreed.

Declarations of interest

None declared

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.37pm.

Karen Ashwell, Group Scout Leader proposed to the meeting that the village should have a new community hall with better facilities to service all of the groups in the village, have outside facilities for scouts etc, and parking provision.

The Chairman commented that such a proposal had been raised previously and the main problem being finance. It was agreed that she write an article for insertion in the April newsletter in order to seek out the response from residents.

Cllr. Stewart stated that he had been informed following his meeting with Chief Inspector Charlton that no-one was currently trained to use the speed guns, but some were currently being trained. He suggested that Inspector Gann be informed of the speed complaint received

concerning Mansfield Road, the Chairman stated that he had written to Inspector Gann.

Cllr Stewart said that he had sent a cheque for £400 to the Royal British Legion to assist sponsor the marching band and £500 to St Michael's School to assist them with a software package.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from NCC regarding sponsorship of a notice board or seat for the parish; it was agreed that Cllr. McDowall respond with a request for a notice board.

Cllr. Stafford informed the meeting of an incident on Station Lane when a car window was smashed, the offender was detained and although the police were informed they did not attend and the offender was released. The Chairman requested further information in order to take it to the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.53pm.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk reported that following an equipment inspection some minor repairs were required and he had placed an order for the repairs to be completed.

Acres – Comments were made that moles had become a problem in the area and some ground filling was required. Cllr Reynolds agreed to check for a method of dealing with the moles; it was agreed that the ground would be reinstated during the maintenance period between football seasons.

Parfitt Drive – The Clerk reported that he had submitted a request for the electricity supply to EON.

Wilson's Field – The Clerk requested approval to replace the light on Footpath 1, as it was difficult to repair, when the lights on Parfitt Drive were installed. He would also enquire if any funding was available from NCC as the light had been installed to illuminate the steps on the public footpath. Cllr. Stafford raised the question of signs re dog walkers allowing their dogs to run free on the field; the Clerk to enquire when the new orders commenced.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that he had informed NCC of the damage caused to the grassed area at the entrance to Brickyard Lane, caused by lorries transporting hardcore to Southwell Trail. He also reported that he had

commenced the survey of the footpaths within the P3 Agreement with NCC.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – Cllr Jepson provided a summary of a paper received from N&SDC regarding proposals to levy contributions from major developers to support the infrastructure..

Education and Sport – No report.

Environment and tourism – Nothing to report.

Public transport – Nothing to report.

Communications – Newsletter to be prepared for distribution in April.

Correspondence – The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for information.

Finance

Accounts – The accounts scrutinised by Cllr Davis had been circulated previously, they contained 9 cheques amounting to £4415.77. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Hamilton and agreed.

Planning applications

10/00272/FUL– application for detached garage at 16 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

10/00105/FUL – siting of single storey mobile home to be used as self contained unit of ancillary accommodation to Farnsfield House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield. (retrospective application)
Application supported.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Selby reported that Lowdham and Gunthorpe had been subjected to house burglaries.

Pedlars were circulating in the area, Cllr Hamilton stated that it is unlikely that they would have a Pedlars Licence.

The robbery at the Co-operative at Farnsfield was still undetected.

Cllr. Elliott stated that the police were seeking support to install vehicle recognition cameras at strategic points in the Sherwood area and they had requested a letter of support from the Parish Council. The was agreed and the Clerk to write to Sergeant Hunt.

Farnsfield Village Centre

No items.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.