

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th April 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

Apologies for absence

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

Declaration of interest

Cllr Jepson declared a non prejudicial interest in the planning application for Cobblers Cottage, Brickyard Lane.

Planning applications

10/00379/FUL – two storey rear extension and porch at Cobblers Cottage, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield

Cllr. Jepson left the room whilst the application was discussed.
The Chairman Suspended Orders at 7.33pm.

Mr Stevens informed the meeting of his objections to the application on the grounds contained in N&SDC Local Policy H24 concerning an inappropriate development, the impact upon his and neighbouring properties.

Two other residents of Brickyard Lane aired their concerns regarding the potential increase in parking on Brickyard Lane should the development be allowed.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.43pm.

The application was discussed and Cllr Davis proposed that the application not be supported on the following grounds:

- Impact upon neighbouring properties, both properties either side being bungalows
- Over intensification of the site, the size of the extension doubling the size of the property and again very large in comparison with neighbouring properties

- Lack of privacy, it was accepted that there were no windows on one side of the building but some overlooked other properties
- The likelihood of additional cars being parked on Brickyard Lane, already becoming over parked with resident's vehicles.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Stafford and supported.

3 Councillors abstained.

It was also requested that the application should be heard by the Planning Committee and not subject to delegated powers.

10/00346/FUL – two bed-roomed single storey dwelling over existing parking area at Spar Stores, Main Street, Farnsfield. After some discussion Cllr Farr proposed that the application should not be supported on the following grounds:

- Over intensification of the site, most of the space at the rear of the property would be developed, although it was accepted that the building was raised and allowed for parking provision
- Highway grounds, the entrance on to the Main Street is at one of the most congested parts of Main Street due to parked traffic (often illegally parked), busy with pedestrians accessing the shops
- Concerns that the sewage system would be further overloaded, in storm conditions the system already overflows in the Main Street area.

Seconded by Cllr.McDowall and agreed with 1 abstention.

10/00370/FUL – erection of two storey side and rear extension, single storey extension to the front and erection of a detached garage at The Woodlands, Station Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported.

Decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC

The Clerk appraised the meeting of the decisions made by Newark & Sherwood DC.

Proposed lighting Parfitt Drive

The Clerk stated that he had received a quote from EON to install the power supply at a cost of £1811.85 and requested approval to sign the contract; request proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Clarke and approved.

Updates

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had submitted an application to N&SDC for an Alcohol Exclusion Order in Farnsfield.

The Dog Control Order came into effect on 7th April 2010 and he was seeking clarification regarding the use of public footpaths across controlled areas.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Tennis Club would be submitting a proposal to install an additional court.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 27th April 2010 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

No members of the public attended

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Reeves.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Clarke and approved.

Matters arising

None

Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated his report and invited comments.

It was agreed that a Newsletter be published in May/June 2010 and the report included.

No other items were raised.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2009-2010

Councillors

The Councillors are:

Paul Elliott –Chairman of the Council
Karen Clarke – Chair Village Centre Committee,
Geoff Stafford – Chairman of Recreation Grounds Committee
Roger Davis – Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee
Bruce McDowall
Frank Reynolds
Lynda Selby – Vice Chair
Derek Jepson
Robert Reeves
Matt Hamilton
Alison Farr

Finances

The precept for 2008-9 was ££60.000 and the draft accounts for 2009-10 show that the anticipated income and expenditure are on budget.

The precept for 2010-11 is £61,200, the increase reflecting rises in costs due to inflation and service provision an increase now added incrementally following comments from a resident at a previous Parish meeting. The increase has been kept as low as possible and any overspend will need to come from savings made throughout the year or from reserves.

Parish Plan

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

Planning is becoming an issue for the future following the publication of the Newark & Sherwood District Publication Core Strategy which is currently in the consultative stage and considers the district council's

approach to the national planning requirements to increase the housing stock. Farnsfield being a principle village is earmarked for development although the proposed numbers of houses required to be built in Farnsfield changes as the consultation process continues. This could have a major impact on the village in future years if the proposals come to fruition. One to keep an eye on.

Environment

Parking on the Main Street remains a major issue..

Ad hoc visits are made to the village at relevant times and fixed penalty tickets issued to offenders, but the level of tickets issued is a disappointment considering the numbers of motorists who flagrantly disregard the law and cause inconvenience to others.

Nothing changes, parking is still a problem and enforcement appears to be non existent although we have been informed that parking attendants have visited Farnsfield on occasions.

Education

Regular activities continue to take place in the village centre organised by a range of people and the range covers history, horticulture, leisure and pastime activities. The recent recession has had an impact upon some of the activity organisers during the year but business has continued. One of the major impacts upon the Village Centre was the long and hard winter, particularly February.

Parish and other information is available via the web site, at the library, to residents who do not normally have access to a computer.

Village Development and Policing

In the past year the Parish Council has seen a further reduction in planning applications, a reduction from 36 during the previous year to 23 in this one.

The issue of policing in the village has continues as beat officers come and go. The Community Support Officers have also changed and the Community Support Officers, (CSO's) for Farnsfield are:

**Charlotte Appleby
Liam Batey**

These can be contacted on 0300 300 9999 ext. 3370

Communication

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

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

Vandalism

This has continued to be a problem throughout the year with children's play areas being the prime target.

The play area at Parfitt Drive was repeatedly vandalised and the gates ripped off on two occasions. The area will be equipped with street light type lights during the summer and the area lit up with a view to prevent vandalism and it being a meeting place for some undesirable groups.

Whilst I have highlighted recent events involving parish property other incidents involving privately owned property have occurred.

Mike Salt

Clerk to the Council.

22/4/10

Contact Numbers –

01623 882884: e-mail mail to: info@farnsfield-pc.gov.uk

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

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M Salt (Clerk)
Co Cllr A Stewart

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Reeves.

Declaration of interest

None

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Hamilton and agreed.

The Clerk stated that he had received a response from Notts. County Council regarding the issue of pot hole repairs – the method of repairs to be reviewed.

Cllr Jepson raised concerns regarding the inconsistency in quality of repairs throughout the area.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Selby, seconded by Cllr. McDowall and agreed.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.38pm.

Co Cllr Stewart stated that the County Council were reviewing the gritting routes following the experiences of the previous winter; the routes have not been reviewed for 20 years.

He stated that the speed limits review had been completed and the results were being analysed.

Cllr Hamilton said that he had been contacted by a resident on Cockett Lane concerning buses using the route; the issue was discussed briefly and it was agreed that there were no changes to the current routes and that there had not been any consultation regarding the use of Station Lane as part of a route.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.50pm.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – maintenance of the equipment being undertaken in accordance with the previous inspection report, no other issues.

Acres – it was commented that Farnsfield Villa had a few more games to play and the pitch would be rested to enable repairs to the playing surface to be undertaken; the reserve pitch should be used during this process.

Parfitt Drive – The Clerk reported that the order had been placed to install the electricity supply prior to the lights being installed.

Wilson's Field – Cllr Stafford stated that the lights on the play area had been turned off for the summer; the Clerk reported that the graffiti had been cleaned off the equipment. It was agreed that the light on Footpath 1 be replaced when the lighting on Parfitt Drive is installed.

The Clerk provided a brief update regarding the commencement of the Dog Control Orders and the need for the provision of some signs, the details to be clarified with Newark & Sherwood DC.

Footpaths and Highways

Highway matters had been discussed previously with Co Cllr Stewart.

The Clerk said that he had conducted a footpath survey, the main areas of concern being the Hexgreave area. A meeting is to be arranged with Notts. CC P3 Partnership team to discuss maintenance etc.

Parish Plan reports

Planning – The Clerk reported that he had received a copy of the Core Strategy Options Report for comments from the Parish Council. Cllr Jepson had been supplied with a copy and all other Councillors could access it on the N&SDC website as circulated by the Clerk. It was agreed to consider this report on 11th May 2010.

Environment and tourism – Cllr McDowall said that the P3 Footpaths notice board had been installed near to the Co-op on the Main Street. A second notice board from Notts. CC had been applied for and it was proposed to install it in the Parfitt Drive area.

Public transport – covered earlier in the meeting.

Communications – a Newsletter to be published in June.

Correspondence

Several items of correspondence were available for noting. The Royal British Legion requested storage space at the Village Centre or Old Gaol for large items of equipment stored at various members houses. It was agreed that either could be used, the preferred option being the Old Gaol, all arrangements and liability would remain with RBL. The Clerk to advise the secretary.

The Clerk commented on a letter from Newark and Sherwood DC requesting suggestions of locations of suitable land in the parish for affordable housing.

The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from the Twinning Association regarding the installation of the commemorative stone for the 20th anniversary of the twinning. It had been previously agreed that a suitable location would be under the tree at the village green, but the responsibility to ensure that it would be safely installed without damage to the tree and surrounding area would lie with the Twinning Association. The Clerk to advise the Twinning Association.

Finance

Accounts – The Clerk had circulated a schedule of accounts with the papers including 11 cheques amounting to £4569.51; scrutinised by Cllr Jepson. A proposal for acceptance was received from Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed.

Planning applications

None received.

No planning decisions received from N&SDC.

Community Safety Group

Nothing to report regarding activities.

A timetable of the meetings has been produced; the beat officer will produce a newsletter.

The reporting base has transferred from Blidworth to Bilsthorpe.

Cllr Davis was informed that there had been no response to the complaint made to the Chief Constable regarding the Village Centre incident.

Comment was made concerning the recent thefts at Checkley's resulting in the closure of the store in the near future adding to the number of empty stores on the Main Street. Cllr Hamilton suggested that actions had been taken to install a façade to the shop fronts

giving the illusion of use in other areas to minimise the impact on village centres suggesting possibility of dereliction.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that he was seeking a quotation for work to be undertaken on the access ramp to the Upper Hall used by the Play School Group, in order to improve the safety of the ramp for young children and remove the temporary measures in place.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None received.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th May 2010 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

Apologies for absence

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

Declaration of interest

None

Planning applications

10/00346/FUL – two bed-roomed single storey dwelling over existing parking area at Spar Stores, Main Street, Farnsfield.
Amended application

Minor modifications to the frontage of the proposed property.
Cllr McDowall proposed that the comments made when the original application was considered on 13th April 2010 were unchanged and should be repeated, seconded by Cllr Farr and agreed; 1 abstention.

Decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC

None received.

Proposal by Farnsfield Tennis Club

Members of Farnsfield Tennis Club made a presentation to the council outlining the activities of the club and proposals to install a fourth court; and mini court for use by the public.

The proposed location would be on land currently used as a play area at Lady Goodwin's Corner and it was suggested that with some re-siting of the play equipment land could be made available.

There were a number of issues raised after the presentation including:

- Parking provision, it was considered by FTC that there would be no increase as the courts would be for local use.
- The previous proposals to extend the site incorporating bowls/tennis facilities – a different proposition as there is insufficient space on the existing site to accommodate the proposed changes plus a change in outlook from the new Committee, now looking to the future rather than preserving the current situation.
- Finance – there was a proposal for fundraising and a contribution from the Parish Council, the Chairman thought that some S 106 money would be appropriate. An alternative view was that the Parish funds came from village residents and no support had been provided to the developments at the Cricket Club or Bowls Club.
- Public access to the courts – the current situation is that non members can pay to use the court at Allsorts and the mini court would be available to all without charge.
- Land provision –it was agreed that unless the land is made available by the Parish Council the scheme cannot proceed. Cllr Davis proposed that detailed plans be prepared showing the full implications of the scheme before it could be considered fully, this was seconded by Cllr Farr and agreed unanimously.

The matter was adjourned pending the provision of detailed plans for further consideration.

Newark & Sherwood District Council Core Strategy Plan

The plan has been re-written to include the comments arising from the consultation period earlier in the year.

The Clerk made an attempt to bring the changes to the attention of the Council, comparing two differently structured documents.

It was the view that the majority of the options preferred by the District Council had been included and clarification of the number of houses likely to be built in Farnsfield was made. There was inadequate provision regarding the infrastructure and utilities.

It was agreed that the Clerk formulate a reply to be considered at the meeting to be held on 25th May 2010.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th May 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

M Salt (Clerk)

Co Cllr A Stewart. Dist Cllr. B Laughton.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. A Farr, B McDowall, FA Reynolds.

Dist Cllr. R Bradbury.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27th April 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Hamilton, seconded by Cllr. Jepson and agreed.

The minutes of 11th May 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed (subject to an amendment to the date of the minutes).

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.35pm.

Cllr. Stewart stated that NCC were reviewing the gritting programme and snow clearance programme following the experiences of the last winter.

The location of grit bins require checking and if any additional ones are required they should be requested.

Improvements to the A614 junction with Blidworth Lane have been agreed and circulated.

Whilst local residents have expressed concerns regarding the routing of buses along Station Lane and Cockett Lane there have been no decisions made regarding any alteration of the routes.

Cllr Laughton made reference to the Regional Spatial Strategy Document stating that there were likely to be some major changes and there will be a £1.2b reduction in local support grants.

Cllr. Reeves asked if there was likely to be any county council support for local sporting developments, Cllr Laughton suggested a contact be made with Steve Bradley NCC Sport Development Group.

Cllr. Stafford commented upon the obstruction to traffic on Station Lane due to parked cars ar cricket, bowls etc.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.57pm.

Declaration of interest

None

Election of Chairman

Nominations for the position of Chairman were sought. Cllr. Clarke proposed Cllr. Hamilton, seconded by Cllr. Stafford. Cllr. Hamilton accepted the proposal; there being no other nominations the vote to appoint Cllr. Hamilton as Chairman was unanimous.

Cllr. Hamilton signed the declaration of acceptance in the presence of the Clerk.

Cllr Elliott stepped down as Chairman and Cllr. Hamilton took the chair.

Election of Vice Chair

The Chairman requested nominations, Cllr. Davis proposed Cllr. Selby, seconded by Cllr Jepson. Cllr Selby agreed to continue, there being no other nominations was voted in unanimously.

Committee members

Cllr Davis proposed that the committee membership be amended to include Cllr Elliott on the Recreation Grounds Committee, Cllr. Farr on the Village Centre Committee, the remainder to remain as before; this was seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed unanimously.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – no reports

Wilson's Field – no reported problems. Graffiti all removed, arrangements in hand for the Village Fete.

Parfitt Drive – no problems, electricity supply not yet installed.

Acres – Ulyett's requested to undertake pitch maintenance, it was agreed that any training etc. should take place on the reserve pitch.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk stated that he was to attend a meeting with Notts. CC P3 representative regarding the maintenance of the local footpath network. He also informed the meeting that the contractor was undertaking the first scheduled path clearance cut in the near future.

Parish Plan reports

Planning – The Clerk stated that he was to send a reply to the authors of the consultative document commenting upon the inability of the infrastructure to cope with the additional houses proposed in the report, there was no mention of any enhancement of utilities other than electricity; comment would be repeated regarding the inaction regarding the requirements for developers to build affordable housing.

Education and Sport – covered in the earlier discussions.

Environment and Tourism – no update.

Public transport – discussed earlier in the meeting.

Communications – newsletter to be published in June.

Finance

Accounts – the accounts were scrutinised by Cllr Davis, a copy of the schedule of payments was circulated with the papers for the meeting. The schedule comprised of 9 cheques amounting to £5761.54p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

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10/00563/FUL – erection of recreational building at Wheelgate Park, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

10/00485/LBC – removal of existing entrance door to be replaced with new timber door at 2 Church House, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported

10/00441/FUL – householder application for two storey extension at New Farm, Combs Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

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

Community Safety Group

Cllr. Selby provided an update following the last meeting of the group. The issues considered were speeding, robbery at Lowdham Co-op, burglaries at Gunthorpe, drink related issue in Bilsthorpe, following. Cllr Bradbury has written to the Chief Constable regarding the inadequate level of policing. Pc Sibson commented at the meeting that resources were stretched. Residents again urged to report any incidents to the police. Speeding vehicles on A614/A6097

a current problem. The proposal to install visual recognition cameras throughout the area is under consideration.

Village Centre

The Clerk stated that he had received an estimate from CG Rhodes to cover in the sides of the ramp at the rear of the Upper Hall to increase the safety of pre school children. The estimate being over £2000 was considered very high and the Clerk was requested to seek alternatives.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th June 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. B McDowall and R Reeves.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to make comment regarding the planning application to be considered at Atherley's Bakery.

After listening to the representations Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.45pm.

Planning applications

10/00679/FUL – change of use from store to self contained living space at Atherleys Home Bakery, Main Street, Farnsfield
After site visit, application supported.

10/00741/FUL – application for the erection of a first floor extension to create a two storey property and two storey rear and single storey front extensions at 6 Spring Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

10/00725/FUL – change of use of ground floor shop from A1 retail to B1 office at Jubilee House and Shop, Main Street, Farnsfield.
Application not supported due to insufficient provision identified for parking provision for office users.

10/00566/FUL – application for a single storey extension on to side of existing property, develop void roof space to create en-suite bathroom at Ridgeway Cottage, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

10/00697/FUL – application for the erection of a replacement detached garage and store at Wood View, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

There were no decisions from Newark & Sherwood District Council.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd June 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, M Hamilton (Chairman), AD Jepson, B MacDowall, LM Selby, G Stafford.

M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. A Farr, K Clarke, FA Reynolds, R Reeves, PJ Elliott.

Dist Cllr. R Bradbury.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Jepson and agreed.

The minutes of 8th June 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

Declarations of interest

None declared

Recreational Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – no items. Cllr Davis reported that he was awaiting contact from the Tennis Cub regarding their proposal.

Acres – nothing reported. The Clerk has arranged an annual contact to deal with the mole problem. The Chairman to contact Mark Hazard regarding tree maintenance.

Parfitt Drive – minor repairs to the equipment being arranged, maintenance.

Wilson's Field – nothing to report.

Footpaths and Highways

The Clerk reported that he was meeting Notts. CC P3 Footpaths representative on 25th June 2010 to agree the works to be undertaken in 2010.

The Clerk reported that he has received a letter from Notts. CC regarding local works suitable for being undertaken at Parish level; most are done except cleaning of bus shelters and the filling of grit bins; a meeting has been arranged to discuss this with NCC in the next few weeks.

A second letter was received from NCC regarding problems encountered during the severe winter weather; no further items were raised other than those discussed with Co Cllr Stewart on a previous occasion, relating to gritting of roads, a review of the gritting routes is currently being undertaken by NCC.

Parish Plan

Planning – no items.

Education and sport – Tennis proposal being considered, no other items.

Environment and tourism – Cllr. McDowall reported that the second notice board was to be placed near to the play area on Parfitt Drive.

Communications – Newsletter due.

Finance

- 1. Accounts** – the meeting considered the schedule of accounts circulated with the papers for the meeting, no issues raised. The accounts were scrutinised by Cllr Davis, and consisted of 11 cheques amounting to £4306.84p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Selby and agreed.
- 2. Accounts for 2009-10** – Cllr. Davis (Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee) stated that the F&GP Committee had considered the accounts at the meeting held prior to the current one. He recommended that the Council approve the accounts and provide a positive response to the questions to be answered in the Annual Governance Statement. Cllr. Stafford proposed that the accounts for 2009-10 be approved by the Council, seconded by Cllr. McDowall and agreed unanimously. Cllr Stafford proposed that the Annual Governance Statement be approved, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed unanimously. The Chairman signed the Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2010 at Sections 1 and 2.
- 3. S137 requests:**
 - The Clerk outlined a request for financial assistance from St. Michael's School for support of the DARE programme at a cost of £112. Cllr Selby proposed that the application be supported, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.
 - The Clerk outlined a second application received from the First Farnsfield Guides in support of their attendance at the Guides Centenary event at Walesby Camp, they are currently fundraising and were likely to have a shortfall of £300. Cllr Davis proposed that the application should be supported in principle and up to

£300 should be granted; this would be subject to a further report from them nearer the date after the fundraising was complete, should there then be a shortfall up to £300 would be granted. This was seconded by Cllr. Selby and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications

10/00577/FUL – conversion of an existing outbuilding to a dwelling with a new extension at Jubilee House, Main Street, Farnsfield
Application not supported, the proposed development is in the centre of the village where parking is difficult and restrictions disregarded. An increase in three further vehicles will exacerbate the situation; the application is back land development and is not supported either at Parish or District level.

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

Community Safety Group

No meeting held recently, no matters to report.

Farnsfield Village Centre

No Items raised

Agenda items for the next meeting

Feasibility study of recreational facilities to be discussed and referred to the Recreation Grounds Committee for action.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

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M Salt (Clerk)

Also present (part) District Cllrs. N Armstrong and B Laughton.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. G Stafford and R Davis.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Reynolds declared a non pecuniary interest in planning application 10/00708/OUT, on the grounds that the application for planning consent was for land he farms but does not own; he stated that he would take no part in the discussions.

Planning applications

10/00708/OUT – mixed housing development of 33 affordable dwellings at Field reference No 8993, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Several members of the public were present with an interest in this planning application; the Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to permit comments to be made.

Detailed comments were made firstly concerning the undesirability of the development and its conflict with District Council policies regulating development. A second representation expressed concerns that the current infrastructure could not support such a development in light of the problems regularly experienced in storm conditions, and on highway grounds.

There was also concern that the development would adversely affect the village aspect and would set a precedent for further development as the proposed site was so far away from the remainder of the village.

A discussion took place when several points were made reiterating the points in the main statements.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public present for their comments; the majority left the room and Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.10pm.

The application was discussed and Cllr Jepson proposed that the development be opposed on the following grounds:

Whilst Parish Council is in support of the provision of affordable housing it does not support the application to place them on this site for the following reasons:

Considering Policy H10 points 1 and 2 the site would result in the loss of features and open space which contribute to the character of the village and will affect the setting of the village in landscape. Points 1-3 of Policy H20 would not be satisfied.

The proposed development would be outside the village envelope and would sit as an isolated settlement apart from the village. This is considered to be most undesirable and would not be in line with the provisions of PPG3 as it would sit in the middle of farmland, be totally out of character and affect the setting of the village from the approach from the White Post and Cockett Lane.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Elliott; at the vote 5 were in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions; 1 taking no part (declared interest).

10/00811/FUL/00812/LBC – application to convert outbuilding to form habitable rooms at Tehidy, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Due to insufficient information being available the Council were unable to support the application.

10/00842/FUL – single storey extension to rear of property at 3 Carding Close, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

10/00893/FUL – erection of front boundary wall at Fairway Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

10/00899/FUL – application for single storey rear elevation extension at 1 Fletcher Court, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The decisions of Newark and Sherwood DC were notes.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th July 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), AD Jepson, B MacDowall, FA Reynolds, G Stafford.

M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. A Farr, K Clarke, L Selby, R Reeves, M Hamilton.

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.

Recreational Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – no items. Cllr Elliott stated that the Tennis Cub had reconsidered their proposal having looked at the available space in the play area.

Acres – nothing reported. The Clerk raised the proposal to perform major refurbishment of the football pitch; agreed.

Parfitt Drive – nothing reported.

Wilson's Field – hedges all cut; arrangements in hand with Cllr Stafford regarding parking for the Cricket President's Day.

Footpaths and Highways

The Clerk reported that the meeting with Notts. CC P3 Footpaths to agree the works to be undertaken in 2010 had been postponed.

A proposal from NCC to reduce the speed limit on the A614 from Daybrook (A60) to Ollerton, from 60mph to 50 mph was considered.

The proposal was supported but there were serious reservations regarding the enforcement of the speed limit.

Parish Plan

Planning – no items.

Education and sport – Tennis proposal has been considered and will not proceed due to lack of space.

Environment and tourism – no items.

Communications – Newsletter published.

Finance

1. **Accounts** – the meeting considered the schedule of accounts circulated with the papers for the meeting, no issues raised. The accounts were scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, and consisted of 14 cheques amounting to £11,910.41p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

Planning applications

There were no applications to consider.

The decisions of Newark and Sherwood Planning Department were noted.

Community Safety Group

Cllr. Elliott stated that there was little to report. The majority of serious incidents occurring at Lowdham, a cash point was removed and attempt burglaries were reported.

Farnsfield Village Centre

No items.

Feasibility Study Report

It was agreed that this should be undertaken by the Recreation Grounds Committee at a meeting to be held on 10th August 2010.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th August 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

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

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, A Farr, K Clarke .

Declarations of Interest

None

Planning applications

10/00636/FUL/– application for first floor side extension at 9 Meadow Close, Farnsfield.

Standing Orders suspended to allow Mr Burton to address the meeting regarding the application; he stated that whilst the application did not directly affect him he was concerned that if it were approved a precedent would be set.

Standing Orders were resumed.

After consideration the application was supported; Cllr Jepson abstained.

10/01044/FUL – erection of a building for B2 and B8 use at Longlands Farm, Longland Lane, Farnsfield

Concerns were expressed regarding the additional vehicular movements to and from the site into a narrow lane and using a proven dangerous access to the A614 (improvements already planned)

The application was not supported.

10/00944/FUL – application for canopy roof to front elevation of dwelling at 35 Alexander Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

10/01058/FUL – erection of two/single storey rear extension and loft conversion to form bedroom at 1 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield.

Cllr Elliott declared a non prejudicial interest and took no part in the discussion.

It was considered that the proposed extension would have a considerable impact upon the neighbouring property and it was agreed that the application would not be supported.

10/01076/FUL – single storey extension on to side of existing property at Ridgeway Cottage, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The decisions of Newark and Sherwood District Council Planning Department were noted.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Selby provided an update following the meeting of the group. Speeding vehicles continue to be an issue; Lowdham – attempt burglaries at the Post Office and school. Some dogs have been poisoned at the Bilsthorpe end of Southwell Trail. The group committing the robbery at Farnsfield Co-op have been arrested. Next meetings 13th September at Lowdham, 15th November at Farnsfield.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th September 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chairman), AD Jepson, B McDowall, FA Reynolds, GD Stafford, M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, L Selby, K Clarke, P Elliott.

Declarations of Interest

None

Planning applications

10/01091/FULM – erection of 2 poultry houses, associated access, service room and feed bins as an extension to existing poultry unit at Baulker Farm, Baulker Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported.

10/01159/FUL/– application for two storey front extension at 10 D'Ayncourt Walk, Farnsfield

Application supported.

10/01148/FUL – proposed dwelling with access to plot 2 at Siverwood, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

Application not supported on the grounds that the area is currently heavily parked particularly when Bowls and Tennis matches are occurring. The site with 4 dwelling will generate an additional 10 cars accessing the road at a busy crossroads. The site is also particularly busy at school opening and closing times.

The decisions of Newark and Sherwood District Council Planning Department were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th September 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, M Hamilton (Chairman), AD Jepson, B McDowall, R Reeves, GD Stafford, M Salt (Clerk)
Co Cllr A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. L Selby, A Farr, PJ Elliott. FA Reynolds.

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

The minutes of the 14th September 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. McDowall, seconded by Cllr. Reeves and agreed.

Recreational Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – repairs to the play equipment completed.

Acres – nothing reported.

Parfitt Drive – Lighting now installed and completed.

Wilson's Field – no reports.

Footpaths and Highways

The Clerk reported that the meeting with Notts. CC P3 Footpaths to agree the works to be undertaken in 2010 had taken place and a schedule of works agreed; NCC to deposit £1200 with Farnsfield PC to cover the cost of the works and path clearance undertaken in 2010.

The Clerk is still in discussion with NCC regarding the light on Footpath 1 (Mansfield Road, behind the Old Gaol).

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8pm.
Cllr A Stewart provided an update regarding the remedial works to the A614 at Rufford.
Consideration was being given to the re-siting of the 30mph limit on Longland Lane as part of the current review of speed limits.
NCC are facing budget cuts of £150m which will inevitably affect staffing levels.
Following the pot hole damage to the roads during 2009/10 NCC received £3m compensation instead of the agreed £24m. to further exacerbate the situation.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.10pm.

Parish Plan

Planning – no items.

Education and sport – no items.

Environment and tourism – no items.

Public Transport – bus shelter on Mansfield Road, opposite the Old Gaol has been removed and a replacement should be forthcoming.

Communications – no items.

Finance

- 1 Accounts** – the meeting considered the schedule of accounts circulated with the papers for the meeting, no issues raised.
The accounts were scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, and consisted of 14 cheques amounting to £9554.40p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Reeves and agreed.
- 2 S137 Application** – Farnsfield First Responder requested the annual grant of £250; proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

Planning applications

There were no applications to consider.

Community Safety Group

No report

Village Centre

No items

Agenda items for the next meeting

None.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, M Hamilton (Chairman), AD Jepson, B McDowall, R Reeves, GD Stafford, L Selby,

Apologies for absence

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

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Reeves, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

Recreational Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – complaints from residents regarding the condition of the wet pour surface areas, have become slippery.

Acres – Work has commenced on the Acres football pitch, 20 tons of top soil placed in the worst areas, the remainder to follow. Cllr Reeves reported that the shower floor requires painting, and the sink requires repairing.

Parfitt Drive – Damaged gate to the play area now repaired..

Wilson's Field – Awaiting the signs re dogs and information regarding the replacement light on the steps.

Footpaths and Highways

The Clerk reported that the meeting with Notts. CC P3 Footpaths to agree the works to be undertaken in 2010 had taken place and a schedule of works agreed; NCC to deposit £1200 with Farnsfield PC to cover the cost of the works and path clearance undertaken in 2010.

The Clerk also provided an update regarding a meeting with Notts. County Council regarding the devolution of some local services to Parish Councils; nothing agreed at this point just a scoping exercise but it was noted at the meeting that some of the proposals will be

beyond the ability of some Parish Councils and there may be limited funding. Further information will be made available at a later date when the survey has been completed.

Parish Plan

Planning – no items.

Education and sport – Cllr. Elliott reported that he will be mapping out the green areas over the next few months. The Tennis Club still wish to liaise with the Parish Council as £25-30,000 requires spending on the lights and court surfaces. Options were being considered regarding the relocation of the Village Centre and options for raising the funds plus use of the School Field for sporting purposes. There has been a cut in funding for rugby by 30% and it likely that other sports will be treated in a similar manner.

Environment and tourism – Cllr McDowall following up the offer of a second notice board with NCC.

Public Transport – temporary bus stop signs requested whilst the replacement shelter is sorted out.

Communications – Cllr Elliott reported that there was a new publication in the area, a commercial magazine and the Parish Council has been allocated a page.

Correspondence

The various items of correspondence were noted.

Finance

3 Accounts – the meeting considered the schedule of accounts circulated with the papers for the meeting, no issues raised. The accounts were scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, and consisted of 9 cheques amounting to £3102.03. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Reeves and agreed.

4 S137 Application – Farnsfield First Responder requested the annual grant of £250; proposed by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

Planning applications

10/01351/FUL – application for the erection of a conservatory at 1 Old School Court, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

10/1352/FUL – remove entire conifer hedgerow and replace with wooden panels at 35 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield.
Application supported

Community Safety Group

The last meeting took place on 9th September 2010 at Lowdham. All areas reported that there had been little anti social, or other, activity. The impact of police cutbacks was discussed and it was considered that the visible police presence in rural areas would be reduced considerably. More information will be available at a later stage.

Village Centre

An asbestos survey of the building has been conducted and was negative.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None

The meeting closed at 9pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chairman), AD Jepson, B McDowall, GD Stafford, L Selby, Councillor B Laughton.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. FA Reynolds, R Reeves and Co Cllr A Stewart.

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9th November 2010 were noted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.34pm.

Cllr. Laughton informed the meeting that the staff involved in the P3 Footpaths Partnership would be cut by 50%.

The proposed cuts in library opening hours was discussed, the main shortfall in available finance being due to a large increase in Social Services budget to cater for children taken into care.

The expansion of wind farms was also discussed.

Car parking issues were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk email details of the complaint from Patrick Stevens to Cllr. Laughton to address with Newark & Sherwood DC.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.55pm.

Recreational Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk reported that he had caused the surfaces in the play area to be checked regarding the complaint that they were slippery; they have been inspected and

found to be in good order and do not require any remedial work, the issue is probably due to leaves on the play surfaces.

Acres – It was agreed that Cllr Reeves obtain the paint for the pavilion as in previous years.

Parfitt Drive – The second notice board provided by NCC Building Better Communities is now in position; it was agreed that information such as the newsletter should be displayed on it..

Wilson's Field – The light is due to be replaced in January, awaiting a special crane to remove the old one.

Footpaths and Highways

Some concerns were made regarding overhanging hedging in the Main Street' Chapel Lane area and the vegetation growing on the footpath on Station Lane.

Cllr Hamilton had previously raised the matter of gap filling on Footpath No.9, from Main Street, opposite the Plough to Cotton Mill Lane; the Clerk has raised this with NCC who have agreed that the cost should come from the P3 grant provided by them. To be arranged when the weather is more suitable.

Parish Plan

Planning – The Clerk circulated a Journal of Local Planning he had received as a sample. It received mixed reception, was considered informative but no decision made if the subscription should be paid in order to received it on a regular basis.

Education and sport – No report.

Environment and tourism – Second notice board in place.

Public Transport – temporary bus stop signs erected on Mansfield Road whilst the replacement shelter is sorted out.

Communications – Newsletter to be published in early December 2010. articles requested.

Correspondence

The various items of correspondence were noted and the Clerk circulated a copy of the questionnaire to be sent out in the village requesting views on the reduced opening hours for Farnsfield Library; several options were proposed including the reduction of 10 hours opening time. A final consultative meeting will be held in January 2011.

Finance

Accounts – the meeting considered the schedule of accounts circulated with the papers for the meeting, no issues raised. The accounts were scrutinised by Cllr Davis, and consisted of 11 cheques amounting to £3548.60. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. McDowall, seconded by Cllr. Elliott and agreed.

Precept 2011-12 – Cllr Davis reported that at the F&GP meeting held on 9th November 2010 the budget for the current year and for 2011-12 was considered. At the meeting it was agreed to propose to the current meeting that the precept be increased to £63,000 in order to keep in step with inflation. He proposed to the meeting that the precept for 2011-12 be £63,000. This was seconded by Cllr Jepson, and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications

None for consideration.

Community Safety Group

Cllr Selby reported that at the last meeting the main concern at Lowdham was handbag snatching by persons making door to door calls. Bilsthorpe was affected mainly by disorder and vandalism arising from drink associated behaviour; there had also been a spate of lead thefts.

Burglaries in Farnsfield have reduced by 64% over the same period last year, generally fairly quiet.

The attacks on a house on Parfitt Drive where the contents of dog bins were systematically thrown at a house occupied by Asians was being monitored; it was agreed that the nearby dog bin be sealed temporarily to see if this prevented the offenders continuing their actions. The police were not considering this to be a racial incident, but regular patrols would check the area.

Village Centre

The lights on the stage have been repaired temporarily but more robust dimmer controls are required and will be installed.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th December 2010 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, L Selby (Chairman), AD Jepson, B McDowall, FA Reynolds

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves, A Farr, PJ Elliott, M Hamilton, GD Stafford.

Declarations of Interest

None

Planning applications

10/01612/FUL – erection of a single storey extension to the front elevation at 1 Mansfield Road, Farnsfield
Application supported.

10/01663/FUL/– application for first floor front extension at Fielding, Main Street, Farnsfield
Application supported.

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

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th January 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, M Hamilton (Chairman), R Reeves, L Selby,
Councillor A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. FA Reynolds, AD Jepson, GD Stafford, B McDowall.

Declarations of Interest

None

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to permit representatives of the Tennis Club to address the meeting.

It was agreed that any relocation of Tennis Club facilities or the Village Centre was a long term plan and with that in mind the representatives of the Tennis Club outlined their short term needs in order to maintain the status of the club.

The lights are in need of an upgrade, the courts have been cleaned and a pathway leading to the courts is proposed to minimise dirt transfer on to the courts. Some remedial works is required on parts of the courts and there is a proposal to install a mini court, suggested by the Tennis Club, in the children's play area of the MRG.

A request was made for financial assistance and a means of purchasing the new lighting equipment via the Parish Council. Cllr Davis requested that the Tennis Club provide scaled plans of the proposal for the mini court. The Clerk agreed to look into the VAT regulations concerning the purchase of the lighting equipment.

Co Cllr Stewart provided an update on the recent meeting concerning the reduction of opening hours of the library concluding by stating that a further meeting is to be arranged in March after the County Council have completed staff consultation.

Comment was made regarding the temporary work being undertaken to repair potholes, Cllr Davis expressing concern that if they were sealed properly the process would be cheaper in the long

term rather than continually revisiting the same areas. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Highways Department.

Cllr Stewart stated that he had arranged donations amounting to £1800 to organisations in Farnsfield in 2010-11, including the Methodist Church, St John's Ambulance, uniforms, and Cricket Club.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8pm.

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Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed with the addition of hedgerow in need of cutting back on the footpath between Main Street and Chapel Lane – letters to be sent to the land owners of adjacent properties. (in addition to the comments under Footpaths and Highways)

The minutes of 14th December 2010 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

Planning applications

11/00049/FUL – proposed dwelling on land to the rear of The Wickets, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Local residents present at the meeting expressed concerns that the proposal included land not in the ownership of the applicant and was designated as 'open space' when the Ridgeway Estate was built in the 1970s. If permitted the encroachment into the 'open space' area would result in trees being removed and further problems with the disposal of surface water, already an issue at their property.

The application was considered in detail by the Council and an objection to the application was proposed by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Davis on the following grounds:

- Design – dormer bungalow proposed, alongside bungalows on the Ridgeway
- Impact on other premises – the proposed design would result in the neighbouring bungalows being overlooked.
- Over-intensification of the site – the proposed building almost fills a small plot on the land belonging to the owner of the property
- The proposal is for back-land development in contravention to Newark & Sherwood Policy H22.

10/01501/FUL – erection of 275 kw single wind turbine, including ancillary buildings at Rufford Forest Farm Cottage, Rufford Forest Farm, Kirklington Road, Farnsfield.
Unable to make any comment, the plans produced made reference to properties in Combs Lane, Farnsfield.

11/00088/HRN – realignment of boundary between Far Baulker Farm and Baulker Farm, Old Rufford Road, Oxton
Application supported.

11/00083/HAZ – application for hazardous substance storage consent for storage of up to 96,000 litres of LPG for providing heat to poultry/chicks at Baulker Farm, Baulker Lane, Farnsfield
This was considered to be a matter for consideration by health and safety experts, it was noted that health & safety comments were included in the documentation. It was agreed that it was not appropriate to comment upon the application.

11/00111/FUL – application to infill car port to form extension to garage at 2 Greenwood Close, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

Recreational Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – The Clerk reported that the play area surfaces have been cleaned by contractors, no surface work required.

Acres – It was agreed that Cllr Reeves obtain the paint for the pavilion as in previous years.

Cllr Reeves reported that several football matches had been cancelled due to the bad weather.

Dog bin replaced.

The Clerk raised concerns that people had been in the woodland and had removed logs for their personal use, Cllr Reeves said that he had been approached and had agreed to two residents taking some logs but was not aware of others and had not provided keys to let vehicles into the area. It was agreed that the padlocks on the Acres be replaced to prevent unauthorised access.

Parfitt Drive – Continuing use of the car park during darkness, cars regularly parked, it was agreed that the hedges be pruned, when weather permits, to open up the area as much as possible.

Wilson's Field – The light on footpath No 1 has been replaced.
Dog signs have been erected.

Footpaths and Highways

Previously covered in the discussions with Councillor Stewart.

Parish Plan

Planning – No comments

Education and sport – No report.

Environment and tourism – No report.

Public Transport – no further news relating to the bus shelter.

Communications – Newsletter to be published in March.

Correspondence

The various items of correspondence were noted.

Finance

Accounts – the meeting considered the schedule of accounts circulated with the papers for the meeting, no issues raised. The accounts were scrutinised by Cllr Davis, and consisted of 16 cheques amounting to £9687.25. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Farr and agreed.

Community Safety Group

Nothing to report.

Cllr Hamilton stated that the incidents involving the dog bins had stopped.

A police newsletter was in the local village magazine with an article from PSC Anstey.

Farnsfield Village Centre

Library update consider in the discussion with Cllr Stewart, it was noted that there is no intention of closing libraries but the Clerk will engage with NCC Libraries to consider sharing services, such as broadband as both have lines into the premises.

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 22nd February 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, AD Jepson, M Hamilton (Chairman), L Selby, B McDowall,
Cllr. B Laughton

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. FA Reynolds, A Farr, GD Stafford, PJ Elliott, R Reeves.
Co Cllr A Stewart.

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

Cllr. B Laughton provided a brief update regarding service provision at District and County level; he informed the meeting that it was unlikely that any front line services would be affected by the financial restrictions at Newark and Sherwood Council. Nottinghamshire County Council have saved £18m since saving plans were implemented.

Recreational areas

1. **Memorial Recreation Ground** - Tennis Club – awaiting a detailed plan and proposals. The request regarding VAT cannot support the proposal from the Tennis Club – ‘that we pay for the lights and reclaim VAT’ Bowls club have raised issued re insuring the club house; Mr Howell is their representative; and following a meeting with him and further discussions the issues have been resolved; they now have taken out insurance as advised.
2. The Acres - Cllr Reeves agreed to obtain paint and paint pavilion – no further information.
Padlocks for gates – being obtained.

3. Southwell Road - no items aware of – a request has been made for the bushes to be pruned back; spring on one of the gates being replaced.
4. Wilson's Field - no issues

Footpaths and highways - The Clerk has sent an email to NCC re potholes and comments from Cllr Davis raised at the last meeting last meeting. Cllr Davis reported that he had notified NCC of potholes at Far Back Lane and Station Lane junction, these have been filled.

Parish Plan

Planning – no items.

Education and sport – no report.

Environment and tourism – Cllr McDowall requested another footpath map for the notice board on Parfitt Drive.

Public Transport – no items raised.

Communications – Newsletter to be published in March.

Correspondence

The various items of correspondence were noted.

Finance

Accounts – the meeting considered the schedule of accounts circulated with the papers for the meeting, no issues raised. The accounts were scrutinised by Cllr Davis, and consisted of 12 cheques amounting to £5942.59p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Selby, seconded by Cllr. Jepson and agreed

Planning applications

11/00137/FUL – application for the erection of a single storey extension to front elevation at Braydon House, Southwell Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

11/00149/FUL – application for a single storey pitched roof shower room extension to rear of property at 8 D'Ayncourt Walk, Farnsfield. Application supported

11/00115/FULM – erection of a replacement building for B8 use (resubmission) at Longland Farm, Longland Lane, Farnsfield Application not supported on the grounds raised at the previous consideration of the application – highway grounds – Longland Lane

being inappropriate for the anticipated volume and size of vehicles likely to visit the site.

11/00153/FUL - Householder application to reposition the driveway, & install drop kerb, erect 1.8 wooden fencing at Croft View, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield
Application supported.

No planning decisions received from Newark & Sherwood DC.

Community Safety Group

Next meeting of the group will take place on 7th March 2011; no matters to report.

Designated Public Places (Newark & Sherwood) (Farnsfield) Order 2011– this will come into effect on 7th March 2011. Signs in the process of being erected. The Order is summarised as follows:

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

require them to stop; and

confiscate the alcohol from people

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

Farnsfield Village Centre – Stage lighting dimmers being replaced, up-lighters in Upper Hall being checked out.
New outside lights installed at Upper Hall entrance
Damaged door panels replaced

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 8th March 2011 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, L Selby (Chair), B McDowall.

Apologies for absence

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

Declarations of Interest

None

Planning applications

11/00341/FUL – Householder application for the erection of first floor and single storey extensions to the rear and lean to roof to side at Newlyn House, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

Financial matters

The Clerk requested the meeting to consider authorising internet banking arrangements on the present Co-operative account in order to enable easier access to records and permit electronic payment of accounts. This was agreed and it was also agreed that the Chairman and Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee would also have internet access to the accounts- currently Cllrs. Hamilton and Davis. Further detailed arrangements to be considered at the F&GP Committee. This to take effect from 1st April 2011.

The Clerk also requested authority to close the reserve account at the Santander Bank (formerly Alliance and Leicester) and transfer the balance to the Co-operative Bank, for easier access. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllrs. K Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, AD Jepson, L Selby (Chair), FA Reynolds, R Reeves.
M Salt, Clerk, Co Cllr A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs.GD Stafford, M Hamilton, B McDowall.

Declarations of Interest

None

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm.
Co Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that NCC had not qualified for a grant from central government to assist with the repairs of roads caused by pot hole damage due to the fact the NCC reserves were high despite most of them being earmarked for specific projects. A number of senior staff have left NCC and an advertisement was being placed for a Head of Highways.
He commented upon the meeting with Neil Lewis regarding the future of the libraries, whilst none were being closed, volunteers would be required if the libraries were to remain open for the same hours, these being cut by NCC by 50%.
Comments were made by Cllr Reeves regarding the visits to Farnsfield by Parking Wardens and it was suggested that Newark & Sherwood District Council be contacted as they has the responsibility for enforcement. Cllr Elliott stated that the Police and Wardens blitz parking in certain areas and suggested that Farnsfield be included.
Cllr Reynolds commented that the pavements had not been swept since the bad winter weather.

Members of the Tennis Club were present at the meeting and Mrs Heeley addressed the Council on behalf of the Club. She stated that following the meeting on 25 January 2011 when they last attended the Parish Council meeting nothing had moved on. She was aware that the relocation of the Tennis Club and Village facilities was not an option due to the costs involved and the unlikely prospect of

obtaining funding in the current economic climate. She had expected quotations to be made available for the proposed pathway and had sent in a paper with suggested costs of the various parts of the project to upgrade the facilities.

Cllr Davis proposed that he and Cllr Elliott meet with representatives of the club and obtain more information regarding the proposals before any decisions are made. Cllr Jepson recommended that the Parish Council finances be considered before any decisions were made.

The Clerk stated that he was awaiting information from HMRC regarding the VAT position.

Mrs Healey stated that the other matter was in relation to access on to Bowls Club premises to gain access to the electricity meter, clean the club house and retrieve tennis balls. Cllr Reeves agreed to take this up with the Bowls Club Committee. The Clerk stated he was awaiting the lease agreements from the Solicitors.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.10pm.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2011 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

Recreational areas

1. **Memorial Recreation Ground** - Tennis Club – matters arising detailed above.
2. The Acres - Cllr Reeves agreed to obtain paint and paint pavilion – no action taken to date.
Padlocks for gates – being obtained.
3. Southwell Road - 'no dog' signs installed, gate repaired and the bushes have been pruned back.
4. Wilson's Field - lighting to the play area switched for the summer period.

Footpaths and highways - The Clerk reported that he had met with Neil Lewis, NCC Footpath officer. The P3 arrangements with Parish Councils will not continue in the same format for the future.

NCC will still have a Footpath Department, reduced in staff by 50% and the process of funding repairs will be, consultation with Parish Councils, bulk purchase and contracting for repairs at NCC level, the local arrangement for repairs will cease, the repairs and upgrades agreed prior to this arrangement being agreed will take place as planned.

Parish Plan

Planning – no items.

Education and sport – no report.

Environment and tourism – no items.

Public Transport – no items raised.

Communications – Newsletter published in March.

Correspondence

The various items of correspondence were noted.

Finance

Accounts – the meeting considered the schedule of accounts circulated with the papers for the meeting, no issues raised. The accounts were scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, and consisted of 2 cheques and a BACS payment amounting to £2329.98p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed.

Planning applications

11/00416/FUL – proposed side extension at 2 Long Meadow, Farnsfield

Application supported.

11/00388/FUL – application for a rear extension and the removal of an existing conservatory at Hill House, New Hill, Farnsfield

Application supported

11/00383/FUL – application for a two storey extension and alterations at Lurcher Farm Bungalow, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

Community Safety Group

Cllr Selby reported that the meeting of the group took place on 7th March 2011.

She provided a resume of the incidents occurring in the surrounding villages, Lowdham subjected to vandalism, 4x4 vehicles being targeted and stolen; the police house at Bilsthorpe to be sold and a community office to be located in the Village Hall at Bilsthorpe.

Farnsfield - a spate of thefts reported.

Designated Public Places (Newark & Sherwood) (Farnsfield) Order 2011– this will come into effect on 7th March 2011. The signs have now been erected.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The lights at the entrance doors have been replaced and the switches to the stage light upgraded.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None put forward.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.