

Dilhorne

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER 2014 AT DILHORNE RECERATION CENTRE

Present: Cllrs. Bateman [Chair], Wright. Carnall, and Hancock

Members of the Public: Malcolm Spooner, Trevor Brassington, Seth Adams

Apologies: Cllr Horvath, Nightingale, D. Cllr Roberts

Subject	Description	Action
APOLOGIES	Cllr Horvath. Nightingale. D. Cllr Roberts	
PUBLIC QUESTIONS	<p>Trevor Brassington –Pothole problem by Stonewalls (below Clarke’s bungalow) on left hand side needs reporting , it damaged a tyre, Clerk to report to Highways, also advised Trevor to report separately to Highways. Roadside entrance to football pitch field on The Common has sunk on verge side, Clerk advised Trevor that as this was on the verge it was doubtful if Highways would do anything to repair it but will report to them, again Trevor advised to contact Highways directly.</p> <p>Grids down Godley Lane still blocked goes straight over and down to next one. Clerk to contact Highways re this ongoing problem.</p> <p>Malcolm Spooner – wanted update on the light by the Royal Oak – see Matters arising below.</p> <p>He also voiced his concerns over a recent press article on the Site Allocations for Dilhorne, with regards to the location and number of sites and amount of houses indicated for Dilhorne. Cllr Bateman advised that we had been made aware of the site options under Confidential Matters a few months ago and had made comments to SMDC. Clerk also advised that this was only at the early stages and that SMDC are currently going around looking at the initially proposed sites in the whole of the Staffs Moorlands area, once these have been looked at the next stage will start and this will include a Public Consultation Stage. It was emphasised that there has been no confirmed sites in Dilhorne and that the maximum number of houses SMDC envisage Dilhorne requires was 10.</p> <p>Seth Adams also voiced his concerns over these Site Allocations. Until any further updates/information/details are received from SMDC by the Parish Council no action can be done, Cllr Bateman did state that the Parish Council would consider any new information received and respond appropriately with Dilhorne’s best interests in mind.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
MINUTES	It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting were to be signed as a true and correct record.	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None	
REPORTS COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS	<p>C. Councillor – not present</p> <p>D. Councillor – not present</p> <p>Recreation Centre – Are currently looking for contract cleaner.</p> <p>Ladies night in November is a sell out</p> <p>Sunday 9th Nov Vintage Fair, Halloween 6.30 till late on 31st Oct.</p>	

Signed

Date ... 9th December 2014

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	Dogs on lead signs in hand.	
LENGTHSMAN	War Memorial needs spruce up before Remembrance Day.	Clerk
PLANNING MATTERS	<p>Applications: DET/2014/0039 – Summerhill House, Tickhill Lane – Agricultural Building – Prior Notification for change of use from agricultural to residential use. NOTE : This is notification only at this stage, Planning Officer is to assess the plans to see if it falls into the PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT criteria or if need to submit full application, therefore no comments from Parish Council are needed.</p> <p>SMD/2014/0489 – Homeland Farm, Sarver Lane – Erection of portal frame building providing hay store and loose cattle housing facility. OBJECTION – comments as per previous application but also to mention the enforcement matter re the concrete base. Considered to be over development of the site, becoming a mass of buildings.</p> <p>DET/2014/0040 – Farm Buildings Old Engine Farm – Change of use of an existing agricultural building to a single residential dwelling. OBJECTION – will not leave any agricultural buildings on site for farm use. Of the only 2 buildings left – one is used for caravan storage the other is a Dutch barn. Also to query agricultural tie on the property. Query need in relation to agricultural tie.</p> <p>Decisions – SMD/2014/0414 – Edale, Godley Lane – Certificate of lawfulness of existing use as a dwelling without agricultural occupancy restriction – APPROVED.</p> <p>Appeals: none</p> <p>Enforcement: Chase situation on Whynpenny Farm agricultural tie with Cllr Roberts.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/PR</p>
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	<p>HIGHWAYS ISSUES:</p> <p>Trimpos – nothing to report</p> <p>Drains and grids – see Public Questions and also Clerk to report that the drains at the junction of New Road, Forsbrook Road and Caverswall Road at blocked with leaves, these were the drains that were replaced by SCC a couple of years ago.</p> <p>Footpaths – Hedge overgrown on way to Birchenfields at stile needs cutting back - Clerk to contact Dawn Plant at SCC.</p> <p>War Memorial – Lengthsman to tidy up before Remembrance Day.</p> <p>Litter bin on Common – email received from SMDC currently will not consider moving location of bin to gate way by football field. They will continue to monitor the area for litter and reassess the situation if necessary in the future.</p> <p>Street Light in New Road (by Royal Oak) - Clerk contacted Western Power and told street lights are owned by Councils (SCC). Contacted Highways to request it is replaced, ref 14236398, they will investigate issue and decide if it warrants replacing, they were told it is on a bad section of the road (sharp bend) which need lighting.</p> <p><i>Update 23/10/14 – Clerk received phone call from Diane at Eon Highways Lighting who had been contacted by SCC Highways. She wanted to establish exactly where light needs to be replaced and Clerk confirmed location, this is now being passed to Eon Engineers for instigation. Further phone call received later that day – light to be replace on 24th/25th October but reconnection of electricity may take a couple of weeks. Should be advised when this is done.</i></p> <p>UNRESOLVED ITEMS:</p> <p>Phone Box painting – no further information. However, Clerk subsequently contacted Lengthsman (23/10/14) to see if he would do the</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>painting and requested a quote.</p> <p>High Street Phone Box - response received from BT 18/9/14, clearing will be done in next few days and has been added to next years list of repaints and it will be repainted when the contractors are next in our area.</p> <p>Donated Bench at Recreation Centre– Letter was sent to Helen Thurstan, Chair of the Rec Centre on 30th September but no response has been received as of today. Cllr Carnall said she had not seen letter and it was not brought up at the last Rec meeting, Clerk supplied a copy, she will chase up response.</p> <p>Additional plaque to be arrange “Donated by Dilhorne Parish Council and Dilhorne Recreation Centre to Commemorate WW1 Centenary”</p> <p>Bench is currently at the Finney’s as no-one to fix in place. The Oak tree planted at the event on 9th August has died a replacement is being sourced.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Dilhorne Bowling Club Email received asking for a letter from the Parish Council in support of a grant application for a new lawnmower. Clerk to send letter.</p> <p>Dog Fouling in the Village Cllr Bowyer had been approached by a concerned Resident about the amount of dog fouling on pavements throughout the village especially nears to Mill Birch. Clerk to contact Vicky Ellis at SMDC to see if “Clean up” signs could be sprayed onto the pavements in the village. No information is available on any offenders.</p> <p>Vehicle Parking on Pavements This is a continual problem, and pedestrians especially with prams cannot get past vehicles without walking on the road which puts them in danger. Clerk to check with Police to see if polite “Do not park on pavement as blocking the footpath” signs could be legally put on offending vehicles or what can be done to stop this. It is the vehicles belonging to or visiting the houses on both High Street and Sarver Lane which seem to be causing the problem.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
FINANCE AND ANNUAL RETURN	<p>Payments: The following payments were approved and signed Mrs L Cantlay – Clerks Wages and Expenses –Oct - £146.62 Gary Bentley – Lengthsman work - £320.00 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS - £466.62</p> <p>Receipts: Interest on deposit account (Oct) - £0.74 SMDC – 2nd Precept Payment - £2100.49 Total Receipts - £2101.23</p> <p>Bank Accounts: Current Account – £229.81 after payments made. Deposit account – £10,715.35 Transfer – £350.00</p> <p>Reserve Bank Account: No further action done.</p>	
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>Santander Bank Statement SMDC Outside, active & healthy leaflets Comm Council Re AGM</p>	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Tuesday 18 th November 2014 at 7.30pm	
MEETING CLOSED	8.45pm	