

WADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
Held at the Community Centre
on Thursday 10th April 2008- commenced at 7.00pm

1161. Present

Councillor	Mr B. Roe (Chairman)
Councillors	Mr D. Fromont, Mr D. Wright, M. Fromont, Mr M. Leaney, Ms S. Bo
DMBC Councillor	Mr G. Beck (From 7.21pm Until 7.30 pm)
Police Constable	Mr D. Coulson (Until 7.08 pm)
Parishioner	Mr J. Stevens (From 7.05 pm)
Parishioners	Mr N. Kerns, Mr A. Jones, Mr M. Harris, Mr J. Hodges (From 7.10pm until 7.22pm)

1162. Apologies For Absence

Councillor	Mr P Oliver (Deputy Chair)
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Police Report

1163. PC Coulson reported that overall reported crime levels have fallen in the parish. The main issue is youth nuisance and regular patrols and visits are being undertaken in the areas most affected. Members reported that there had been an attempted break in in the village, PC Coulson noted that it was not on the latest reported crime statistics.

Mr Stevens joined the meeting at 7.05pm

1164. It was noted that youths have been seen congregating in the shrubbery area and a garden chair, believed to have been stolen, is there. PC Coulson to investigate further.

1165. Members offered congratulations to the police, reports in local newspapers suggest that crime levels are falling in all areas of the borough.

PC Coulson left the meeting at 7.08pm

Matters Raised By Parishioners

1166. An allotment tenant has requested further allotments to grow trees and add a pond. Members although in favour of a pond decided health & safety issues made the proposal unacceptable. Provided the trees are kept to a reasonable height (12-15ft) and no objections are received from neighbouring tenants, the proposal was accepted.

Mr N. Kerns, Mr A. Jones, Mr M. Harris, Mr J. Hodges joined the meeting at 7.10pm

1167. A further complaint has been received about the vehicles parked on the allotments. Clerk to write to the tenant concerned.

1168. Mr N. Kerns, Mr A. Jones, Mr M. Harris, Mr J. Hodges raised the issue of youth facilities in the village and the problems they faced in being moved on and considered to be a nuisance. The parishioners have previously sent a petition to DMBC asking for a skate park, but received no reply. Members advised the parishioners to collect a reasonable number of signatures on a second petition and to bring it to the next meeting. The parish council would then forward the petition to DMBC with a letter of support asking that youth facilities in the area be addressed. Youth facilities to be added to the matters in progress list.

DMBC Councillor Beck joined the meeting at 7.21pm

Mr N. Kerns, Mr A. Jones, Mr M. Harris, Mr J. Hodges left the meeting at 7.22pm

Minutes

1169. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2008 were accepted as a true record with the exception of minute 1153, which was amended to read

The Countrywoman's Association had asked if they could plant the village planters in their blue & white colours to celebrate 25 years of the association.

The minutes were then authorised to be signed by the Chairman

Community First Report

1170. Community First have responded to the complains raised about the state of Old Daw Lane and the allotment hedges and ditch. The road has been inspected and is of an acceptable standard for its class, no further repairs will be made to it's current condition. The hedges and ditch are deemed to be the responsibility of the allotment owner, DMBC will be writing to the owners shortly.

Matters raised by DMBC Members

1171. DMBC Councillor Beck advised members that he would not be seeking re-election at the May elections, he thanked the parish councillors for their help and support over the years. The Chairman thanked Councillor Beck for his work on behalf on the community and wished him well in his new ventures.

DMBC Councillor Beck left the meeting at 7.30pm

Proposed Play Area

1172. Confirmation has been received that the planning application for the change of use of the village green to allow a play area to be incorporated has been refused. Members considered this to be a total waste of two years work and public funds by one DMBC department because of lack of consultation with another. They considered the whole affair could have been resolved over two years ago if the conservation officer had been involved at the time. Clerk to write expressing concern and asking what are the net steps and where the funding will be used, it was noted that the land behind the pavilion may be suitable for a skate park of similar for youths if the funding could be used.

1173. Members raised the issue of upgrading the current play equipment on the field now that it appears the new play area will not be progressed.

Donation of the playing field

1174. Further correspondence about the donation of the field had been received and previously circulated to members. It was agreed by unanimous vote to accept the revised terms and conditions of the transfer. The letter referred to gaining further clarification on any alterations to the pavilion and members asked that the clarification be pursued.

Matters Arising From The Minutes

1175. Woodland Trust have been contacted, but no response about the proposed clean up of the shrubbery area has been received. It was noted that Woodland Trust may be awaiting their yearly management plan before any decisions are taken. Members decided not to pursue the matter further

1176. DMBC have replied regarding the planting of the Tofield Road area, it appears that a service level agreement would need to be entered into for the long term maintenance of the area. Members decided the proposal should not be pursued due to DMBC requirements and the concerns of parishioners. Clerk to advise South Yorkshire Forest of the decision.

1177. The commentary for Tickhill Today had been drafted and was accepted as an appropriate design to be published.

1178. Old School Lane has been swept, but it now appears that the debris is blocking the drains. Clerk to report.

Correspondence

1179. Correspondence dealt with at the meeting

DMBC	Planning decision - proposed play area
DMBC	By Email - Tree planting
DMBCBy	Email - Complaints Update
William Hoyland	Donation of the playing field

1180. General Correspondence

DMBC	By Email - Road works reports 16/03, 23/03, 30/03 & 06/04
DMBC	Public rights of way forum
DMBC	Flexible budget
DMBC	Rights of way improvement plan
DMBC	Seminar - Rights of way order processes
DMBC	Invoice - Election expenses
DMBC	Invoice - Community Centre rates
YLCA	Country Air
Mrs Redden	Allotments
Audit commission	Appointment of auditor
SYPTTE	National Concession Scheme
SYPTTE	Service changes (Service 205)
N Power	Invoice
Yorkshire Water	Sewerage rates for 2008
Nat West	Statements

Matters Raised by Members

1181. A proposal was made that the parish council should give more consideration to village improvements, in particular the area along Main Street and the provision of more floral displays.

1182. It was noted that DMBC had again failed to properly maintain the hedges along the A60 and the bird nesting season would probably prevent any maintenance until the autumn

Finance Matters

1183. The Cheques were approved for payment

Next Meeting

1184. The next meeting was confirmed as the Annual General Meeting on the 8th May 2008 at 7.00pm at the Community. Centre. Agenda to be distributed.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm