

**Minutes of the special meeting of Tibshelf Parish Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2005 at 19:15 in the Village Hall, 110 High St, Tibshelf, DE55 5NU**

**PRESENT Councillors A. Beckett, A. Boyer (Chair), D. Brindley, G. Wallis and T. Watson**

**Also present, P. Britland (Clerk), Mr Stewart Reast and K. Davis (RCC) D. Watts (DOB) and members of the public**

## **PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **0504/022 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

### **0504/023 PUBLIC FORUM**

This special meeting was called following two public meetings at which a number of points were raised concerning the operation of the race track.

The prime complaint is about noise levels and hours of operation with lesser complaints about parking particularly on the road marked as emergency access but also on the public road early in the morning sometimes with vehicle engines running, dog fouling, the amount of rental paid and the fact that there club has only a very small number of members who live in the Parish,

A petition bearing the signatures of 134 Tibshelf parishioners was presented as follows:-

“We the undersigned, having lost patience regarding the continuing nuisances caused by the Tibshelf Model Car Racing Club, especially the constant and almost daily loud noise made by the model cars, now ask Tibshelf Parish Council, in co-operation with Bolsover District Council, to implement the terms of the Racing Club lease or use any other legal means to stop this nuisance completely and as soon as possible”

Lengthy discussion took place during which the RCC outlined the steps they were prepared to take

The Councillors present were thanked for their attendance by the public.

### **0504/024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

M. Coupe, M. Pope, P. Rhodes and P. Trevelyan

### **0504/025 RESPONSE FROM REMOTE CONTROL CAR CLUB**

The RCC submitted a written statement which is reproduced below

Issues raised

Noise levels  
Restricting emergency access  
Parking  
Dogs on the sports ground

Following a meeting with Tibshelf Parish Council and people from the village the model club was asked to consider a reduction in operating hours from 2000hrs to 1630hrs during the week. The representatives of the club agreed to take this request and present it to the club committee for discussion and report back to the parish at the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> April.

The club committee has considered this request and it has been found to be unacceptable based on the following:-

It would reduce revenue to an unacceptable level

The club are already taking action to reduce the effects of the activity

### **It would reduce revenue to an unacceptable level**

1 One of the benefits for a club member is the availability of the track to practice. Reducing club operating times would take away this benefit and would have a direct effect on club membership.

### **The club are already taking action to reduce the effects of the activity**

1 The club already impose a 1 hour reduction in its operating time to 2000hrs

2 Events at the track have been reduced by 40% compared to 39 events in 2004, 21 events in 2005

3 No camping will be allowed on a Friday night prior to a meeting on Sunday

4 Operating times will be changed to 1100hrs to 1300hrs and 1400hrs to 1700hrs after this time the racetrack will be closed

5 Sunday race day operating times will remain the same but generally the racing would normally be finished by 1800hrs

6 Install acoustic barrier fencing along the perimeter of the racetrack that faces the village, adjacent to the track itself and directly in front of the pit area.  
(Noise reports should indicate the benefits)

7 Continue to improve the management of race days, stop the practice of warming up tyres on the track and provide a starting area behind the acoustic barriers.

### **Planning Conditions**

The club believe it operates within the conditions set out in the planning authority Bolsover District Council principally operating 1000hrs – 2100hrs and within noise limits of 10dba above ambient background noise levels

### **Emergency Access**

The use of the access road for emergency access is a recent development and only came to the clubs attention in 2004 prior to this it had never been raised as an issue, In addition there is no reference to this in the lease agreement (Keith check). The access road down to the track is not suitable for an emergency vehicle due to the potholes the Parish should make good.

If the road to the model race circuit is a designated emergency access

1 Who designated

- 2 Who did they consult with
- 3 What is the minimum standard required for such an access

### **Parking**

During race events the club will place no parking cones along the road where visitors could park.

The club will continue to park vehicles adjacent to the perimeter fence outside the race circuit boundary ensuring that they do not encroach onto the football pitch, weather and ground conditions permitting .

### **Dogs on the Sports Ground**

We tell all members and visitors that dogs are not permitted at the race circuit and it is part of the club rules. On occasions people have attended with dogs and we make it clear that they are not allowed to take them onto the sports field

### **Security**

The club have recently installed CCTV to monitor use of the race track and also as a security facility to be able to record vandalism/nuisance issues.

(There is part of the submission missing.)

### **It is resolved that the following actions be taken**

- RCC to produce the findings of the acoustic specialist on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May
- PCB to liaise with DW and provide copies of minutes and the text of petition
- Tibshelf Parish Council to provide a statement of its position
- Residents to provide a list of people who are willing to host sound measurement equipment to DW who is on 01246 242291
- Also to pass onto DW copies of the paperwork/complaints etc received regarding the RCC

Signed .....

Date .....