

**Minutes of the Meeting of Tibshelf Parish Council held in Tibshelf Village Hall,
110 High Street, Tibshelf. DE55 5NU on Tuesday 27th February 2007 at 7.15 pm**

Present:

Cllrs. A. Beckett, A. Boyer, D. Brindley, M. Coupe, G. Foley, R. Heffer, M. Pope, P. Rhodes, P. Trevelyan, G. Wallis and T. Watson.

In attendance:

9 members of the Public; County Cllr. C. Moesby; PCSO C. Pass; K. Bradshaw (Parish Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A request was made that the 'hump' on Brooke Street/Lincoln Street be removed as was promised 2 years ago. It was reported that Bolsover District Council did not have funding. The District Councillors were asked to pursue this.
- Concerns were raised regarding groups of youths and girls aged up to 15 causing vandalism, using bad language, breaking and throwing bottles; children will not go on Vicar Lane and that this situation is getting worse.
- A petition for the provision of CCTV cameras was presented to the meeting with a request that copies of this be sent to County Council, District Council, The Chief Constable, Dennis Skinner MP and the Home Secretary. Residents were requested to write letters in support of this petition.
- All incidents must be reported to the Police to provide them with evidence as a dispersal order is being sought.
- A response form the officials who attended the Public Meeting in January is awaited. Feedback is expected three months after the meeting from Bolsover District Council, Derbyshire County Council and the Police with their proposals to address what was brought up at the meeting. A further public meeting will be called to receive these responses.
- The Chief Constable holds regular meetings with Parishes and 2 Councillors and residents will attend the next one to air the problems at Tibshelf.
- Concerns were raised that alcohol is being sold to minors by some establishments in the village. Derbyshire County Council Trading Standards is to be contacted with a view to setting up a possible sting operation.

Derbyshire County Councillor's Report

- Work has started on the 5 pits trail
- A flashing 30mph sign has been installed
- The Tibshelf ponds to Silverhill trail is progressing
- The request for lights at the pedestrian crossing has been passed to Highways
- The crossing patrol vacancy has being advertised but currently there are no takers
- Staveley Landfill site is closing and there is a consultation out to find new sites in Derbyshire – non in the Tibshelf Area
- New penalties, £60 + 3 points, for using a hand held mobile phone whilst driving are now in force
- Council Tax 2007/2008 – Police increased by 5%, Fire Service increased by 3.7% and DCC increased by 4.9%
- There is a shortage of Social Care workers in the County
- The Audit Commission has given Derbyshire County Council the highest rating – 4 stars DCC is in the top 3 Councils in the country and the best in the East Midlands.

- Takeaway food has been sampled from 9 establishments and it was found that takeaway meals are very high in salt and fat, often above recommended limits
- Bolsover Food and Drink Fair will be held 19th – 20th May entry is £2.50 & £1.50 which includes entry into the castle.
- An report on archaeology in Derbyshire has been published and is available from the Peak Park Authority, email – sarahwhiteley@peakdistrict.gov.uk
- Information on the above is available on the DCC website – <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk>
Or Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058.

Police Report

- Since 15/1/2007 there have been 21 crimes reported.
- 4 of which have been reported from the services.
- 14 of these crimes have been filed and no further investigation is needed.
- 7 are still being investigated.
- There have been 34 nuisance calls from the community this may be connected with the weather we have been experiencing.
- The turn around camp in North Wales ran by Bolsover District Council during the half term was a success. 3 of our youths from Tibshelf attended this camp. Supervisors at the camp have made positive comments about the youths saying that they were the best of a bad bunch. The youths attend Pleasley Vale every Saturday and their progress is being monitored. This has been beneficial and behaviour and interaction with others seem to be improving.

Bolsover District Councillor's report

- Council Tax for 2007/2008 is to increase by 2.6% on 2006/2007 levels.

NON EXEMPT ITEMS

0702/212 – Election of Chairman

The Clerk has not received Cllr. Watson's resignation as Chairman in writing, which is a legal requirement of The Local Government Act 1972 section 84 – and was informed today by Councillor Watson that he will not be resigning as Chairman. Consequently there is no need to appoint a new Chairman until the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in May 2007. This has been confirmed by the Monitoring Officer.

On the subject of the motion of no confidence in the Chairman this item was not on the agenda of the meeting and is not a formal resolution.

Such a motion must be an agenda item either for the next meeting or for a special meeting, however:

“There is no point to a motion of no confidence as the Chairman can remain in the Chair until the next annual meeting whatever the result of the vote, and squabbling Councillors diminish the reputation of the Council in the eyes of the public.” (Buckinghamshire ALC website – FAQ's).

0702/213 – Apologies

There were no apologies for absence

0702/214 – Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Coupe declared a personal interest in planning application P0207/55, Mr. & Mrs. K. Mellor, knowing the agents for the application.

Cllrs. Boyer, Heffer, Wallis and Watson declared a personal interest in the payment to Blue Line Roofing for roof repairs, knowing the proprietor of the business.

Cllr. Heffer declared a personal interest in item 14 – provision of grit bin on Raven Avenue as he lives on this road.

0702/215 - Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2007

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be amended as detailed below and re-circulated.

Minute 0701/206 – the resolution to remove the Christmas Lights be moved to after Cllr. Heffer took the chair which is the correct chronological order.

Minute 0701/211 – Add the words “should stand down from the Chair”

It was pointed out that resolution 0701/211 did not relate to the previous minute.

0702/216 – Resignation of the Clerk

It was RESOLVED to accept the resignation of the Clerk. Cllr. Watson wished that his vote against this motion be recorded.

0702/217 - Appointment of new Clerk

a) It was RESOLVED to amend the Person Specification to include “A working knowledge of Employment and Health and Safety Legislation” as an essential, not desirable, requirement.

Subject to this amendment it was RESOLVED to adopt the Person Specification for the position of Parish Clerk.

b) It was RESOLVED to place the advertisement for the position (circulated to all members) in a 10cm x 2column format in the Derbyshire Times (est. £400.00), Mansfield Chad (£383.80) and the Derby Evening Telegraph (up to £400.00) and to place this on the Council Website, Noticeboards and circulate it via DALC.

c) It was RESOLVED that the services of a Locum Clerk be used in the intervening period.

d) It was RESOLVED that applications received be handled by the Chair of the Personnel Committee in the absence of the Clerk.

e) It was RESOLVED, with 5 votes in favour and 5 votes against and the Chairman using his casting vote, that the Personnel Sub Committee process applications for the Locum Clerk and the new Clerk and make recommendations to Council.

f) It was RESOLVED to wish the Clerk good luck adding that he had brought an air of professionalism to the Council. It was stated that it is sad that the Clerk has had to resign due to the situation in the Council and that the issues within the Council have resulted in three Clerks in three years.

0702/218 – Chairman’s Report

The Chairman stated that he was sorry to see the Clerk go as he had been an asset to the Council having showed professionalism in Health and Safety, Employment and Accounting and had brought the accounts of the Council up to date. The Chairman thanked the Clerk.

It was RESOLVED to give the Clerk a vote of confidence for what he had done and the way he had handled it.

The Clerk thanked the Chairman and the Council for their kind words.

0702/219 – Village Hall Sub Committee report

It was reported that the last meeting of the Village Hall Sub Committee was inquorate as only one Councillor had attended and that this was disappointing as the meeting was attended by representatives of the user groups at the request of the Council.

a) It was RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:-

Blue Lines Roofing Ltd	Roof repairs	£209.15
Mrs. H.J. Simpson	Expenses (incl. Soap dispensers)	£ 92.29
Stage Systems	Stage repair kit	£ 29.37

b) It was RESOLVED, regretfully, that the rate for hiring the Village Hall should not be reduced to £50.00 for the PTA event on Saturday 17th March as it was felt that this could create a precedent.

0702/220 – DALC Circulars

It was RESOLVED to note the following circulars which have been received from DALC:-

01.07 – Index 2006

02.07 – Disability Discrimination Act & The Local Government Bill

03.07 – Keeping of Documents

04.07 – Draft Freedom of Information and Data Protection Appropriate limit and fees consultation paper

0702/221 - Planning

It was RESOLVED to make the recommendations to Bolsover District Council as detailed on the schedule of planning applications received – Appendix 1

Cllr. Wallis left the meeting at 9.15pm

0702/222 – Clerks Report

It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for supplies and salaries from 23rd January 2007 to date:-

Date	CQ No:	Payee	Description	Amount
15 th Feb	Autopay	Salaries	Total Salaries	£3,329.45
20 th Feb	2962	AML (Midlands) Ltd	Server for Computer	£105.75
20 th Feb	2963	K Bradshaw	Clerk's expenses	£33.67
20 th Feb	2964	Prestige Street Furniture	Bus Shelters	£3,254.75
20 th Feb	2965	Severn Trent Water	Cemetery	£54.85
20 th Feb	2966	Shanks Waste Management	Cemetery	£33.82
20 th Feb	2967	Inland Revenue	PAYE/NIC Month 10	£1,274.32
20 th Feb	2968	Ian Trueman Tree Services	Remove fallen tree	£111.63
20 th Feb	2969	High Street Autos	Fuel for Pick up	£30.00

Cheques dated 20th February were not signed until after this meeting.

Monitoring Officer/Code of Conduct

The Monitoring Officers will organise a training session for all Councillors, probably after the election in May. This training will cover all aspects of the Code of Conduct with particular attention to confidentiality and relationships between Councillors and Officers.

0702/223 – PCSO

A motion was tabled that Tibshelf Parish Council fund for two years the provision of a Police Community Support Officer. A recorded vote was requested and this motion was defeated by 6 votes to 4. Cllrs. Boyer, Brindley, Heffer & Watson voted in favour and Cllrs. Beckett, Coupe, Foley, Pope, Rhodes and Trevelyan voted against.

It was RESOLVED to call a public meeting as soon as possible to discuss the provision of a Police Community Support Officer. A recorded vote was requested and the motion was passed by a majority of 6 votes to 4. Cllrs. Beckett, Coupe, Foley, Pope, Rhodes and Trevelyan voted for the motion and Cllrs. Boyer, Brindley, Heffer & Watson voted against.

0702/224 – Double Yellow Lines – Hardwick Street

It was RESOLVED to write to Derbyshire County Council requesting the provision of double yellow lines on Hardwick Street and Brooke Street.

0702/225 – Petition re CCTV cameras on High Street

It was RESOLVED that copies of this petition be sent to Derbyshire County Council, Bolsover District Council, The Chief Constable, Dennis Skinner MP and the Home Secretary

0702/226 – Provision of Grit Bin, Raven Avenue

It was RESOLVED to provide a grit bin on Raven Avenue the position of which will have to be agreed with Derbyshire County Council

0702/227 – Pavement Sweeper

It was RESOLVED that the proposed demonstration be chased up and that other suppliers be contacted.

0702/228 – Finance

It was RESOLVED to note the Financial Statement and Cash Flow Forecast as at 31st January 2007 (appendix 2).

0702/229 – Items for information

It was RESOLVED to note the items for information detailed on the list circulated to Council which are available for inspection in the Clerk’s office:

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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Date