

DORDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of Dordon Parish Council
held on Thursday 21st August 2008 in the Meeting Room, Dordon Village Hall
commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors: C Downs, S Hanratty, D Hanratty, A Curtis, and R Downs.

Also Present: D C Downs, Hall Caretaker.
R Young, Clerk to the Council.

1277) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W Whitmore and J Hodgetts.

1278) DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

- Councillors C Downs and R Downs declared an interest with regard to any matters relating to the Caretaker.

1279) CARETAKER'S REPORT

The Caretaker, Mrs D C Downs, mentioned the following:

- Window damaged by persons unknown – to be repaired on 22nd August 2008.
- Previous Wednesday unauthorised persons entered the hall and activated the fire alarm. Action witnessed by three hall users.
- Gave résumé of contact with police regarding fire alarm activation and informed CCTV cannot be reviewed by police.
- The Clerk to write to the Chief Constable of Warwickshire regarding the use of the CCTV camera and to comment the £8,000 paid by the Parish Council has been a waste of money.
- Blood Donors Group. Gave details of contact with blood donors regarding the putting back of chairs and tables to their original position after each session. The Clerk to send a further letter with a copy of hall booking conditions. This matter to be discussed by Councillors later in the meeting.

1280) MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2008 were approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved:

- **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2008.**

MATTERS ARISING

1281) PALISADE FENCING – HALL GROUNDS

Councillor D Hanratty confirmed the new fence will be installed on 22nd August 2008.

1282) PUBLIC REALM GRANT

Councillor S Hanratty agreed to obtain the appropriate forms for a grant aid application to the Area Forum North.

1283) POLESWORTH AND DORDON RELIEF IN CHARITY

The Clerk reported that D Craig, Clerk to the Charity, had confirmed in a letter that he will make contact with Mrs S Curtis regarding completion of a declaration of acceptance of office.

1284) CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed or circulated to Councillors:

- North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership. Letter from Councillor Barry Beeson entitled "Is there an issue in your community you want to raise but don't know how?".
- Warwickshire County Council. Way marking Public Rights of Way in the Warwickshire countryside. New discs and promoted routes.
- Warwickshire County Council. Letter dated July 2008 from M Potter, Assistant Manager of Emergency Planning Unit with contact form for parish. The Clerk to update contact details.
- North Warwickshire Borough Council. Mayor's Civic Service, Sunday 14th September 2008, 11.00 am in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Water Orton.
- WRCC. Parish Plan Workshop at Binley Woods Village Hall, 20th September 2008, 10.00 am until 2.00 pm.
- Email from Steven Fowler enquiring about vacancies on the Parish Council. The Clerk to invite S Fowler to the next Parish Council meeting.

- North Warwickshire Borough Council. Safer Neighbourhoods Team – leaflets and magnets with contact details.

1285) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

- i) PAP/2008/0368
97 Coppice Drive, Dordon.
Erection of conservatory to rear.

No Comment.

- ii) PAP/2008/0413
162A Long Street, Dordon.
Display of illuminated signage.

No Comment.

b) Planning Decisions

None received.

1286) STANDING ORDERS

No matters were discussed.

1287) WEBSITE - UPDATE

Councillor R Downs commented as follows:

- Reviewed pictures on website.
- Required an FTP uploader.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Councillor R Downs could purchase an FTP uploader.

Resolved:

- **To purchase an FTP uploader.**

1288) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the following cheques should be issued:

ITEM	AMOUNT £
D C Downs (60 hours @ £6.40 / hour)	384.00
D Sullivan (14 hours @ £5.52 / hour)	77.28
Cannon Hygiene	145.01
EON (Hall Electricity)	312.45
EON (Hall Gas)	205.52
R Young (Clerk's Salary)	344.80
G Jones (Window Cleaner)	25.00
TOTAL	£1,494.06

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

1289) HALL RECEIPTS

ITEM	AMOUNT £
Warwickshire County Council – Shortwoods	600.00
GKR Karate	75.00
Mr Farmer	10.00
Mr Farmer	10.00
Mr Farmer	60.00
Mr and Mrs Downs	30.00
Slimming World	270.00
TOTAL	£1,055.00

1290) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**a) The Shortwoods**

- The Clerk to write to the Shortwoods requesting a key is provided for the cupboard which his locked at present. The key is required should an emergency occur.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Clerk should request from the Shortwoods a key to the locked cupboard.

Resolved:

- **That the Clerk requests a key to the locked cupboard.**

- It was proposed, seconded and agreed that The Shortwoods weekly rate for the hall should be increased to £125.00 per week with effect from 1st September 2008. This weekly rate to be reviewed on 1st March 2009.

Resolved:

- **To charge Warwickshire County Council, The Shortwoods, £125.00 per week for use of the Parish Hall with effect from 1st September 2008.**

b) WALC

- Request for subscription of £631.00. The Clerk to request details of the service provided.

c) Blood Donor Group

- The Chairman, C Downs, commented as follows:
 - Supervision is un-cooperative.
 - No regard for hall rules.
 - Do not return hall to how they found the hall on arrival.
 - Do not sweep up after each session.

It was agreed the Clerk should write to the Blood Donor Group requesting they comply with hall rules.

d) Parish Council Meeting – September 2008

- The Clerk reported he would be unable to attend a Parish Council meeting on 18th September 2008 and requested Councillors have the September 2008 Parish Council meeting on 25th September.

This was agreed.

e) Parish Hall Decoration

- The Clerk reported a further quotation had been requested for the painting of the outside of the parish hall. It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Chairman, C Downs, should review the quotations and appoint a painter.

Resolved:

- **That the Chairman, C Downs, should appoint a painter to paint the outside of the parish hall.**

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm.

C Downs
Chairman