

DORDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of Dordon Parish Council
held on Thursday 23rd October 2008 in the Meeting Room, Dordon Village Hall
commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors: C Downs, A Curtis, J Hodgetts, R Downs, W Whitmore,
and D Hanratty.

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

1304) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Hanratty.

1305) DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

- Councillors C Downs, A Curtis and R Downs declared an interest with regard to any matters relating to the Caretaker.
- Councillor J Hodgetts declared an interest with regard to any planning matters relating or having any connection to land or property in the ownership of her family.
- The Clerk declared an interest with regard to any matters relating to MCY Decorators.

1306) CARETAKER'S REPORT

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

- Reported Environmental Health had visited the village hall requesting the following work to be completed:
 - Provide an adequate supply of hot water to the hand basins in the men's and ladies toilets.
 - Remove peeling paintwork from the wall in the small kitchen at the back of the premises.
 - The Clerk confirmed that Julia Rowbottom of North Warwickshire Borough Council Environmental Health Department had also requested by letter that the above work should be completed.
- Suggested the Parish Council should fly a parish flag designed by the children of the parish. D C Downs agreed to progress this matter.

1307) WAGE RATES

Councillors C Downs, A Curtis and R Downs declared an interest.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that employee wage rates should be increased by 3.8% as from 1st October 2008.

Resolved:

- **To increase employee wage rates by 3.8% as from 1st October 2008.**

The Chairman suspended the meeting.

Live and Local

A representative of "Live and Local" circulated an Autumn 2008 schedule of shows organised plus an interest form.

- Reviewed touring groups available.
- Marketing materials provided.
- May need a premises licence to have show. Dates available in Spring 2009.
- Gave detailed review of options and finance.
- Provided copies of existing leaflets.

The Chairman thanked Emma for attending the Parish Council meeting.

The meeting resumed.

1308) MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2008 were approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved:

- **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2008.**

MATTERS ARISING

1309) THE SHORTWOODS

The Chairman, C Downs, and Councillor J Hodgetts met Kim Ford of Warwickshire County Council Social Services and discussed the following:

- The Clerk reported he had written to K Ford on 12th February 2008 stating the weekly rent would be reviewed on 1st September 2008.
- J Hodgetts reported that K Ford said her manager could not sanction an increase in weekly rent to the proposed level. Also commented it was not fair in these difficult times to have a weekly rate of £125.00.

- K Ford agreed that it was not correct not to increase the rent for 5 years.
- J Hodgetts proposed that there was no increase until the start of the next financial year (keep rental at £75.00 until 1st April 2009).
- D Hanratty commented that it was better the hall is used than not used.
- C Downs stated Standing Orders would not allow a change for 6 months.
- J Hodgetts proposed the weekly rent of £75.00 to The Shortwoods is left unchanged until 31st March 2009 when it can be reviewed due to the harsh economic climate. The proposed was seconded.

For the proposal - D Hanratty
W Whitmore
J Hodgetts

Against the Proposal - R Downs

Abstained - C Downs
A Curtis

Resolved:

- **Not to increase the weekly rent of £75.00 to The Shortwoods until a review on 31st March 2009.**

1310) CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed or circulated to Councillors:

- Town and Parish Standards, Issue 3, September 2008.
- Warwickshire County Council. Community Computers 2008 / 2009. The Clerk to submit a request for two computers.
- NALC. Legal briefing – Freedom of Information Act. New Model Publication Scheme.
- WALC. Details of seminar entitled “Changes to the Town and Country Planning System” to be held at Dunchurch Village Hall, Rugby on 6th December 2008.
- North Warwickshire Borough Council. Letter dated 25th September 2008 regarding retention of K6 red telephone kiosks.
- North Warwickshire Borough Council. Letter dated 9th October 2008 from D Harris confirming the annual meeting between the Borough Council and Parish / Town Councils will be held in the Borough Council Chamber on 4th December 2008 at 7.00 pm.
- NHS. Confirmation letter from Blood Donors stating a session would be held on 20th October 2008. Councillors noted this error.
- Warwickshire County Council. Letter dated 29th September 2008 from David Soames enclosing a County Council review of properties owned in Polesworth and surrounding rural area property reviews (including Kingsbury).

1311) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

- i) PAP/2008/0539
Shaw House, Freasley Common, Dordon.
Loft conversion with balcony.

No Comment.
- ii) PAP/2008/0546
Centurion Service Station, Watling Street, Dordon.
Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signage.

No Comment.
- iii) PAP/2008/0545
Centurion Service Station, Watling Street, Dordon.
Re-development of petrol filling station, including demolition of existing shop, forecourt and canopy and the erection of new sales building, forecourt and canopy.

No Comment.

b) Planning Decisions

None received.

c) Planning Correspondence

Letter of acknowledgement from Richard Forbes or Warwickshire County Council Planning regarding Parish Council comments with regard to planning application NW 241/08CC024 provision of public household waste recycling and waste transfer station at Lower House Farm, Lower House Lane, Baddesley Ensor.

1312) STANDING ORDERS

No matters were discussed.

1313) WEBSITE - UPDATE

Councillor R Downs gave details of the FTP purchased at a cost of £26.49.

1314) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

ITEM	AMOUNT £
Cotterill Fencing Ltd	1,250.00
North Warwickshire Borough Council (ground maintenance)	1,177.30
EON Electric	263.76
EON Gas	169.92
R Young (Clerk's Salary)	357.90
D C Downs (58.5 @ £6.64 / hour)	388.44
D Sullivan (14 @ £5.73 / hour)	80.22
G Jones (Window Cleaner)	25.00
R Downs (FTP)	26.49
TOTAL	£3,739.03

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

1315) HALL RECEIPTS

ITEM	AMOUNT £
Slimming World	120.00
Karate Group	75.00
Farmer	10.00
Slimming World	120.00
Farmer	30.00
Mother & Toddler	400.00
Blood Donors	130.00
TOTAL	£885.00

1316) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- W Whitmore commented were there any grants available from Warwickshire County Council / North Warwickshire Borough Council.
- A Curtis asked if the Christmas lights needed to be checked.
- It was agreed the Caretaker should be asked to review if any matters required attention.
- It was also agreed D C Downs should investigate the possibility of producing a parish flag.
- It was reported that PCSO S Hodson could be contacted on 02476 483622 (PCSO 6098).

- The Chairman, C Downs, gave a résumé of the Domehawk camera equipment and its use. The Clerk to enquire regarding the cost of moving the camera.

The meeting closed at 8.29 pm.

C Downs
Chairman