

## **DORDON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Minutes of the meeting of Dordon Parish Council  
held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in the Meeting Room, Dordon Village Hall  
commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

Also Present: D C Downs, Hall Caretaker.  
J Brown, North Warwickshire Borough Council.  
R Young, Clerk to the Council.

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### **1291) J BROWN, NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

J Brown commented on the following subjects:

- Structure Plan replaced by West Midlands Regional Plan. Adopted in 2006 until 2026.
- North Warwickshire Housing requirement allocated in January 2008. 3,000 more houses up to 2026. Government review in November / December 2008. At present 3,000 houses but expect increase to 4,500.
- North Warwickshire Borough Council, Coventry and Tamworth to work together.
- Brownfield sites to be considered first.
- Polesworth and Dordon will be reviewed. Local landowners have recommended their land.
- Land between Dordon / Polesworth and M42 should remain open and not developed.
- Local Plan team working on the Core Strategy.
- Infra-structure Schedule / Survey to be used.
- Infra-Structure Levy applied to developers.
- Regional Distribution sites (Birch Coppice and Hams Hall) reviewed. New site at Telford. Priority to be given to Birch Coppice.
- Four storey properties to be developed with housing density increasing from 30 to 50 houses per hectare.
- Planning applications – no comment needed for extensions but notify North Warwickshire Borough Council any out of character.
- Section 106 to be replaced by CIL.

- Gave details of current position concerning the waste / transfer station application but would not advise of any decisions. Commented that Warwickshire Police object to the proposal. Decision to be taken by North Warwickshire Borough Council on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

The Chairman, C Downs, thanked J Brown for his attendance.

Councillor J Hodgetts was not in attendance during this part of the meeting.

#### **1292) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Hanratty and S Hanratty.

#### **1293) 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.

#### **1294) CARETAKER'S REPORT**

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

- Painting of the outside of the hall ongoing.
- Trees being cut on boundary with the "Institute".
- Blood Donors moving to Grendon WMC.

#### **1295) MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2008 were approved as a true and correct record.

**Resolved:**

- **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2008.**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **1296) PUBLIC REALM GRANT**

The Clerk reported that Councillors D Hanratty and S Hanratty had obtained application forms for the Community Development Fund 2008 / 2009.

## 1297) CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed or circulated to Councillors:

- Warwickshire Police. Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008 reference N/08/15184 confirming no action to be taken regarding criminal damage at the village hall.
- ESPO. Energy matters.
- North Warwickshire Borough Council. Permitted Development Rights for Householder Developments.
- Area Forum North meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Birchwood Primary School.
- Warwickshire County Council. Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008 from “The Minerals Team” regarding Minerals Local Development Framework – Summary Statement and Request for Potential Strategic Sites.
- “Live and Local”. Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 from Emma Lewis with offer to provide two complimentary tickets to a performance of “Live and Local”.
- Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> September 2008 from David Baxendale at North Warwickshire Borough Council requesting information regarding fly tipping offences.
- Warwickshire County Council. Information letter regarding Lower House Farm Household Waste Recycling Centre and Waste Transfer Station.
- County Matters, Summer 2008.
- Warwickshire County Council. Invitation from Councillor Mrs Marion Haywood and Mr Jim Haywood to an “At Home” drinks reception on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at Shire Hall, Warwick.
- WALC. 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.
- North Warwickshire Borough Council. Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008 from Ann McLauchlan, Director of Community and Environment commenting on the following:
  - Flags – Dordon Village Hall.
  - Bus shelters.
  - Youth facilities.
  - Section 106.
- Life Opportunities Group. Letter from those involved regarding access to the Parish Hall.
- Life Opportunities Group. Dordon Village Hall – letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008 from Kim Ford commenting regarding the following:
  - Inability to fund rental increase for use of facilities at Dordon Village Hall.
  - Considers request is unreasonable to request a key to the locked cupboard as confidential information and money is kept in the cupboard.

- Considers that over the last year there seems to be a move from the Parish Council to get us out and on occasions situations have been uncomfortable for staff.

The Parish Council reviewed the contents of the two letters received and concluded the following:

- Cupboard  
Money, valuables and confidential details should be transferred to "The Shortwoods" and then there would be no need for locked cupboards.
- Rent Increase  
It was proposed, seconded and agreed that two Councillors should meet with Kim Ford to discuss the present impasse.

**Resolved:**

- **That Councillors J Hodgetts and W Whitmore meet Kim Ford from The Shortwoods.**

The Chairman reminded Councillors that £125.00 per week rental increase had already been approved by the Parish Council.

**1298) PLANNING**

**a) Planning Applications**

None received.

**b) Planning Decisions**

None received.

**1299) STANDING ORDERS**

No matters were discussed.

**1300) WEBSITE - UPDATE**

Councillor R Downs commented as follows:

- Waste site details to be included on the website.
- Purchased an FTP.

### 1301) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

ITEM	AMOUNT £
I and A Crowhurst	37.60
BT (£107.58 + £65.97)	173.55
Cannon Hygiene	108.35
Rentokil	105.10
Night and Day	276.12
R Young (Clerk's Salary)	344.80
D C Downs (75 hours @ £6.40 / hour)	480.00
D Sullivan (17.5 hours @ £5.52 / hour)	96.60
G Jones (Window Cleaner)	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,647.12</b>

**Resolved:**

- **To issue the above cheques.**

### 1302) HALL RECEIPTS

ITEM	AMOUNT £
GKR Karate	75.00
GKR Karate	60.00
Mr and Mrs Downs	30.00
Mr Farmer	80.00
Slimming World	270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£515.00</b>

### 1303) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Public meeting to discuss the proposed Waste Site / Transfer Station to be held in the Village Hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008.
- Councillor W Whitmore mentioned the speed humps.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

**C Downs**  
**Chairman**