

DORDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of Dordon Parish Council
held on Thursday 26th March 2009 in the Meeting Room, Dordon Village Hall
commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

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

Due to the absence of the Chairman, Councillor C Downs, it was proposed, seconded and agreed that Councillor D Hanratty would chair the Parish Council meeting.

Resolved:

- **That Councillor D Hanratty would chair the meeting.**

16) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Downs, S Hanratty, and W Whitmore.

17) DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

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

18) CARETAKER'S REPORT

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

- When the carpenter boxed in the electrics in the Hall he damaged the wiring. The Clerk to send details to I Matthews to claim off liability insurance.
- Electricians at present extending the fire alarm system and should be completed by the end of the week.
- Parish flag proposals to be received by 31st March 2009. Councillors to review flags on 3rd April 2009 prior to Mike O'Brien selecting the winner. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that book tokens should be given to the children achieving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (£15, £10, £5) in the competition.

Resolved:

- **To give book tokens to the children whose flags are placed first, second and third in the competition.**
- Baby Sensory classes commenced. Reducing payment when leaving the Hall early. It was agreed to review over the next four weeks.

- Sequence Dancing – trial event on 28th March 2009.

19) **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2009 were approved as a true and correct record subject to the following inclusion:

“A comment was made that should the Hall income decline the Caretaker’s employment may be at risk. Councillor R Downs commented he was not a member of the Parish Council for the Caretaker.”.

Resolved:

- **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2009 subject to the inclusion at 15E.**

MATTERS ARISING

20) **SHORTWOODS – GRIT BIN**

The Clerk reported that, to date, he had not found details of the Parish Council supplying a grit bin to the Shortwoods. The Clerk had requested Kim Ford to check the records of the Shortwoods and Warwickshire County Council.

21) **LIVE AND LOCAL SHOWS**

The Clerk reported that feedback from a show at Drayton Bassett had been very positive.

22) **YELLOW LINES - CHURCH HILL**

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Warwickshire County Council that this matter will be referred to County Councillor R Sweet for comment.

23) **DISABLED PARKING BAY – CHURCH ROAD**

Reply from Tony Cox of Warwickshire County Council Highways regarding disabled parking bays in Dordon as follows:

“The County policy is that a parking bay will only be installed if the following criteria are met:

- a) The road is at least 6.5m wide.*
- b) Space outside the property is at least 5.5m wide.*
- c) No objections are received from neighbours or Parish Council.*
- d) No garage or driveway.*
- e) Applicant has a blue disabled badge.*
- f) Bay is not opposite a junction.*
- g) No parking restrictions are in place.*

Mrs Graham’s request was refused because Church Road is only 5.8m wide. She then asked if the bay could be placed in the lay-by. This was agreed to assist her primary carer.

Also confirmed there is no official policy regarding the removal of bays.

Confirmed he had apologised to Mrs D C Downs and confirmed the Parish Council should have been consulted.”

24) POLESWORTH HOMES GROUP

The Clerk to enquire with North Warwickshire Borough Council as to why three waste bins are located on site.

25) TELEPHONE LAND LINE – RESOURCE CENTRE

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Councillor R Downs should purchase a mobile telephone for the Caretaker with a monthly cost of £15.00.

Resolved:

- **To purchase a mobile telephone for the Caretaker with a monthly cost of £15.00.**

26) CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed or circulated to Councillors:

- WRCC – details of Warwickshire Best Kept Village competition.
- Warwickshire County Council. “The Right to Roam” in Warwickshire – posters.
- Tamworth Borough Council. Tamworth Core Strategy Option Document.
- Warwickshire County Council. Invitation for two representatives of the Parish Council from the Chairman of the County Council, Councillor Mrs Marion Haywood and Mr Jim Haywood, to attend “At Home” drinks reception on Saturday 28th March 2009 in Shire Hall, Warwick.
- Warwickshire County Council. Notice and agenda of North Warwickshire Area Committee meeting, 25th March 2009.
- Warwickshire County Council. Warwickshire Minerals Core Strategy : Revised Spatial Options Consultation.
- North Warwickshire Borough Council. Multi-agency meeting to be held on 23rd February 2009 regarding anti-social behaviour in Dordon.
- Warwickshire County Council. Local Services Improvement – Consultation, requesting comments regarding the provision of local bus services.
- Town and Parish Standards, Issue 4.
- Mrs M W Charles. Letter raising issues regarding the transfer of blood donor sessions from Dordon to Grendon. The Clerk to forward a copy to Blood Donors for comment.

27) **PLANNING**

a) **Planning Applications Received**

None received.

b) **Planning Decisions**

None received.

28) **STANDING ORDERS**

No matters were raised.

29) **WEBSITE - UPDATE**

Councillor R Downs reported he needed to include pictures of Councillors S Fowler, J Hodgetts and himself.

30) **LIVE AND LOCAL**

The Clerk to enquire and obtain details of availability.

31) **YELLOW LINES – CHURCH HILL**

This matter had already been discussed.

32) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

ITEM	AMOUNT £
D C Downs (60.5 @ £6.64 / hour)	401.72
D Sullivan (17.5 @ £5.73 / hour)	100.28
Canon Hygiene	101.67
G Jones (Window Cleaner)	25.00
BT (£94.56 + £66.39)	160.95
R Young (Parish Clerk)	357.90
R Young (Expenses – April 2007 – February 2009)	208.12
TOTAL	£1,355.64

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

33) **HALL RECEIPTS**

ITEM	AMOUNT £
Slimming World	120.00
Mr Farmer	20.00
Baby Sensory	40.00
GKR Karate	60.00
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Mr Farmer	20.00
TOTAL	£320.00

34) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Clerk asked Councillor D Hanratty if details could be obtained as to how the donation from the Parish Council had been used with regard to the maintenance of Dordon churchyard.
- North Warwickshire Borough Council. Schedule of Ground Maintenance Costs for Dordon Village Hall grounds for the year 2009 / 2010. This was deferred for the Chairman of the Parish Council to review.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

D Hanratty
Chairman