

**TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN TICKNALL
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 3rd APRIL 2007**

Present: Councillors Green (Chairman), Parker, Holt and Wolsey

Staff and Public Clerk to the Council, 6 members of the public
in attendance:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A member of the public commented on planning application 9 2007 0313 F – The erection of a dwelling at Land adjoining The Firs, 25 Chapel Street, Ticknall.

382/07 Apologies: Councillor Arnold and Shepherd

383/07 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors Parker and Wolsey declared an interest in planning application 9 2007 0313 F – The erection of a dwelling at Land adjoining The Firs, 25 Chapel Street, Ticknall.

Councillors Green and Parker declared an interest in planning application 9 2007 0263 FH – The erection of extensions (amended scheme) at 5 Harpur Avenue, Ticknall, and 9 2007 0263 FH – The erection of extensions (amended scheme 2nd) at 5 Harpur Avenue, Ticknall.

384/07 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 2007

Resolved: These were approved as a true record.

385/07 Clerk's Report:

- a) Quick planting – these have been planted, when weather is better will be sprayed and cut back.
- b) Scalpings for The Grange car park – some available from 16th April 2007 from JC Balls, £4.50 per ton plus VAT. 60 tons required.
- c) The application for Quality Accreditation has been sent to DALC.
- d) The Clerk has liaised with SDDC and the shop for some biodegradable bags to be sold to line the brown bins. These are sold at 10p each which is very much cheaper than other outlets. The shop is unsure whether to take up this for the village. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of purchasing some from SDDC and putting these into the shop to see how these are taken up.

Resolved: The Clerk would purchase £50 of bags and if and when these are sold the shop would reimburse the Parish Council.

- e) A stretch of the A514 by St Brides Farm will be closed to traffic between 4th and 27th April 2007.

Resolved: The Shop will be informed of the road closure.

386/07 Matters brought from Surgery and Public Participation:

- a) A member of the public brought it to the Parish Council's attention that trees and bushes were, in some parts of the village, especially on High Street, Ashby Road, and Main Street in need of pruning. Passage passed these bushes is made impossible on the narrow pavements.
- b) A complaint was made that the footpaths on High Street and Ashby Road were full of potholes and were dangerous. These need attention urgently.

- c) Cars on High Street and Ashby Road are frequently parked on the pavement making it impossible to pass with baby buggies and wheelchairs.
- d) The grass verges adjacent to Ingleby Lane and just past the bridge have been badly damaged by the Electric Contractors and need reinstating.

Resolved:

- a) To advise the resident that photographic evidence is need regarding the cars parked on the pavement and the police to be informed.
- b) To report the pruning of trees and bushes to DCC and to put a reminder into the June Parish Magazine to ask residents to kindly keep the foliage pruned back.
- c) To report the potholes to DCC.
- d) To report the verge damage to DCC.

387/07 Midlands Rural Housing – Local Housing Need in Ticknall

Miles King of Midlands Rural Housing came to the meeting to explain the purpose of the requirement of a housing survey in Ticknall. It is a government initiative brought about when the government decided that there was a shortage of 50,000 affordable rural houses. A survey is being carried out in the south of the district in villages in the area, including Ticknall. In partnership with the Parish and District Councils Midlands Rural Housing will send a questionnaire to every house in Ticknall, and asking the residents to return these so that statistics can be acquired. The form will ask some general questions which will help the District Council to compile a detailed profile of Ticknall residents, migration patterns and also some general points regarding life in the village. It will also establish whether there are people in the village with a housing need. If there were a need the District Council would then commit to providing for that need. If land could be found some houses could be built, by a Housing Association. These schemes usually build no more than 6 houses and are usually part owned by the tenant who must either live in Ticknall or have strong connections to it. If the houses are sold these are sold back to the housing association and they are committed to selling these only to local residents who either live in the village or have strong connection to it in perpetuity.

Resolved: To support the proposal and to put a piece about the survey into the June newsletter, which will be followed up by a Questionnaire, sent to every house in mid to late June.

388/07 Parish Council Storage/Office

The Parish Council has written to the Village Hall Committee with a request that in the short term space could be found to install a 3 drawer filing cabinet to store Parish Council files in the Village Hall and in the long term provide space for a Parish Council office pointing out that the village hall is a community building. The Parish Council currently has its office in the home of the Clerk. It is not an ideal arrangement either for the public who need access or to the Clerk, who in future might live outside of Ticknall. A positive reply has been received, that we can put a filing cabinet in the building and they will consider providing office space in the future.

389/07 The Grange and Pavilion Matters:

- a) Quotes for boundaries and hedges - These are being sought and will be provided in due course.

390/07 Clerk's Pay Review

Defer until next meeting.

391/07 Finance

- a) Receipts since last meeting:

SDDC – Lengthsman’s reimbursement 06/07	£558.23
HM Customs & Excise – VAT reimbursement 06/07	£376.23
DCC – Footpaths reimbursement 06/07	£65.80
b) Payments since last meeting:	
Norclean – cleaning pavilion £195.00, VAT £34.14	£229.14 ch 605
Powergen – pavilion electricity £	£184.68 ch 606
Society of Local Council Clerks – Practitioners Guide	£22.99 ch 608
SDDC – Sweeping footways £508.23 , £99.95 VAT	£597.18 ch 607
Mr. Dainty – painting the exterior of the pavilion	£1,593.00 ch 609
c) Payments for approval:	
C. Bunston – Clerk’s Salary to 5 th March 2007	
£365.44 – PAYE £35.10	£330.34 ch 610
C. Bunston – Clerk’s salary to 5 th April 2007	
£121.81– PAYE £10.70	£111.11 ch 611
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE, Feb £19.40,	
Mar 35.10, Apr £10.70, 2007	£65.20 ch 612
C. Bunston expenses	
Pavilion materials £5.55, Stationery £5.47, Post £11.06	£22.08 ch 613
DALC – Subscription 01-04-07 to 31-03-08	£150.60 ch 614
SDDC – Playing Field & Premises rates	£156.56 ch 615
Since Agenda	
R. Parker – work on the Grange car park	£51.00 ch 616
J. Dumelow – refund for cost of rails for veranda	£237.00 ch 617
R. Lowe – repair to toilet in pavilion £42.50, £7.43 VAT	£49.93 ch 618
Norclean – cleaning pavilion £130.00, £22.76 VAT	£152.76 ch 619

Resolved: That the above payments could be made.

- e) Purchase of upgraded computer: Upgrading the computer was discussed to enable the Parish Council to download planning applications, however, it has been found that the agreed specification is high enough to enable plans to be downloaded. Therefore as resolved at a previous meeting a computer can be purchased.

392/07 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications:

- 9 2007 0173 FH – The demolition of conservatory and erection of an extension Honeysuckle Barn, 138 Main Street, Ticknall. No comments.
- 9 2007 0239 L – The replacement of six window frames and two door frames at 39 High Street, Ticknall. No comments.
- 9 2007 0263 FH – The erection of extensions (amended scheme) at 5 Harpur Avenue, Ticknall. No quorum
- 9 2007 0313 F – The erection of a dwelling at Land adjoining The Firs, 25 Chapel Street, Ticknall. No quorum
- 9 2007 0252 FH – The installation of replacement doors and windows at 38 Main Street, Ticknall. No comments.
- 9 2007 0309 TC – The felling of 3 conifers at 2 High Street, Ticknall. No comments.
- 9 2007 0263 FH – The erection of extensions (amended scheme 2nd) at 5 Harpur Avenue, Ticknall. No quorum.

b) Planning Decisions:

9 2007 0012 F – The erection of a dwelling at land adjoining The Firs, 25 Chapel Street, Ticknall. **REFUSED** for one reason.

9 2007 0064 TC – The felling of an Ash Tree at Archway Cottage, 86 Main Street, Ticknall. **GRANTED**.

9 2007 0089 TC – The felling of conifer trees at 6 Bantons Lane, Ticknall. **GRANTED**.

9 2006 1471 L – Installation of central heating system including external boiler flue at Sheffield House, High Street, Ticknall. **GRANTED** subject to 2 conditions.

9 2006 1478 F – The erection of a replacement dwelling at Hemsley Barn Cottage, The Common, Ticknall. **GRANTED** subject to 9 conditions.

Appeal Decisions

APP/F1040/A/06/2023911 – 9 2006 0256 F – Conversion of existing buildings to residential and retaining some as commercial use plus one new dwelling at The Harpur Crewe Estate Yard, Main Street, Ticknall.

Appeal allowed, and planning permission granted subject to conditions set out in the Formal Decision.

APP/F1040/E/06/2023919 – 9 2006 0275 L – Conversion of existing buildings to residential and retaining some as commercial use at The Harpur Crewe Estate Yard, Main Street, Ticknall.

Appeal allowed, and listed building consent is granted in the terms set out in the Formal Decision.

Appeal documents circulated to Parish Councillors.

393/07 Responsibilities of Councillors – expand list of responsibilities that Councillors are expected to take.

The Chairman distributed a document and asked the councillors to consider this before the next meeting.

Resolved: To put the matter onto the next agenda.

394/07 Correspondence:

- 1) SDDC – Sustainability of the Post Office network within South Derbyshire
- 2) Audit Commission – Appointment of external auditor
- 3) Gerald Baker – expressing his thanks to the Parish Council for the donation for the collection boxes.
- 4) Postwatch – Post office closures.

Resolved: Item 1 and 4 should be distributed to the Parish Councillors.

395/07 Reports to Note:

- a) DALC – ‘Our Common Land’, Social evening for Parish Council Clerks and Staff on 18 June 2007, Circular 05/2007 General, 06/2007 Parish Plan Surgeries, 07/2007 Local Council Review Subscriber Form, 08/2007 Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund, 09/2007 Code of Practice on Local Authority Publicity in run up to an Election.
- b) Emraf – The East Midlands Rural Action Plan.
- c) SDDC – Standards Committee – agenda for meeting on 19 March 2007.
- d) SDDC – Late item for the agenda of the Special Council meeting on 20 March 2007.
- e) Clerks & Councils Direct – Update and renewal form.

Resolved: to note the reports.

396/06 Reports from representatives to outside bodies:

It was reported that the wire meshing attached to two of the kissing gates on footpath 8 are disintegrating.

Resolved: These will be inspected by Cllr Parker and repaired as required.

It was reported that there was still some glass on the Grange where the old storage container was situated.

Resolved: To contact the Chair of the Cricket Club to ask that it be removed as soon as possible.

A length of telegraph poles have been installed along The Scaddows, these are unsightly and a visual hazard.

Resolved: To contact the Highways Authority for an explanation of why this position on the highway was chosen.

396/06 Date of next meetings:

Tuesday 15th May, the AGM starting at 6.30pm and followed by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 8.00pm.

Tuesday 26th June at 7.30 pm preceded by a Councillor Surgery at 7.00 pm

Tuesday 31st July at 7.30 pm preceded by a Councillor Surgery at 7.00 pm

Tuesday 18th September at 7.30 pm preceded by a Councillor Surgery at 7.00 pm