

OVER HADDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: Mrs Penny Aitken,
Lathkil Bank Cottage, Dale Road, Over Haddon, DE45 1JE

**Minutes of Meeting held at Over Haddon Village Hall
on Monday 25 September 2006 at 8 pm**

Present: Bob Osborn Tricia Gillis Frank Parker
 Dick Foxon Penny Aitken

Apologies: Colin Nicol

1. Open Forum – no external visitors were present.

2. Previous Minutes

Frank Parker had been omitted from the list of those present. His name to be added as present. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Ongoing Issues – see previous minutes

Alterations to Monyash Road Junction.

As agreed at the last meeting, RF had written to DDC informing them that villagers are opposing the plans. This was copied to our MP, Judith Twigg and Martin Pearce. PA had spoken to Brian Thompson of PDNPA who had informed her that the plans for the junction have since altered again. The build out will still take place, 1 extra street light will be added and the pavements will be replaced with verges. The planned chevrons have been removed from the plans. The council agreed that they would like to see the amended plans and expressed its disappointment at the need for any alteration at all. The council reiterated its disagreement with the idea of the alteration which it expressed at the outset. RF agreed that he would contact Brian Thompson requesting confirmation of the information conveyed to the clerk. Frank Parker also raised the overgrown foliage at the corner of Main Street which is also causing vehicles to swing wide when turning the corner. FP to contact Mr Pearce.

Land Ownership

Nothing else to report

Footpaths

A letter containing action points from the Parish Council AGM had been received from Gill Millward of DDDC.

Footpath 7 (Dale Road) : During the week beginning 25/9/2006, DDDC rights of way officers will be conducting a site visit to assess the state of the middle section of the footpath.

Footpaths 20/21 (At the side of Dale View and beside the Lathkil Hotel). DDDC acknowledge the Parish Council's concern with the dangers on these footpaths. Both these routes will be checked and DDDC are investigating their closure. DDDC hopes to consult with the landowners by the end of 2006.

Gateposts on the Monyash Road.

A letter from Sandra Harrop of PDNPA was received on 17 August 2006. Their decision is that no breaches have taken place as the gateposts are under 2m in height and therefore do not require planning permission. RF pointed out that the rules state that planning permission is required for gateposts over 1m when adjoining a highway, but not for gateposts 'elsewhere'. PDNPA have taken the view that these gateposts are 'elsewhere'. RF suggested a final letter expressing the council's disappointment and that the kerb height should also be pointed out.

Info Board in car park

Following the 'open evening' when plans for the information board were available for inspection, RF had a meeting with Ben Ls Bas of English Nature. Ben hopes to have this in place before Christmas 2006. PG suggested that the final design be made available before installation in order to check that all the mistakes previously highlighted have been corrected.

Gritting Routes

A letter to be sent to DCC querying the decision not to grit Main Street and asking them to clarify their claim that other secondary routes took priority for gritting.

Parish Plan

6 names are now on the list of parties interested in contributing to this project.

4. Planning Applications and Reports

NP/DDD/0906/0806 Replace flat roof at rear of cottage with a pitched roof. Lathkil Bank Cottage, Over Haddon.

The council had no objections.

5. Financial Report

Deposit Account. Balance £3022.80 @ 28 July 2006

Current Account. Balance £1547.05 @ 28 July 2006

Tree surgery quotes

Quotes from N & G Tomlinson and Tree Tech had been received. After assessing the quotes, it was agreed to employ N & G Tomlinson to do the work. RF to contact Neil.

Cheque no 000214 for £250 made out to The Chinese Firework Company Ltd was signed.

Clerk Salary Review and reclaiming of VAT.

PA and RF still to look into the reclaiming of VAT.

Action: PA,RF

6. Other Reports

Request from PDNPA for an opinion from OHPC on copy letter dated 7 June 2006 from Antony Aspbury Associates regarding agricultural building on New Close Lane.

The council agreed a reply that states that if PDNPA is of the opinion that the planning condition is not being breached, then the Parish Council is happy to accept the

decision. If the PDNPA consider a breach is taking place, then they must take action. In addition to this, it is the understanding of the Parish Council that stabling of horses does not constitute agricultural use and request that PDNPA clarifies its position on this.

7. Correspondence for Discussion

Letters received from:

Alison Miller – Transport to Lady Manners School - The Parish Council supports Alison's efforts and has written vociferously to the DCC in the past on this matter. The Council is of the opinion that DDC's decision that the route is not dangerous is ludicrous.

DDDC – Electoral Registration Canvass 2006, The Gambling Act 2005 – Licensing Statement of Principles. PG reported that the act is not applicable to the Parish Council.

DDDC – Fly tipping and abandoned vehicles; don't let the dates be a dump. Booklets. RO reported that no action is required on this.

Derbyshire Constabulary – Annual Report 2005-2006. CN had left a summary of the report with RF as he could not be present. RF read the summary and report to be filed.

DALC – Circulars 30,31,32 & 33/2006. RF reported on their contents. To be filed.

DALC – Annual Report 2006/6 & Agenda for Annual General Meeting for 09/09/2006. FP will report on it at the next meeting.

DDDC – Corporate Plan 2006/07, Dignity & Respect for All Policy & Strategy for Play for the Derbyshire Dales. PG reported that funding is available for playground equipment, but as no land is available in the village for a playground, it does not apply. It was suggested that an application be made for a bouncy council. Action:PG

English Nature – Annual Report 2005/06. RF reported on the contents. To be filed.

8. Exchange of Information

PDNPA leasing of woodland on old village dump know as Jubilee Copse.

PDNPA are shown on the deeds as leasing this from the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent. No rent has been received for several years. This is to be investigated.

Action:PA

Parish Council Election Year in 2007.

Information on this is to be included in the village newsletter.

Peak Park Parishes Day

RF reported on this. Planning had a large emphasis. RF had been very impressed on a talk on the PDNPA's Vision Project with regard to conservation of flora on road verges. RF to contact Rebekah Newman the VP Project Officer at PDNPA.

9. AOB

PA reported that a letter had been received from Rick and Alex requesting an allotment.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th November 2006.