

**MINUTES OF DOVERIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN**

**Date: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006**

**Present:** Cllrs: Hewson-Stoate (Chairman), Brindley, Bryan, Jarville, Stubbs, Trenner, Watkins and Carter (Clerk).

**Members of the Public:** Two members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Wilshaw and C. Cllr Lewer.

<b>Min No Originator Month</b>	<b>Title and Description</b>	<b>Action / Decision</b>	<b>Who / When</b>	<b>Proposer / Seconder</b>	<b>P / C</b>
		The chairman asked if any member of the public wished to speak, Mr B Mardling referred to the letter from Doveridge Tennis Club 2000 dated 4/3/06 in respect of the proposal to provide some screening of the tennis courts by planting a number of trees along the south and west boundaries. The Chairman responded that the Clerk had written to the four property owners in Cavendish Close facing the courts and three had said they had no objections to limited tree planting. Cllr Watkins said the Council had discussed the question of tree planting last year and decided to plant a climber on the boundary fence. Cllr Stubbs asked whether trees rather than a climber were the best means of screening the courts. Mr Mardling said that it was always part of the scheme to plant trees and he had consulted the property owners who did not object to the proposal, he said the type of trees would be Mountain Ash/Maple up to a maximum of five. He confirmed that the tennis club were prepared to plant and maintain the trees at no cost to the Parish Council. Cllr Brindley proposed acceptance on this basis and Cllr Jarville agreed, all Cllrs agreed in principle with the exception of Cllr Watkins who did not agree. The Chairman proposed that Mr Mardling put pegs in the proposed tree positions to enable Cllrs to inspect the locations and the Parish Council would respond within 7 days.	All Cllrs Clerk	Cllr Brindley Cllr Jarville	
06/1	<b>Matter raised by Members of the Public – Letter from Doveridge Cricket Club</b>	The Chairman explained that the football winter league clubs had unilaterally turned the football pitch to face the opposite direction and this had been discussed at the recent Sports Committee meeting. The reason cited for this was the poor state of the playing field surface near to the village hall. An urgent site meeting was called by the Chairman on 17/2/06 attended by Cllrs Hewson-Stoate, Stubbs, Trenner, Watkins and Watkins, it was agreed to engage SJL Landscapes to undertake the repair work at a price of £220 plus VAT. It was expected that the work would be undertaken on Thurs 2/3/06. Cllrs Brindley, Bryan and Jarville were consulted by telephone and agreed to this action. This will enable the pitch to be turned around to the previous positions and allow the cricket club to lay the Flix pitch. The Clerk was asked to write to the football clubs asking them to turn the pitch by the end of March 2006. The Clerk referred to the Letter from Miss Dickinson dated 27/2/06 complaining that the	Clerk	Cllr Hewson-Stoate Cllr Watkins	P

		football goal was again facing her garden with the subsequent problem of footballs entering her garden.			
05/50	<b>Matter raised by Members of the Public – Security &amp; Safety Issues around the Village Hall (re: letter from Village Hall Committee dated 14/10/05)</b>	The Chairman said that a Planning Application had been submitted for the new fencing. Some confusion has resulted by the DDDC writing to all property owners around the playing field giving the impression that the new fencing was around the whole of the playing field. The Chairman said he had written to these residents informing them that the proposed fence was along the wall adjacent to the village hall.	Clerk		P
05/22	<b>Annual Balance Sheet</b>	The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had completed the 2004/05 audit of Annual Accounts.			C
05/23	<b>Approval of Minutes from 1st Feb 2006</b>	It was agreed that the minutes should be adopted as a true record.		Cllr Watkins Cllr Stubbs	C
	<b>ON-GOING BUSINESS</b>				
99/36	<b>New Tennis Courts</b>	A meeting is still to be arranged	Cllr Hewson-Stoate The Clerk		P
02/09	<b>Community Response for Civil Emergency</b>	It was noted that the 6 month up-date is now due. Cllr Jarville agreed to put a notice in the Parish News and to advise DDDC that the Plan for Doveridge has been completed. Cllr Watkins will arrange to put notice on website stating that the official copies are held by the Chairman and the Clerk. The 3 copies held still need to be sealed	Cllr Jarville Cllr Hewson-Stoate Cllr Watkins Clerk		P
03/37	<b>Land at the rear of Meadow View – Land proposed by the Contractor to construct a play area</b>	Mrs B Taylor raised the question of Meadow View she reported that a number of workman had appeared last week and seemed to be determining the fence line. Cllr Watkins said DDDC would be taking action to enforce Cameron Homes to complete the remedial work. The Chairman read out the remedial work specification and Cllr Brindley confirmed that DDDC were trying hard to get the work undertaken by Cameron Homes.	Clerk		P
	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>				
04/38	<b>Parish Website</b>	Cllr Watkins gave an up-date on progress and said she would be meeting Eric Roy next week. She confirmed that nothing had been received from Doveridge Preservation Society. She also suggested that perhaps a prize could be awarded for the best entry for providing a short history of Doveridge for inclusion on the Parish Website. All Cllrs present thought this was a really good idea and it was agreed to put notices on both the website and the Parish News.	Cllr Watkins		P
05/11	<b>Condition of Scout Hut</b>	The Clerk reported that he had received a letter dated 17/2/06 from the Chairman of the Uttoxeter Scout Group stating that a price had been agreed with a contractor for demolishing the scout hut.	Clerk		P
05/26	<b>Mowing – Playing Field</b>	The Clerk reported that the strimming work still needed to be undertaken.	Clerk		P

05/35	<b>Letter re: State of Old Marston Lane</b>	The Clerk reported that he had written to Neil Hickman at DCC on 1/2/06 and was still waiting a response.	Clerk		P
05/45	<b>Proposed Purchase of 6 No Benches for Placement Outside the Pavilion</b>	The Clerk reported that he had sought quotations on 8/2/06 for erecting and fixing the benches but had not received any responses. Cllr Stubbs said he hadn't responded because he did not have a power drill capable of drilling the fixing bolt holes. He also pointed out that the sketch of the bench was missing from the information supplied. The Clerk said he arrange to forward the sketch	Clerk		P
05/46	<b>Overgrown Conifer on the corner Cook Lane/Hawthorn Close. Loose Stile - End of Pump Lane</b>	a) It was pointed out that the conifer had been cut again – this item is now complete. b) The loose stile footstone is still to re-grouted. Cllr Stubbs said he would re-grout if the cement could be provided, Cllr Hewson-Stoute felt that silicon sealant would be the best solution and both agreed to arrange to undertake the work.	Cllr Hewson-Stoate Cllr Stubbs Clerk		P
05/57	<b>Potential New Allotment</b>	Cllrs Stubbs and Trenner declared an interest in this item and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. The Clerk circulated the summary of the 3 quotations received for ground preparation works. Cllr Hewson-Stoate proposed acceptance of the quotation from SJL Landscapes, being the most competitive, whilst meeting the requirements. He also suggested that the new allotment holders be given 1 year rent free in recognition of the work required and that a year's notice given to existing allotment holders of an increase in rents from 2007. Cllr Watkins seconded the proposal and all remaining Cllrs agreed.	Clerk	Cllr Hewson-Stoate Cllr Watkins	P
05/58	<b>Bus Shelter – Alms Road</b>	The Clerk confirmed that he had written to DCC on 8 /2/06 declining their offer of a grant to convert from solar to mains electricity and requesting they try to improve the existing lighting level from the solar panel.	Clerk		P
05/59	<b>Proposed Emergency and Minor Works Call-Off Contract</b>	The Clerk reported that he had not yet approached SJL Landscapes or any other local companies considered suitable.	Clerk		P
06/3	<b>Proposal for Sub Group to Oversee Play Equipment Maintenance &amp; Replacement</b>	The Clerk reported that no response to-date had been received from Peter Walker, Grounds Maintenance Operations Manager, DDDC. The Clerk was asked to follow up the matter.	Clerk		P
06/4	<b>Letter from Robin Brown re Tenancy Agreement – 7 Alms Road</b>	The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Mr Brown on 8/2/06 confirming the PC's agreement to surrender of the Tenancy Agreement, subject to re-instatement of the land and erection of new fence. Mr Brown subsequently responded on 13/2/06 pointing out that under the terms of the Agreement he had no obligation other than to erect and maintain a stock proof fence dividing the said land from the playing field such fence at determination of the tenancy to become the property of the Council. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write accepting immediate surrender in accordance with the agreement.	Clerk		P
	<b>Various Items of Correspondence</b>	The Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence : a) Letter dated 30/1/05 from Patricia Lee referring to parking problems in Pump Lane/High Street. Cllrs discussed the letter and whilst recognising there was a parking problem did not consider that painting yellow lines was the best			C



	<b>05/01093/LBALT</b>	Alterations to listed building – single storey extension - Mr & Mrs Fullagar, Garden Cottage, Brocksford			
	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>				
	<b>February</b>	<p>a) Letter dated 30/1/06 from Patricia Lee re: parking problems Pump Lane/High Street.</p> <p>b) DCC letter dated 7/2/06 - Parish Events within the Highway.</p> <p>c) Letter dated 8/2/06 from Mrs Smith re: condition of pavement Hawthorn Close.</p> <p>d) Nottingham East Midlands Airport – Draft Master Plan &amp; letter dated 9/2/06.</p> <p>e) DDDC – Planning Application Acknowledgement dated 14/2/06 for erection of 2.8 m high fence along boundary wall for DPC.</p> <p>f) Notification from Alliance Leicester re changes to depositing at the Post Office.</p> <p>g) DCC – Teenage Safety Campaign Poster.</p> <p>h) Letter dated 20/2/06 from Doveridge Cricket Club, Junior Section seeking financial support.</p> <p>i) DALC Circular 10/2006 - Subscription renewal from 1/4/06 to 31/3/07.</p> <p>j) DALC, Association of Burial Authorities - Subscription 2006/7</p> <p>k l) DALC letter dated 12/1/06 re launch of DALC Website on 1/4/06.</p> <p>m) DDDC - Housing Needs Survey 2006.</p> <p>n) Crime &amp; Disorder Reduction Partnership Community Safety Panel Meeting Thursday 9/3/06 at Matlock.</p> <p>o) Letter dated 17/2/06 from Uttoxeter Scout Group re removal of old scout hut.</p> <p>p) DCC – Condition of Public Rights of Way Network.</p> <p>q) Letter dated 22/2/06 from Doveridge Preservation Society re parking on pavements /verges.</p> <p>r) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Subscription renewal.</p> <p>s) Letter dated 27/2/06 from Joan &amp; Alan Holmes re verges.</p> <p>t) Letter dated 27/2/06 from Helen Dickinson re footballs in garden after turning round football pitch.) DALC Circular 09/2006 - General Circular.</p>			C

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06/9	<b>Accounts for Approval</b>	<p>The following accounts were submitted for approval :</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Min No</th> <th>Cheque No</th> <th>Made Payable to</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Vat</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1197</td> <td>SO</td> <td>Clerks Emolument for Feb</td> <td>£228.66</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1198</td> <td>1070</td> <td>Cash</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1199</td> <td>1071</td> <td>Powergen</td> <td>£35.32</td> <td>£1.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1200</td> <td>1072</td> <td>J Bullock</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1201</td> <td>1073</td> <td>Village Hall Committee</td> <td>£8.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1202</td> <td>1074</td> <td>DALC</td> <td>£40.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Income</b>  Doveridge Senior &amp; Junior Football Clubs Ground Rent (05/06)    £300.00</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Hewson-Stoate &amp; seconded by Cllr Stubbs All Cllrs present agreed</p>			Min No	Cheque No	Made Payable to	Amount	Vat	1197	SO	Clerks Emolument for Feb	£228.66		1198	1070	Cash	£50.00		1199	1071	Powergen	£35.32	£1.77	1200	1072	J Bullock	£50.00		1201	1073	Village Hall Committee	£8.00		1202	1074	DALC	£40.00		Cllr Hewson-Stoate Cllr Stubbs	C
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The date of the next meeting is 5 April 2006 to be held in the Village Hall Kitchen.

**Signature of Chairman** ..... **Date** .....