

DEBENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning and Finance meeting held on Monday January 10th 2011, at 7:30, Dove Cottage.

Present: Cllr L Cockerton (Chair), Cllr F Winrow-Giffin (Vice-chair), Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr I Baldwin, Cllr J Parnell, Cllr S Pyett, Cllr D Hughes, Cllr C Hellier, District Councillor K Guthrie, Mrs D Bedwell (Clerk) and four members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr L Stock and Cllr K Voller
- 2. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the agenda and additions to register:** Cllr Hughes declared an interest on items 5.1 and 8.4; Cllr Pyett on item 9.3; Cllr Hellier on items 10 and 16; Cllr Parnell on items 9.2 and 9.3; Cllr Blackwell on item 8.4
- 3. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Some of the members of the public had been present at the Parish Surgery which had taken place on January 8th and expressed their concern at the proposed termination of the Framsdon bus service from April 2011. They believed this was a good opportunity for Debenham to become a hub for transport. District Councillor Guthrie referred to the report from the Transport Committee (November 2010) in which it was stated that there was a number that the public could ring for collection of passengers from Framsdon. Members of the public felt that this was a good time to take the opportunity to make positive changes. Stonham Aspall also suffered from a service that was considered poor and that local villages could access Debenham rather than Ipswich as a more accessible centre of services.
- 4. To approve Minutes of the meetings held November 8th and December 13th 2010:** As Cllrs did not feel that they had had sufficient time to go through the minutes, these were deferred to the next meeting.
- 5. Planning :**
 1. To consider applications for recommendation to MSDC :
 - (i) 2780/10 The Cherry Tree Inn-alterations to and continued use of public house: *Cllr Hughes left the room at 7:50pm (declaration of interest)*. The Council re-iterated their position with regards to this application and felt strongly about the fact that the refurbishment of the Public House should be conditional to the sale of the new dwellings. It was also felt that this application should be considered alongside the application for the development of The Garage on the other side of Cherry Tree Green. As well as re-iterating the points already raised and forwarded to MSDC, Cllr Baldwin proposed re-iterating the need for landscaping along Deben Rise boundary (point 8 of previous letter sent to MSDC Planning), to take into consideration the increased activity at the Garage site and the parking, exit and entry to the development. This was seconded by Cllr Hellier and agreed by all remaining Cllrs.
Cllr Hughes returned to the meeting.
 2. Approvals/refusals received from MSDC:

- (i) 3652/10 Works to Ash tree at 43 High Street- the planning authority did not wish to object to the proposed works.
 - (ii) 3549/10 Removal of a large Lyendii tree in rear garden at 56 high Street - the planning authority did not wish to object to the proposed removal.
 - (iii) 3403/10 Retention of rooflight and flue at 31 Chancery Lane-planning permission had been refused.
3. Planning correspondence:
- (i) 1899/10 2 Great Back Lane- Erection of one and a half storey detached 2 bed dwelling and 2014/10 at same address for demolition of exiting wall within a Conservation area- an appeal had been made to the planning inspectorate relating to both proposals.

6. **Provision for teenagers in Debenham-Update**

1. Youth shelter: The Council felt it very unsatisfactory that a response from the DLC had not been received by the proposed deadline 9 January. The Clerk reported she had telephoned the DLC Chairman and been informed a Trustees meeting was to be held during the following week to discuss the Skate park and Youth Shelter project. Members suggested it may help their discussions if a parish councillor and Project D representative attended to answer any queries. The Clerk was asked to write to all Trustees with the suggestion and requesting a response to the Project D proposal submitted last October by the next parish council meeting on 17 January, letter copied to the District and County Councillor and Mr C Fry at MSDC.

Meeting open to allow District Cllr Guthrie to speak. Stranding orders suspended.
District Cllr Guthrie stated that MSDC had always made it very clear that the DLC was a community centre and that the funding given was for the community.

Meeting closed to the public and standing orders re-instated.

2. Skate park : (see above)
3. Youth Council Launch – Ice Rink event Friday 28th and Saturday 29 January.
The rink would be located at the High School because of the parking issues with the Pantomime and for security overnight (it was lockable).
The plan was to open 4-10pm on the Friday. 4-5pm would be Children's Centre exclusive use, 5-7pm open skate, 7-10pm young persons Ice Disco. On Saturday opening would be 11-5pm, with exclusive use 11-12pm for Children's Centre and then open skate.
Project D were hoping to sell tickets in advance and the pricing strategy would add an incentive £3 concessions/ £4 adult (price will be £1 hire on the door). It was believed there would be a family rate. Price would include 30 minutes skating and skate hire. The Youth Club would be open for refreshments and toilet facilities. A letter would be going out to local businesses to offer advertising/ sponsorship opportunities and contact was being made with the local press and radio stations.

7. To consider SCC proposed budget cuts for 2011, collaboration with Town and Parish

Councils and possible divestment of services- a letter had recently been received from a local resident in which they expressed their concerns about the cuts to the bus services. The Council felt that the cost cutting exercise being proposed appeared to be aimed at the vulnerable members of the public rather than the section of high earning individuals that had previously been referred to. The Clerk was asked to confirm that the publication received from Salc was for the public domain and, if so, to include it on the website, drawing the public's attention to the cuts that may affect Debenham . These concerned the proposed closure of household waste sites, holiday clubs, youth provision, the library, the elderly and transport, to name but a few.

The Clerk was asked to obtain details of the SCC subsidy for the bus service and the youth club.

It was reported that Andrea Hill, SCC's CEO, would be attending a meeting in Winston the following Monday. Cllr Hughes proposed that Mr Tony Hutt was asked whether he could arrange for the meeting to be webcast as it was expected that a large number of residents, not just from Debenham but also from neighbouring villages, would be interested in the contents of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Blackwell and agreed by all.

8. Finance

1. RFO report, including external audit report for 2009/2010: RFO report attached to the minutes. Awaiting external auditors report following receipt of annual return.
2. To consider issue of a standard funding application form-deferred to the February meeting.
3. To consider budget and precept proposals 2010/2011: to be finalised at meeting on 17 January.
4. To consider funding for projects put forward by DVH&PFT: There was a considerable difference (just over £2000) between the different quotes for the new community centre windows. The Council wished to know if the specification sent to all the different companies had been the same and, if so, what was the justification for the difference between them. The Council was prepared to give these quotes positive consideration and would do so once all the relevant information was received by the Clerk.
5. To consider Risk Assessment 2010/11: deferred to next meeting
6. Any other finance business: No other finance matters to report.

9. Allotments:

1. Provision of Notice Board-update: deferred.
2. Provision of additional allotments: deferred.
3. Agricultural Holding Update: deferred.

10. SK8499 – Awaiting confirmation of completion of transfer from MSDC.

- 11. Chair's urgent business:** any items not listed on this agenda but of such urgency as to merit, in the Chair's opinion, immediate action. The Chair thanked Cllrs Blackwell and Stock for taking down and removing the Christmas tree from the Churchyard. The Chair had also received further correspondence from Mr Mahood regarding his correspondence with Mrs Morley (Chair of DVH&PFT). Such correspondence would be circulated to the Council.

12. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: no public.

13. **Any other business:** information exchange/agenda requests only: Cllr Hellier reported that she had contacted Mr Terry Willington (MSDC) regarding the recently cut down tree at Moores Close and the tree that had been crudely cut back in Lock Green Close. Mr Willington had replied that he had a similar problem with tree work in Eye and he would be meeting with his contractors in order to find out what had happened. Concerns had been raised over car parking issues in Low Road outside the Doctor's Surgery. As there was already a meeting organised to discuss the findings of the parking questionnaire, this matter would be further discussed at that point.
14. **Date of next meeting:** January 17th 2011 – Ordinary
15. **Temporary exclusion of press and public:** *That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission at meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.*
16. **SK8499:** update including Lower Gardeners Road and any other items

There being no further matters to be transacted, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____