

Minutes of the Meeting of the Duddington-With-Fineshade Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st April 2015.

Present:

Mrs S Parsons (Chairman)
Mrs S Hackett
Mr J Hurst
Mr R Holder
Miss J Noton
Mrs Scott

Mr Richard Reed – Clerk

PCSO Northamptonshire Police

There were three residents present.

2015/017 Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs George & Cllr. Maunder-Taylor. County Cllr. Heather Smith.

2015/018 Declarations of interest

None

2015/019 Police Matters

To allow the Police Officer to return to duties, the Chairman brought this item forward. The latest crime events were discussed. Following a number of serious incidents in the area, residents are requested to report any unusual activities in the village.

2015/020 Public time

Mr Jupp requested an update over the Bullimores' application. It was understood that the section 106 agreement was awaited and that this could be some time.

Mr Jupp expressed appreciation for the action taken by Cllr. Mrs Hackett and colleagues in respect of the Forest Holidays application for Fineshade.

Cllr. Mrs Hackett gave an update on the latest meeting of the Development Control Committee and the reasons for refusal.

2015/021 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2015, copies of which had previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs Scott and seconded Cllr. Miss Noton. It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the previous meeting.

2015/022 Matters arising

NCC had been unable to alter the trigger speed of the VAS at Wakerley Crossroads as it would result in the batteries being drained by increased use.

ENC's response regarding the replacement of Collyweston slate by artificial items at Yew Tree House was discussed. It was agreed that a further letter be sent to David Reed at ENC stating that Collyweston slate is to be used on all visible roofs with artificial being acceptable on others. A copy of ENC's policy is also to be requested. **Action: Clerk**

2015/023 Estate Matters

No report had been received from Adam Farnsworth.

2015/024 Forest Holidays Update

Dealt with under item 2015/020

2015/025 Playground 2nd Phase

In the absence of Cllr. Maunder Taylor, the Clerk gave an update of the current situation.

2015/026 Parish Council Elections

The Clerk had nomination papers available but confirmed that the electronic version sent in mid-March was acceptable. He reminded all of the deadline of 4:00pm Thursday 9th April 2015 and that the papers had to be handed in.

2015/027 Correspondence

Items of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting were considered.

2015/028 Planning issues

- a) The following applications were considered:
15/00457/LBC Manor Farm roof strengthening and wall stitching. No objections.
15/00584/FUL Camping, Fineshade. Object as for previous Glamping proposal.

Chairman

Date

15/00508/TPO; 15/00607/TPO & 15/00608/TPO. No objections.

- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

2015/029 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the current statement of the accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report.
- (iii) The following invoices were presented and Cllr. Hurst proposed that payment be made and this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs Hackett:
ENC Printing £17.57 Cheque No. 100772 (Retrospective 17.02.15)
E.ON Street light maintenance £8.21 Cheque No. 100773
Augean South Ltd. CTP payment for playground grant £1798.00 Cheque No. 100774
- (iv) E.ON had written to say that the cost of unmetered supply to the street lamps would be increasing by nearly 50% in May. The Clerk had enquired about entering an agreement but the savings would be far outweighed by the standing charges given the low usage.

2015/030 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

It was agreed to seek quotes for a new notice board for Fineshade and approach the Forestry Commission for permission to secure it to the fence as the existing one. **Action: Clerk**

The usual skips would be ordered for the late Spring Bank Holiday. **Action: Clerk**

Grass cutting – it was agreed to continue with D Bates subject to monitoring of his performance.

It was noted that there was a dead sheep on the verge going out of the village to the A47.

2015/031 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20th May 2015. This would be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the AGM.

There being no further urgent business the meeting closed at 9:15pm.