

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF**  
**THE WEST HALLAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2010**  
  
**AT**  
**THE POWTRELL COMMUNITY PAVILION**  
**BEECH LANE RECREATION GROUND, WEST HALLAM**

**PRESENT** Cllr Mrs C Hart (Chair)  
Cllr Mrs H Chapman (Vice Chair)  
Cllr D Adams-Shaw  
Cllr P Byrne  
Cllr A Draycott  
Cllr B King  
Cllr Mrs C Stevenson

Members of the Public: 12

Clerk: Mr P Briggs

Also in Attendance: PC Crooks

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, explained to the meeting that Cllr Bruce Broughton, who had recently been elected to the vacancy on the Parish Council, was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting tonight and accordingly he sent his apologies and looks forward to meeting fellow councillors and residents at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Broughton had been issued with all the appropriate documents and signed the Declaration of Office and a Notification by Member of a Local Authority of Financial and Other Interests.

3134 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs B Harrison and Cllr B Broughton.

3135 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, declared a personal interest in the West Hallam White Rose Cricket Club and the West Hallam Junior Football Club.

Cllr P Byrne declared a personal interest in the West Hallam White Rose Cricket Club.

### 3136 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of a meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council held on Monday 4 January 2010 were approved and signed by the Chair.

The minutes of a meeting of the Newdigate Trustees held on Monday 4 January 2010 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### 3137 EXEMPT ITEMS

It was **RESOLVED** that no item on the agenda should be considered as an exempt item.

### 3138 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- a) In response to a concern of residents regarding two service manhole covers at the Dales Shopping Centre adjacent the Doctors' surgery it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk conduct an enquiry with the Land Registry regarding ownership and to pursue the matter accordingly.
- b) There had been concern about the extent of graffiti on the Community Centre at Station Road. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform Mr R Green of the Community Pay-Back Services that may be used to remove the graffiti.
- c) The Chair explained about the Ward Walk which was recently undertaken by Councillors from EBC and included the Community Centre, the Dales Shopping Centre and Beech Lane.
- d) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, was pleased to report that the Scargill Educational Foundation had recently revised its grants for individuals and groups and that this year (2010) celebrations will centre around John Scargill who came to West Hallam as Rector in 1638 remaining in Office for 23 years and passing away in 1662 at the age of 74 and was responsible for creating the Scargill Educational Foundation.
- e) The meeting was informed about a major re-organisation of the Derbyshire Constabulary whereby the four districts known as A, B, C and D had now been re-organised into three districts 1,2 and 3 and that Erewash will be divided into Derby City and Derby North Policing districts.
- f) There had been a further complaint about an unknown individual placing notices on cars parked at School Square informing the vehicle owner that it was illegal to park at that location. This matter has been dealt with previously by the Parish Council. However it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write an appropriate letter of explanation for delivery to each of the residents in and around School Square, Orchard Close, Beech Lane and Hall Court.

### b) Public Participation

- i) In response to a concern regarding vehicles parking at the junction of Pavilion Court it was **RESOLVED** that an appropriate letter be sent to both the Football and Cricket Clubs explaining about the concerns of residents and asking both Clubs to make arrangements for car parking as described in the Licence Agreements which were recently signed.

On this matter PC Crooks also advised that he will make patrols and deal with any obstruction or inconsiderate parking at that location in the appropriate manner.

It was also **RESOLVED** that Cllr A Draycott take this matter for consideration to the next meeting of the Football Club when he also could obtain a fixture list for PC Crooks.

ii) PC Crooks presented a report on a number of issues that were of a growing concern to him which centred around low level anti-social behaviour and specifically on the footpaths between Staiton Road and Hallam Way and damage to gates at Pavilion Court. Continuing PC Crooks informed the meeting that he will be taking positive action to deal with this low level behaviour and was confident that the concerns will be dealt with in a positive manner.

iii) In response to concerns about dog fouling on footpaths between Station Road and Hallam Way, adjacent the Community Centre and Station Road, Sunninghill Close and Hallam Way and the Beech Lane Recreation Ground it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange to meet with the Warden from EBC to discuss how best the Parish Council can respond to these concerns and to report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

iv) A discussion took place regarding the use of mobile vehicle activated signs and it was reported that DCC have such a sign for use in parishes. With regard to the dates and locations of these signs that would be determined in consultation with the local Community Police Officer, PC Crooks, and he would consult with Speed Watch..

#### 3139 **MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION**

a) With regard to the provision of concrete and/or substantial wooden barriers at the car park at the Powtrel Community Pavilion it was **RESOLVED** this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

b) With regard to the provision of new grit bins at School Square and the Doctors' surgeries it was **RESOLVED** the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

c) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, presented a report on a meeting held with Mr D Johnson of TDG and representatives from West Hallam Parish Council, Stanley and Stanley Common Parish Council and Dale Abbey Parish Council and referred Members to a copy of the minutes of that meeting which was attached to the agenda for reference. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange for an advert to be placed on the Parish Council website and the Community Magazine outlining the procedure to be followed by residents when they see HGVs contravening the Road Traffic Regulations.

d) Following a report by Cllr A Draycott it was **RESOLVED** that the report on a meeting with the West Hallam Junior Football Club be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

e) The Clerk presented a report on the drainage at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain a price for the drainage scheme as reported and to report also on the feasibility of obtaining a grant from the

Football Foundation towards the cost which will be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

f) Members received further information about the provision of VASs and SIDs. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain the cost of the battery for the mobile SIDs and how long the batteries last before they need to be replaced. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, take the information to DCC for further discussion and for the Chair to report back accordingly to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

g) Members received information about the application made to the Accessibility Partnership for the provision of two notice boards in the Parish which was unfortunately unsuccessful. It was **RESOLVED** the correspondence be noted.

h) Members considered further appropriate suggestions for memorials in recognition of the work undertaken by past councillors. It was unanimously agreed that the most appropriate way to recognise the past councillors would be to purchase a bench seat. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Parish Council when Members are to bring to the meeting preferred locations for the bench seat and the preferred inscription on a plaque which would be attached to the bench seat.

i) With regard to the formal recognition of the Parish Council by the Primary Care Trust the Clerk informed the meeting that he had a very productive meeting with a Committee Member of the Pharmacy Committee under the PCT who was very much in support of the Parish Council's proposals and that he was to take that proposal to a meeting on 8 February, after which he will be able to advise the Parish Council further. It was **RESOLVED** the matter be considered further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

j) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, presented a report about an incident whereby a young boy was injured passing through the C gate at the Station Road Recreation Ground and referred to various e-mails from residents regarding these incidents. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Steelcraft remove the steel C gate from the Recreation Ground at Station Road and that the Clerk be given delegated powers to £500 to discuss with Steelcraft the provision of a traditional gate with a spring return.

k) The Clerk informed Members of residents' concerns about the extent of dog fouling at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground and the arrangements that had been made with the Neighbourhood Wardens at EBC in order to respond to this problem. Members were also made aware of concerns regarding the footpaths of Station Road to Hallam Way adjacent the Community Centre and Sunninghill Road and also the footpath at the corner of Bagot Street and Newdigate Street. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange a site meeting with Stephanie Moore, the Neighbourhood Dog Warden from EBC to view these locations and to examine how best the Parish Council and EBC can respond to these concerns, a matter which will be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

l) Members received e-mail correspondence dated 18 January 2010 from the Midlands Rural Housing in respect of affordable housing for local people. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs C Hart, Cllr B King, Cllr P Byrne and Cllr Mrs H Chapman attend the meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 February in the Council Chamber at

Long Eaton Town Hall and to report back on that meeting to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

On a related matter it was also **RESOLVED** that Alison Clamp from the Midlands Rural Housing be invited to attend the July agenda to discuss the results of the survey on Housing Needs in the Rural Villages of Erewash.

m) Members noted meetings of Parish Councils which co-incide with the Bank Holidays in April, May 2010 and January 2011. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the dates planned remain.

n) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, gave a report on the work undertaken by the Community Payback Department at the Powtrell Community Pavilion and the Beech Lane Recreation Ground. The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, also expressed thanks to the Clerk, Mr P Briggs, for the support to the Community Payback Team during the project which was progressing on time and would be completed during the course of the next two to three weeks. It was **RESOLVED** the report be received with thanks.

o) Cllr Mrs C Stevenson reported that she continues to search for grants for play equipment and has recently been in contact with TDG and Tesco's and will report back to the Parish Council appropriately.

p) Members received correspondence dated 22 January 2010 from EBC regarding the Borough Blitz 2010 which will take place between 1<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform Mr Richard Windsor that the Borough Blitz in West Hallam will take place on Saturday 20 March commencing at 10am at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground, West Hallam and that the arrangements necessary to support that event be put in place accordingly. On this matter it was also **RESOLVED** that the Clerk enquire whether the children at Scargill School would wish to participate in this event.

q) Following a report by the Clerk in respect of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council it was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Parish Meeting of West Hallam and the Annual General Meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council will take place on Monday 3 May 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

r) The Clerk presented e-mail correspondence dated 11 January 2010 from DCC confirming that to infill the ends of the bus shelter at Scargill Road would cost £472.00. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk enquire of DCC whether they are prepared to fund half the cost involved. If DCC are unable to provide that funding the Parish Council will fund one end of the bus shelter to be filled in which would be on the western elevation at a cost of something in the order of £235.00.

In order to proceed with this outstanding matter it was **RESOLVED** that the Chair Cllr Mrs C Hart and the Vice Chair, Cllr Mrs H Chapman be given delegated powers to deal with this matter accordingly.

s) Members acknowledged correspondence dated Sunday 24 January 2010 from My Play – their introduction to the Parish Council for works on play equipment and recreation grounds. It was **RESOLVED** the details of the Company be retained on file.

t) The Clerk presented e-mail correspondence dated 29 January 2010 from the Powtrell Community Management Team requesting the Parish Council to contribute to the cost of insurance for the Powtrell Community Pavilion. The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, very kindly elaborated on the finances of the Powtrell Community Management Committee and the savings that could be made if the Insurance Policy was paid in full. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council pay the insurance in full in the sum of £1,057.00 plus a further £100.00 for the purchase of an oil fired electric heater for the new storage room that was now commissioned at the Pavilion.

u) The Clerk presented correspondence dated 27 November 2009 from Grass Track setting out an estimate of costs to necessary repairs to play equipment throughout the Parish in the sum of £988.00 plus VAT. It was **RESOLVED** that in order to comply with insurance inspections the works be carried out as presented.

v) The Clerk presented e-mail correspondence dated 28 January 2010 regarding the NALC Leadership Academies and informed Members that the residential course would cost in the region of £800.00 plus VAT. It was **RESOLVED** the correspondence be noted.

w) On behalf of PCSO James Carroll, the Clerk informed Members that it was intended to produce a polite notice to be displayed at the Bottle Kiln outlining the risks of inappropriate parking at that location to include High Lane West, Kiln Close, St Wilfrid's Road and Mapperley Lane. With regard to the parking outside Scargill School by Parents James will be discussing further with the Headteacher, Mrs Norma Ross plans to distribute a letter about inconsiderate parking to Parents and also to do an assembly with the children with regard to road safety. It was **RESOLVED** the report be received with thanks.

### 3140 **ACCOUNTS**

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Mr P Briggs	£354.00	
Mrs L C Broughton	£118.00	
Mr C Gadsby	£263.00	Litter picking
Grass Track	£720.67	Mowing and maintenance
DCC	£808.50	Dales Shopping Centre
REMCO Signs	£540.50	Removal of lights
Sign Systems	£146.05	Aluminium signs for recreation grounds
B & L Contractors (Midlands) Ltd	£270.25	Lights CCTV and electric plus at PCP
Mr P Briggs	£192.47	Paint, keys and materials for PCP and admin
Scargill C of E Primary School	£25.00	Room hire
Mr B Overton	£90.00	Erection of signs on recreation grounds
Powtrell Community Pavilion	£1157.00	Insurance and heater for PCP

### 3141 **PLANNING**

a) Cllr Mrs H Chapman gave a report on planning applications considered by the Planning Sub-Committee between meetings of the Parish Council as follows:

ERE/0110/0100 – Unit B – Dales Shopping Centre

Provision of external signage

The Parish Council is not opposed to the provision of signs at Unit B at the Dales Shopping Centre but would make the following observations which I hope you find helpful:

The Parish Council would prefer for the new sign to be the same size as the present sign. To ensure that the lighting at the Unit does not become over-bearing in the Dales Shopping Centre the level and colour of the illumination should be the same as at present and restricted to the present hours of operation.

ERE/0110/0001 – 55 Station Road

Two storey side extension

The Parish Council would approve this application subject to neighbourhood consultation.

ERE/0110/0015 – 120 St Wilfrid's Road

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a four bedroomed detached dwelling with Juliet balcony to the rear.

Cllr D Adams-Shaw declared a personal interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision.

The Parish Council would approve this application subject to neighbourhood consultation.

CW8/1209/167 – Area of land off Peveril Crescent (For Severn Trent Water Ltd)

Proposed construction of (replacement) head wall structure, hand railing and steps.

The Parish Council would support this application subject to neighbourhood consultation.

b) For Members to be informed of decisions made by the EBC Planning Committee as follows:

ERE/1109/0026 – West Hallam Methodist Church

Demolition of existing Community Hall and construction of new Community Annex.  
Approved

ERE/1109/0052 – Unit B – Dales Shopping Centre

Alterations to existing shop front – refused.

ERE/1109/0031n – Unit B – Dales Shopping Centre

New storage Building

This application has been deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee at EBC allowing time for further research with regards to whether or not development can take place on the area of land under the proposal. It was **RESOLVED** the reports be noted with thanks.

3142 **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

a) For Members to receive e-mail correspondence dated 19 January 2010 from PC James Carroll, a copy of which is attached to the agenda for reference.

b) For Members to receive reports from HGA for December 2009 and part January 2010, a copy of which is attached to the agenda for information.

c) For Members to receive correspondence from the East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre dated January 2010 which describes the preparation to manage 999 Fire calls across the East Midlands. A copy of the publication is attached to the agenda for information.

d) For Members to receive correspondence dated 14 January 2010 from the West Hallam Village Hall Charity expressing thanks for the cheque for £25.00 which was gratefully acknowledged.

e) For the Clerk to confirm that arrangements have been made for Cllr Mrs C Stevenson and the Clerk to attend the training programme on "First Steps to Funding" on Wednesday 17 February at the Parish Centre Stonegravels, Chesterfield.

f) Members were informed of the fixture list for the third team of the West Hallam White Rose Cricket Club for the season 2010 as follows:

April 24, May 15, May 29, June 12, June 26, July 17, July 24, August 7,  
August 21, September 4 and September 12

g) "The Friday Vibe" organised by EBC for young people between 12 and 19 years of age will take place every Friday between 6pm and 9pm at the Rutland Sports Park Tennis Centre, Ilkeston, an event that has been published on the West Hallam Parish Council website, the Community magazine, the Village notice board and the Community Centre.

3143 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council will take place on Monday 1 March 2010 commencing at 7.00pm in the Powtrell Community Pavilion, Beech Lane Recreation Ground, West Hallam.