

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE WEST HALLAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 1 MARCH 2010

AT
THE POWTRELL COMMUNITY PAVILION
BEECH LANE RECREATION GROUND, WEST HALLAM

PRESENT Cllr Mrs C Hart (Chair)
Cllr D Adams-Shaw
Cllr B Broughton
Cllr A Draycott
Cllr B King
Cllr Mrs B Harrison
Cllr Mrs C Stevenson

Members of the Public: 9

Clerk: Mr P Briggs

The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, welcomed and introduced Cllr B Broughton to the meeting who had recently been co-opted to the Office of Parish Councillor and also had now been elected as a Councillor at Erewash Borough Council.

3144 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr P Byrne and Cllr Mrs H Chapman.

3145 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

Cllr B Broughton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the accounts for Park Hall Designs.

3146 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of a meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council held on Monday 1 February 2010 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3147 **EXEMPT ITEMS**

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

3148 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

a) Chair's Announcements

The Chair informed the meeting of a temporary road closure at Peveril Crescent/Derbyshire Avenue between 1 March and 19 March.

A press release had been issued by DCC regarding "bringing people together" and that grants ranging from £100 to £2000 are available to local community faith and voluntary groups across the County until September. It was **RESOLVED** that the press release be published on the West Hallam Parish Council web-site, the Community Centre, the Village Hall, the Village Noticeboards, the Powtrell Community Pavilion, Bramble Lodge and Newdigate Street Residential Homes.

The Chair explained about the Community Payback Scheme and how it had benefitted the Parish of West Hallam in that the Powtrell Community Pavilion had been repainted internally and the perimeter at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground had been trimmed back. It was **RESOLVED** that the Service be published within the parish accordingly.

A piano had been donated by a resident of West Hallam to the Powtrell Community Pavilion and was now in situ. It was **RESOLVED** that an appropriate letter be sent to Mrs M D Burt.

Bramble Lodge had submitted an application for development at that location and had organised an open day so that interested parties could inspect the development proposals. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that due to the nature and extent of the application the planning application be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council for consideration and that EBC be informed accordingly.

The Chair was delighted to advise that the Children's Centre had now commenced and was using the Powtrell Community Pavilion for meetings during the week. With regard to this the Chair elaborated on the requirements in order to comply with the Health and Safety at Work regulations, a matter which will be considered further in the closed session of the meeting.

b) Public Participation

In response to a question about the provision of a Pharmacy in West Hallam the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, explained in some detail what had happened to date and that the application itself would not be determined by the PCT for a further two or three weeks due to the annual leave of staff involved in the process.

In reply to a request for exercise equipment in West Hallam, similar to that provided by Stanley and Stanley Common Parish Council, the Chair explained that it was the Parish Council's intention to provide similar equipment at Station Road and possibly Beech Lane and that Councillors were already looking at the feasibility of acquiring grants to part-fund the project.

In respect of a question regarding the provision of hanging baskets around the Village and following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk enquire of DCC whether it would be feasible to attach hanging flower baskets to the new lighting columns in the Village. In the event that this was not feasible the Parish Council

would consider the provision of wooden planters at strategic locations around the Village. On this matter it was also **RESOLVED** that the residents in the area be requested whether they would be prepared to provide a location for a hanging basket at no cost to the resident, a matter which will be considered further by the Parish Council.

With regard to concerns about dog fouling on public open spaces in the Village the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, elaborated on the various initiatives that the Parish Council and Erewash Borough Council are engaged in at this time in order to respond positively to residents' concerns which will include: Education, Advertisements, Covert Patrols and Fixed Penalty Fines.

A discussion took place on the amount of litter and other debris left adjacent to the Community Centre particularly on a Friday Evening following the Drop In Centre. It was **RESOLVED** that HGA be advised to monitor the area by CCTV and to advise the Parish Council on relevant issues accordingly. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform PC R Crooks regarding this matter which will be considered further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

In reply to a question from the audience, the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, was able to advise that the Parish Council had now decided to purchase a commemorative bench seat in recognition of the work undertaken by past Parish Councillors and that any ideas regarding location would be welcomed.

3149 **REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES**

Cllr Mrs C Stevenson and Cllr B King reported on a meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee who had now collected quotes for the provision of a perimeter fence at the Community Centre. It was **RESOLVED** that the Community Centre be advised of the need to consult and secure the approval of the Parish Council with regard to this project.

3150 **MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION**

a) The Clerk informed the meeting that following an enquiry with the Land Registry an e-mail had been sent to the owner regarding the urgent need to repair or replace the service boxes on the footpath at the Dales Shopping Centre. On this matter the Clerk reported receipt of an e-mail dated 23 February 2010 from the Owner confirming that his contractor will be visiting the site either Wednesday or Thursday to assess what is required. It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted.

b) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, presented a report on a meeting held with Stephanie Moore the Dog Warden at Erewash Borough Council in order to agree how best to respond to the Community concerns about dog fouling in and around West Hallam. On this matter the Chair referred to e-mail correspondence from a resident dated 28 February 2010 and the Clerk's reply of the same date setting out in detail both the Parish Council and Borough Council's response to this issue. On this matter the Clerk also informed Members that at a meeting of the Ilkeston Rural Safer Neighbourhood Panel/KIN meeting held on Monday 15 February 2010 the priority profiles were agreed in terms of dog fouling in and around West Hallam. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** the matter be reviewed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

c) The Clerk reported further on the drainage scheme at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground and confirmed that the Contractor contacted was not able to undertake this work. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that with regards to the drainage problems at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground the matter be deferred and reviewed in due course.

d) Cllr A Draycott gave a report on a meeting held with representatives of the West Hallam Junior Football Club held on Monday 15 February 2010. Continuing Cllr Draycott elaborated on each of the items discussed at that meeting which centred around the development of football in West Hallam and particularly the Millhouse fields recreation grounds. At this time the Football Club have 18 teams of which 14 are in competitive leagues, of those 1 plays in West Hallam. In looking at the fixture list presented at this time it confirms that only 1 match is being played by the Football Club at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk register with the Club concerns about the low utilisation of the Beech Lane Recreation Ground for the purpose of playing football, a matter which will be considered further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

e) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, presented further information about the provision of VASs and SIDs. The Clerk informed the meeting that with regard to the SIDs the battery would require re-charging on a weekly basis and would cost in the order of £50.00 to replace. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write again to Mr P Leigh and Mr M Hawkins requesting a response to previous enquiries from the Clerk regarding this matter which will be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

f) Members considered further the location of the wooden bench seat which is to be purchased as a memorial and in recognition of the work undertaken by past Councillors. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the most appropriate location would be at the corner of Scargill Road/ St Wilfrid's Road. However it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk consult with the residents at that location regarding this proposal and to report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council accordingly.

g) The Clerk informed the meeting that following discussions with Steelcraft that the cost of producing and fitting a spring loaded standard gate in place of the "C" gate at Station Road would cost in the order of £350.00 and it will be 5-6 weeks before the project can be undertaken due to annual leave. It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted with thanks.

h) The Clerk present e-mail correspondence dated 24 February 2010 from Jackie Pendleton, the Assistant Director of the Primary Care Trust regarding the Parish Council's proposal to be recognised and included as a formal consultee on matters affecting the health and well being of the community in West Hallam. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Jackie Pendleton be advised that the Parish Council appreciate the complexity of the proposal, however, it would be appreciated if the Primary Care Trust could now consult with the West Hallam Parish Council on matters pertaining to health and welfare of residents in West Hallam.

i) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, and Cllr B King presented a report on the Conference regarding affordable housing at a meeting which was held on Wednesday 10 February 2010. It was **RESOLVED** the report be received with thanks.

j) The Clerk reported receipt of e-mail correspondence dated 19 February 2010 regarding the cost of end conversions to one end of the bus shelter at Scargill Road in the sum of £360.00. It was **RESOLVED** that the contractor be authorised to undertake that work at the cost reported.

k) Members received a copy of “Have Your Say” report from Derbyshire Constabulary. It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted with thanks.

l) The Clerk presented correspondence dated 2 February 2010 from Grass Track setting out alternatives with regard to the provision of a boundary fence at the Powtrel Community Pavilion. Given the range and high costs of the project it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk review this project again with Grass Track and report to the next meeting of the Parish Council accordingly.

m) The Clerk presented correspondence dated 2 February 2010 from DCC regarding the Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme for 2009/2010 of which the Parish Council are eligible for funding in the order of £385.00. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk enquire if Mr Gadsby would clear the overgrown shrubs and grass on public footpaths at Newdigate Street/Bagot Street, the footpath adjacent the Community Centre, Sunninghill Close, Eckington Close/Peveril Crescent and the footpath from High Lane West to Derbyshire Avenue and that DCC be advised accordingly.

n) Members received correspondence dated 15 February 2010 from EBC regarding the Brass Concerts for 2010. It was **RESOLVED** that the Concert take place on Sunday 11 July commencing at 2.00pm at the Village Hall and that the Clerk undertake the appropriate risk assessment, fire risk assessment and provide a map of the area including a copy of the public liability insurance for EBC as requested.

o) Cllr Mrs C Stevenson presented a report on a training course attended she on 17 February 2010 by the Regeneration East Midlands called “First Steps in Funding”. Following further discussion it was considered beneficial to constitute a sub-committee in order to pursue any grant options that may be available to the Parish Council particularly for the provision of play equipment at the Station Road and Beech Lane Recreation Grounds. It was **RESOLVED** that under the Chair of Cllr Mrs C Stevenson, Cllr B Broughton and Cllr Mrs B Harrison form a sub committee to consider the options available to the Parish Council and that the Clerk would join this meeting also.

p) The Clerk presented e-mail correspondence dated 19 February 2010 which set out the concerns of Mapperley Parish Council with regards to the access road from High Lane East to the coal screens and a number of environmental issues at that location. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had sent copies of the correspondence to representatives of UK Coal and Erewash Borough Council but had received no reply at this time. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk convene a site meeting for the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, to meet with Mr Dave Bramwell, Assistant Director for Places and Environment to discuss these issues and to report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council accordingly. On this matter it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk notify Mapperley Parish Council of this decision.

q) Members considered DALC Circular 14/2010 regarding the Department of Communities and Local Government Anti-Social Behaviour Event at the Pride Park

Stadium on Friday 5 March 2010 commencing at 9.30am to 3.00pm. It was **RESOLVED** the circular be noted.

r) The Clerk presented Circular 12/2010 from DALC regarding the NALC Development Strategy and Business Plan. On this matter the Clerk had already registered with DALC concerns about the short period of consultation and the requirement to send comments back by 27 February. DALC confirmed that providing the Parish Council could submit comments beyond that date they will be considered accordingly. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Cllr Bruce Broughton meet to complete the questionnaire as quickly as possible on behalf of the Parish Council.

s) The Clerk presented notes of a meeting held with representatives of DCC held on Friday 26 February 2010 at the Powtrell Community Pavilion, Beech Lane. The meeting had been convened in order to allow the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, to meet with Mrs Helen Crooks of the Children's Services and the Health and Safety Officer from DCC, Mr Gary Booth. Continuing the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, elaborated on the work that needed to be carried out at the Pavilion in order to comply with the Health and Safety regulations. On this question, Cllr Mrs B Harrison kindly advised the Parish Council that the building regulations would not allow a baby changing drop down table to be fitted in the disabled toilet. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk check with the rules and regulations regarding this matter and to organise all the other works to be undertaken as quickly as possible and that a copy of the notes of the meeting to be sent to the PCP Management Committee for information.

t) The Clerk presented e-mail correspondence dated 22 February 2010 regarding a skip located on High Lane West. Given the time that this skip had been on the highway with lack of appropriate warning lights EBC would now pursue this matter with Derbyshire Constabulary accordingly. It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted with thanks.

u) The Clerk presented correspondence dated 25 February 2010 from Erewash Community Transport requesting a contribution by way of funding to the replacement of uniforms and identification badges for Transport Staff. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council are unable to respond to this request at this time but in the event that further applications are submitted Erewash Community Transport be advised to send a copy of the audited accounts.

v) The Clerk presented correspondence dated 26 February 2010 from DCC regarding the Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting which will take place on Thursday 22 April 2010 commencing with light refreshments from 6pm at the Members Room, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr A Draycott and Cllr B Broughton attend that meeting and to report back to the Parish Council accordingly.

w) The Clerk presented information regarding the "Derbyshire – Leading the Way" Derbyshire County Council's draft Council Plan for 2010/14 for consultation. It was **RESOLVED** that a copy of the plan be issued to Parish Councillors as quickly as possible and for the matter to be considered further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

x) The Clerk presented e-mail correspondence dated 25 February 2010 from EBC advising that a planning training session has been arranged for Tuesday 23 March 2010 starting at 6.00pm at Long Eaton Town Hall. The purpose of the session is to help develop understanding of issues, roles and responsibilities associated with considering large scale development proposals and achieving sustainable places. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr B King, Cllr B Broughton and Cllr Mrs C Stevenson attend this training session and report back accordingly to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

y) The Clerk presented correspondence dated 25 February 2010 from DCC requesting a reference on behalf of B & L Contractors (Midlands) Ltd, Hucknell, who had recently constructed the new storage area at the Powtrell Community Pavilion. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk complete the reference and confirm that B & L Contractors performed satisfactorily with regards to the new storage area.

z) Cllr D Adams-Shaw reported on a number of issues regarding the open cast development at Shipley being undertaken by UK Coal. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Adams-Shaw report to the Parish Council on progress with regard to this opencast site accordingly.

3151 **ACCOUNTS**

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Cllr B Broughton declared a personal and prejudicial interest on the accounts relating to Park Hall Designs and left the meeting

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
Grass Track	£423.00	Reduction of hawthorn hedge and tree work At Millhouse Field
Park Hall Designs	£36.91	Website maintenance Dec 2009 and printing For January meeting
DALC	£13.50	Subscription for NALC journal
Mr P Briggs	£21.00	Copy of ordinance survey for Dales Shopping Centre
Mr P Briggs	£35.64	Bolt, photo frames and admin
Park Hall Designs	£43.21	Website maintenance for January 2010 and Printing for February meeting
Mr P Briggs	£35.34	Paint for PCP
DCC	£3059.72	Bus shelter High Lane Central
Mr P Briggs	£12.00	Land Registry enquiry
Mr P Briggs	£25.20	Mileage to Chesterfield training
REM Ltd	£30.00	Training Course
WHCC	£21.77	CCTV
Mr B Overton	£32.50	PCP gate
DALC	£704.26	Annual Subscription
Mr M Noble	£250.00	Honorarium
Mr P Briggs	£13.84	Locks for Recreation Grounds

3152 PLANNING

a) ERE/0210/0001 – Laburnum Cottage, Cat & Fiddle Lane

Removal of condition 3 of the Approval granted in 2009 restricting landings and take offs to 50 events per calendar year of which no more than 10 should take place in each calendar month. The applicant is now requesting removal of that condition to allow take off and landing events each day.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council object strongly to the application to remove condition 3 on the basis that there has been no change in the circumstances that led to the condition being applied in the first instance in that it was to protect the amenity of the occupants of near-by dwellings. If approved the number and take offs and landings will increase from 50 to 365 events a year.

Such activity would bring about a severe and dangerous detriment to the residents of near-by dwellings. The noise, the pollution, the transport of dangerous chemicals would bring about a detriment to the area in general and for these reasons the Parish Council urge the Borough Council to reject this application.

b) ERE/0210/0032 – 31 Peveril Crescent

Two storey side extension incorporating garage.

It was **RESOLVED** the Parish Council would approve the application subject to neighbourhood consultation.

c) The Clerk presented information regarding ERE/0210/0044 – 82 High Lane West

Two and single storey side extensions to existing Care Home, covered link walkway, erection of a new two storey detached Care Unit, erection of a new two storey and single storey detached Care Unit to the side and the creation of 12 additional parking spaces. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain the original plans for this planning application to be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council and that EBC be advised accordingly.

d) The Clerk presented the planning sub-committee's views in respect of:

ERE/0210/0006 – Unit B at the Dales Shopping Centre

Alterations to existing shop front

The Parish Council re-stated the views expressed on 3 December 2009.

ERE/0110/0010 – Dales Shopping Centre

Illuminated signs, amended plan

The planning sub-committee re-stated the views submitted when this application was first presented in that whilst the Parish Council is not opposed to the provision

of signs at Unit B the Parish Council would prefer for the new signs to be the same size as the present signs to ensure that the lighting at the Unit does not become overbearing 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.

e) The Clerk presented information on decisions taken by the Planning Committee at Erewash Borough Council as follows:

ERE/1109/0031 – Unit B Dales Shopping Centre

New storage building

Refused

ERE/0110/0001 – 55 Station Road

Two storey side extension

Approved

ERE/1209/0011 – 4 Orchard Close

Single storey front extension

Approved

f) The Clerk presented correspondence from EBC dated 15 February 2010 regarding the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies Erewash Core Strategy – Options for Consultation Stage. It was **RESOLVED** that a copy of the document be made available to Councillors for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

3153 **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

a) For Members to be advised that a grit bin would be provided by DCC in the Autumn of this year for location at School Square.

b) For Members to be advised that a poster and flyer designed by Derbyshire Constabulary regarding parking at and around the Bottle Kiln has been agreed for publication by Mr Stone at the Bottle Kiln accordingly.

c) For Members to receive copy correspondence dated 10 February 2010 sent to residents at Hall Court, Orchard Close, Beech Lane and School Square regarding car parking at School Square, a copy of which was attached to the Agenda.

d) For Members to be advised that the litter pick (Borough Blitz) will take place on Saturday 20 March commencing at 10.00 o'clock at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground.

Scargill School are promoting this initiative through the school and it looks likely that children will be involved in the litter pick on the recreation ground.

The Chair requests that Members of the Parish Council support this initiative and attend the event.

e) For Members to be advised that following a site visit the Community Centre have been advised about the Community Payback Scheme in respect of removal of graffiti at the rear of the Community Centre.

3154 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council will take place on Monday 5 April 2010 commencing at 7.00pm in the Powtrell Community Pavilion, Beech Lane Recreation Ground, West Hallam.