

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE WEST HALLAM PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 7 JUNE 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 B Broughton
Cllr P Byrne
Cllr A Draycott
Cllr Mrs B Harrison
Cllr B King
Cllr Mrs C Stevenson

Clerk: Mr P Briggs

Members of the Public: 10

Theresa Day and Helen Collins
- West Hallam Mothers and Toddler Group

3178 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies to be recorded.

3179 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 and the payment of salary to the Assistant Clerk, and subsequently withdrew from the meeting during consideration of those matters.

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

3180 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of a meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council held on Monday 3 May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chair as were the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the same evening.

3181 **EXEMPT ITEMS**

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

3182 **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

a) Chair's Announcements

The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, reported on an incident that occurred at the Dales Shopping Centre over the week-end when a resident of the Parish fell through a service cover and fractured his leg. The incident was attended by the local Constabulary and also Derbyshire County Council.

On another matter the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, explained about a resident's concern about an overgrown hedge at Newbridge Close/Henley Way/Windsor Court, a matter which the Clerk had dealt with appropriately.

In response to a resident's concern about the punctuality in respect of bus services in West Hallam this matter had now been passed to DCC for attention.

b) Public Participation

i) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, was delighted to welcome Theresa Day and Helen Collins to the meeting who made a very informative presentation about the new Mothers and Toddlers Group that meet in the Powtrell Community Pavilion on a Friday morning between 9.30 and 11.00 o'clock. The Open Day attracted 71 people and presently 40-50 Mothers attend the Group.

In order to make the activities varied, guest speakers are invited to address the Group and a list of activities for the year are programmed to ensure there is no repetition.

On behalf of the Parish Council and indeed the Community, the Chair expressed sincere appreciation to the Group which provided a welcome service in the Community and wished the Group all success.

ii) In response to a concern of a resident regarding the grass verge at the end of Pavilion Court/Beech Lane, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk make contact with residents to confirm ownership and to bring the matter back to the next meeting of the Parish Council accordingly.

iii) In response to a question by a resident it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk check with EBC regarding the return of the trade refuse bin into the car park at the Powtrell Community Pavilion.

iv) A resident of High Lane East registered a concern about the noise levels from the Newdigate Public House at High Lane East whereby live music operates from 6.0'clock in the evening through to 11.30pm. Following discussion on this it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs B Harrison pursue this matter appropriately with EBC and advise the residents accordingly and for the matter to be brought back to the next meeting of the Parish Council for further consideration.

On a related matter and following further discussions it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs B Harrison also investigate further the licensing provisions and conditions that apply at the Community Centre which will be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

v) In response to residents' concerns about litter and debris on our recreation grounds and open spaces, the Chair was delighted to advise that temporary arrangements had now been put in place to clear the recreation grounds of litter and also to empty the litter bins and this arrangement starts with effect today. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Football and Cricket Clubs asking for their co-operation and requesting that they take their litter home from the matches.

3183 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

a) Cllr Mrs C Stevenson and Cllr B Broughton presented a further report on the work of the funding sub-committee in respect of the provision of new play equipment at Station Road. In summary the Group had met with three providers who would now present proposals which it was anticipated would be presented to the July meeting of the Parish Council for determination.

Given the present circumstances and other commitments it was **RESOLVED** that the Vice Chair Cllr Mrs H Chapman join the sub-committee to explore the provision of new play equipment in place of Cllr Mrs B Harrison.

Following further and appropriate discussion it was **RESOLVED** that on Monday 5 July Parish Councillors meet at 6.30pm in the Powtrell Community Pavilion to consider in detail the three proposals submitted by the providers which will then be determined in the formal meeting of the Parish Council which commences at 7.00pm.

3184 MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION

a) Members were informed that the next Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum at Derbyshire County Council will take place on Thursday 24 October at a time to be confirmed, in the Members' Room, County Hall, Matlock. On this matter Members were also invited to submit any items to be listed on the agenda for determination. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Broughton and Cllr Draycott complete the questionnaire regarding the Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Meetings.

b) Members considered further meetings of the Parish Council that occurred on a Bank Holiday. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

- Meetings of the Parish Council that would have fallen on New Year's Day and May Day are to be held on 10 January 2011 and 9 May 2011 accordingly.
- A new timetable of meetings be issued on the website listing meetings of the Parish Council which would also be published in the Community Magazine and on notice boards.
- The question of Bank Holidays and Parish Council meetings will be reviewed for 2012 at a meeting of the Parish Council to be held in August 2011.

c) The Clerk reported the arrangements for the provision of flower baskets in the Village which had now been completed and that the baskets will be erected during the early part of June. On this matter the Clerk also reported a contribution from Dr Houlton and Bramble Lodge in the form of sponsorship to the costs involved. It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted with thanks.

d) Cllr A Draycott presented a progress report on his meetings/discussions with the West Hallam Junior Football Club regarding Beech Lane, Millhouse Field and other related matters and referred to correspondence from the West Hallam Junior Football Club undated which confirmed that the Club would like to place two teams onto Millhouse Field for the season 2010/2011. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Draycott pursue further the outstanding matters with the West Hallam Junior Football Club including agreement to use the Community Centre for toilets and changing rooms on match days and to report appropriately to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

It was also **RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform the Football Club that in the event they wish to progress the provision of a name plaque which will be located on the end elevation of the Powtrell Community Pavilion it would be helpful if this could be completed prior to the official opening of the Pavilion on 10 July. On this matter the Club should note that the proposal in terms of the design of the plaque and its location should be presented to the Powtrell Community Pavilion Management Committee and the West Hallam Parish Council for prior approval.

It was also decided to remind the Club to bill their Trophy Cabinet before the official Opening Day of 10 July.

e) The Clerk reported further on the security fence proposals at the Community Centre and referred to correspondence dated 25 May 2010 from the West Hallam Community Centre regarding the contribution from Three Valleys and the Parish Council, a matter which the Clerk had now clarified. It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted.

f) Following a report by the Clerk regarding the provision of a cast aluminium street name plate for the Village, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform EBC of the urgency regarding the provision of the street name plate.

g) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, presented a report of progress on the provision of SIDs and VASs. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council purchase one fixed VAS for erection by DCC at an agreed and suitable location on High Lane East at a point travelling from Ilkeston. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, and the Vice Chair, Cllr Mrs H Chapman be given delegated powers to approve the purchase of the VAS and its erection at a cost of £3,000, a matter which the Clerk will confirm with DCC accordingly.

h) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, presented a report on the part-time litter picker whereby temporary arrangements have been put in place during the sickness absence of the permanent employee. The details of the appointment were confirmed and it was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted with thanks.

i) Members received correspondence dated 12 May 2010 from the Ministry of Justice advising that in accordance with the Burial Act 1853 an application for the proposed closure of St Wilfrid's Churchyard had been made by the PCC and it was

now appropriate for the Parish Council to make any comment regarding this application. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council have no objection to the proposed closure of the burial ground at St Wilfrid's. However it would be helpful if the Ministry of Justice could confirm those arrangements that will remain in place for burials where plots have already been purchased and where arrangements have been made for a burial to take place at a grave that exists presently.

j) Members received correspondence dated 14 May 2010 from DCC regarding the Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Schemes for 2010/2011. It was **RESOLVED** this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

k) Members received e-mail correspondence dated 18 May 2010 from EBC regarding Erewash Sports Awards which presents an opportunity for the Parish Council to sponsor and recognise the achievement of sports persons throughout the Borough, a matter which the Clerk elaborated on appropriately. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would sponsor the Junior Sports Team Award at a cost of £60.00 and that EBC be notified accordingly.

l) The Clerk presented a report on the provision of service provided by HGA and the re-structuring that has recently taken place at that organisation. Reference was also made to correspondence dated 7 June 2010 from Charter Consultancy who had been commissioned by HGA to manage the re-structuring and development of the present services provided. It was **RESOLVED** that the service provided by HGA be monitored and if necessary a report to be presented to a future meeting of the Parish Council for consideration.

m) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, extended a sincere and cordial invitation to members of the Parish Council to attend the official opening of the Powtrell Community Pavilion by the Mayor of Erewash, Cllr R Parkinson, on Saturday 10 July at 2.15pm.

n) The Clerk presented correspondence dated 27 May 2010 regarding the equipment required to support the "electronic consultation" in the planning process. Due to the urgency of the request the Clerk had informed EBC that one portable computer and one display screen would be the minimum requirement. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's action be adopted by the Council.

o) Members received correspondence dated 27 May 2010 from EBC regarding the management of dog waste in the Borough. Given the arrangements made by EBC it was **RESOLVED** that an application be submitted to EBC requesting additional dog waste bins be provided at Station Road, Millhouse Field, Beech Lane, The Cascades, and the footpath at the corner of Newdigate Street/Bagot Street.

p) Cllr Draycott presented a report regarding an incident that occurred on or around 3 June whereby a child ran out of the gate at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground adjacent Scargill School in front of a car and thankfully an accident was narrowly avoided. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain a cost for the provision of a small handrail in front of the "C" gate at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council and also to ask DCC for funding this requirement.

3185 **ACCOUNTS**

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Mr P Briggs	£361.00	
Mrs L C Broughton	£120.00	
Mr C Gadsby	£263.00	Litter picking
Mrs C A Briggs	£4.36	Stamps and postage
Mrs C A Briggs	£35.95	Keys PCP
Mrs C A Briggs	£30.60	Cartridges for Computer – special deal
Mrs C A Briggs	£4.81	Sacks for litter picking
Mr B Overton	£100.00	Work at PCP
Park Hall Designs	£67.16	Web charge, printing and newsletter
West Hallam Community Centre	£15.57	CCTV
Prestige Street Furniture Ltd	£428.87	Bus Shelter – Scargill Road
NES	£105.69	Notice board PCP
Mr P Briggs	£22.44	Thumb turn and lock PCP
Steelcraft	£381.88	Gate at Station Road
PCP	£240.00	Meeting Rooms at Pavilion for Parish Council

b) The Clerk reported receipt of £50 from the partners of Dr. Houlton & Burn in respect of the flower baskets in the Village. It was **RESOLVED** the contribution to the provision of flower baskets be received with thanks.

c) The Clerk presented the results of the annual audit for year ending 31 March 2010 which were all in good order. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, sign the reports and appropriate documentation.

d) Members received a revised copy of the precept budget for 2010/11 which the Clerk elaborated on accordingly and reminded Members that a degree of prudence would be required over the next twelve months in respect of this budget provision. It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted with thanks.

3186 **PLANNING**

a) The Vice Chair, Cllr Mrs H Chapman, presented the following planning applications which had been received following the publication of this agenda:

ERE/0510/0024 – Firs Farm

Prior notification of agricultural development for a proposed agricultural store. The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, declared a personal interest in this application and left the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would object to this proposal by reason that the proposed development represents a significant development in terms of size and proportion adjacent residential properties. In addition the proposal will result in excessive noise and intrusion of privacy which residents should rightly enjoy.

Given these circumstances the Borough Council are invited to discuss with the applicant the feasibility of relocating the large agricultural storage unit to another place within land at Firs Farm.

ERE/0510/0025 – Thacker Barn – High Lane East

Prior notification of agricultural development for a new open sided storage unit.

It was **RESOLVED** the Parish Council would approve this application.

ERE/0510/0028 – 5 Hall Court

Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension.

It was **RESOLVED** the Parish Council have no objections to this application subject to neighbourhood consultation.

d) The Clerk informed Members that Saint Gobain will be carrying out an exhibition at the Stanton regeneration site as follows:

Thursday 10 June 10am-12pm for Local Parish Councils

Thursday 10 June 1.00pm - 8.00pm – Public session (drop in session for all)

Friday 11 June 10am – 6pm – Public session (drop in session for all)

Saturday 12 June 10am to 4pm – Public session (drop in session for all)

The exhibition will be located at the Stanton site just off Lowes Lane in a marquee. It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted with thanks.

3187 **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

The Clerk presented matters for information as follows:

a) For the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, to advise that a meeting has been arranged with representatives of UK Coal regarding environmental issues at and around Mapperley Brook which will take place on Friday 18 June commencing at 10.00am and that a report will be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council on this matter.

b) The annual Band Concert in the Village will take place on Sunday 11 July commencing at 2.30 to 4.30pm at the Village Hall West Hallam. The Clerk can inform Members that a risk assessment has been completed.

c) For Members to note that the bus shelter at Scargill Road, West Hallam has now been completed.

d) Members have received correspondence dated 27 May 2010 from EBC regarding the Playscheme grants for 2010/11. The Clerk to inform Members that the Borough Council are to review the policy with regard to the Playscheme in the Borough and the Clerk has responded to EBC accordingly on this matter whereby it is hoped that both the Playscheme Organisers and the Parish Councils who operate such a scheme will be consulted on a review of the policy prior to any changes being made. If appropriate this matter will be brought back to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

e) For Members to receive correspondence dated 11 May 2010 from DCC confirming that the order to divert footpath number 8 has been confirmed by the Authority on 6 May 2010 (High Lane Central).

f) For Members to receive correspondence dated 20 May 2010 from the West Hallam Wells expressing sincere thanks to the Parish Council for the donation of £250.00 towards the Well Dressing expenses.

g) For the Clerk to inform Members that following a request investigations were undertaken with regard to pruning of trees at Tinkler's Wood, east of 98/116 St Wilfrid's Road and the matters of concern have been dealt with appropriately.

h) In response to a concern about illegal dumping of debris the Constabulary and EBC were requested to investigate the matter further which has been dealt with appropriately.

i) For Members to receive correspondence dated 25 May 2010 from EBC confirming that the next meeting of the Erewash North Community Forum will take place at the Powtrell Community Pavilion West Hallam on Thursday 17 June commencing at 6.30pm.

3188 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

Prior to this meeting Members of the Parish Council are invited to attend a meeting to discuss in more detail the provision of new play equipment at Station Road Recreation Ground which will commence at 6.30pm.