

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE WEST HALLAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008

AT

THE POWTRELL COMMUNITY PAVILION
BEECH LANE RECREATION GROUND, WEST HALLAM

PRESENT Cllr Mrs C Hart (Chair)
Cllr M Sherwood (Vice Chair)
Cllr D Adams-Shaw
Cllr Mrs H Chapman
Cllr J Fildes
Cllr Mrs B Harrison
Cllr B King
Cllr Mrs C Stevenson

Members of the Public: 10

PC R Crooks

Clerk: Mr P Briggs

3076 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr P Byrne.

3077 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

Being a Member of the Borough Council Planning Committee, Cllr M Sherwood, declared a personal interest with regard to planning matters on the agenda whereby he would be able to advise and inform but would not participate in the decision making process.

3078 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 October 2008 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3079 **EXEMPT ITEMS**

It was **RESOLVED** there were no matters listed on the agenda to be considered as exempt items.

3080 **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS**

The Chair reported on an incident whereby it was alleged that a young person threw a stone at a Felix bus at the Dales Shopping Centre. PC R Crooks was able to advise that there had been incidents reported on that occasion accepting that a young person was seen with an object in his hand but did not cause any problems. However he will be spoken to. Continuing PC Crooks explained that he had followed the Felix bus service in an unmarked Police car over the past week and there have been no incidents to report but he will keep the matter under observation.

Following a report by the Chair it was **RESOLVED** that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Norman Bulwer who sadly passed away recently.

Discussion took place regarding the broken barrier at the Dales Shopping Centre, a matter that has been under consideration by the Parish Council for a period of time. Given the community concern about heavy vehicles accessing the Dales Shopping Centre at this location and a failure to identify the owner, it was **RESOLVED** that a further letter be sent to the owner as registered in the Land Registry document and that Steelcraft be requested to provide a cost to repair the barrier for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chair presented a concern of a resident in the Village who had a letter fixed to her car which was parked at School Square. Following discussion it was confirmed that School Square is a public highway and that cars can park at that location. It was also confirmed that the Parish Council will not be taking any action whatsoever if car owners continue to park at School Square as indicated in the letter. It was **RESOLVED** that an appropriate letter be sent to the resident concerned.

The Chair informed the meeting that the electronic newsletter had now been published and thanks were extended to Mr Bruce Broughton for his efforts in this matter. Continuing the Chair explained that it was necessary for Members to support this initiative and submit items to Mr Bruce Broughton for publication. It was **RESOLVED** that Bruce Broughton be informed that a future item would include "A week in the life of the Mayor of Erewash".

The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, expressed disappointment about the lack of Members attending the recent Forum meeting held in West Hallam which was well supported from representatives from other areas in the Borough.

Public Participation

The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, reported on matters discussed during the Public Open Session as follows:

- A resident had expressed concern about the manner in which DCC dealt with information regarding a heavy goods vehicle at Station Road. On a related matter a resident had submitted correspondence expressing concern about heavy goods vehicles approaching TDG through the Village of West Hallam. In response to these issues it

was **RESOLVED** that the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, pursue the matters appropriately direct with DCC and report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

- The Chair expressed concern about the non-attendance of Mr Peter Leigh from DCC who had been invited to discuss the feasibility of providing traffic lights at St Wilfrid's Road and to provide clarity on the provision of vehicle activated signs. It was **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Mr Leigh expressing the Parish Council's disappointment of his non-attendance at the Parish Council meeting and further the lack of courtesy in notifying the Parish Council accordingly.
- A discussion took place on speeding on the A609 to include the nature and extent of vehicle movement, the traffic speed, the dangerous cross roads at Station Road and at St Wilfrid's Road and the extension of the 30mph zone at Belper Road, Stanley Common. It was **RESOLVED** that DCC be invited to forward the criteria for establishing speed limits on major roads and to provide feedback of a recent survey of traffic undertaken in the Parish, matters which should be discussed further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

A resident expressed concern about the number of young people congregating at and around the Powtrell Community Pavilion and the consumption of alcohol and the bad behaviour. Concern was also expressed about cars and scooters in the area particularly at Beech Lane and at Pavilion Court. PC Crooks arranged to meet with the resident to obtain further details and to advise the resident how to use the confidential telephone line for reporting incidents.

3081 **MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION**

a) Members received correspondence dated 15 October 2008 from the War Memorials' Trust confirming a grant of £1833 towards the estimated cost of £3667 for the refurbishment of the War Memorial in the Village. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, sign both copies of the War Memorial Trust contract. It was also **RESOLVED** that Skillington's be commissioned to undertake the refurbishment of the War Memorial as submitted in their proposal dated 18 August 2008 in the cost of £3667. On a related matter it was also **RESOLVED** that Councillors inspect the ground at the rear of the War Memorial and to discuss at the next meeting of the Parish Council the feasibility of any landscaping that may be undertaken at that location.

b) The Clerk presented a verbal report following his discussions with Charter Consultancy regarding the CCTV Camera at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground and confirmed that the camera itself does not operate under PIR system. In order to obtain maximum coverage with the CCTV the Clerk informed Members that HGA had now programmed into the camera increased reporting lines. Concern remained regarding the effectiveness of this camera at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground and the failure to identify incidents that have occurred recently at this location. Given the circumstances above it was **RESOLVED** that the matter be monitored over

the next several weeks and if necessary discussions take place with Charter Consultancy regarding the system.

c) The Clerk presented an e-mail dated 14 October 2008 from EBC regarding dog fouling in West Hallam which confirmed that over the past month patrols around the play areas, paying particular attention to Station Road, Beech Lane, Newdigate Street and Bagot Street had been undertaken but there was no evidence of dog fouling at these locations. Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that EBC be requested to provide and erect signs on street furniture and bus stops at Newdigate Street, Bagot Street, Station Road and Beech Lane.

d) Members received an e-mail dated 16 October 2008 from EBC extending sincere appreciation to those Members who attended the meeting of the Borough/Parish Forum and to advise that the next meeting of the Forum will now take place on Wednesday 21 January 2009 at the Council Chamber in Ilkeston and not 19 January as previously indicated. It was **RESOLVED** the report be received with thanks.

e) Cllr M Sherwood presented a report on the draft green print for Biodiversity in Erewash and commented that the report was well structured and very interesting to read and set out important features regarding biodiversity. It was **RESOLVED** the report be noted.

f) The Clerk reported further on the provision of additional street lights at the footpath between Hallam Way and Station Road and confirmed that DCC had agreed to fund half the cost of providing two additional street lighting columns at this location in the sum of £1855. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk proceed with the installation of the additional street lighting columns as presented by DCC in their correspondence dated 12 August 2008.

g) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, presented a verbal report of progress with regard to the Switching On of the Christmas lights on 6 December commencing at 5.00pm. It was **RESOLVED** the report be received with thanks.

h) Members gave consideration to renewing the Licence Agreements to the West Hallam White Rose Cricket Club and the West Hallam Junior Football Club in respect of the use of the Beech Lane Recreation Ground which expires in December 2008. It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be considered further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

i) The Chair presented correspondence dated 15 October 2008 from Abbey Tree Care confirming that the cost of felling the three diseased and dead elm trees at Beech Lane Recreation Ground would cost £250 plus VAT. It was **RESOLVED** that Abbey Tree Care be authorised to fell the three elm trees at a cost of £250 plus VAT and for the Clerk to obtain a cost of replanting with three or more appropriate trees at that location at a cost to be agreed with the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Mrs C Hart.

j) It was **RESOLVED** that Members consider the DALC Circular Number 50/2008 - Communities in control at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

k) The correspondence dated 20 October 2008 received from a resident of the Parish expressing concerns about large vehicles travelling in the Village had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

l) Cllr D Adams-Shaw expressed kind regards to Members for their congratulations on the birth of his daughter.

m) The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, reported on a concern in respect of the height of the "C" Gate at the footpath at Station Road whereby children may be able to cause injury to themselves. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk investigate the matter further with Steelcraft and report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

n) Following an enquiry by Cllr M Sherwood it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk enquire of Mr D Bramwell progress with regard to the provision of additional lighting, the additional litter bin and the emptying of the existing litter bin more frequently.

3082 **ACCOUNTS**

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Mr P Briggs	£347.00	
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Mrs L C Broughton	£116.00	
Mr C Gadsby	£258.00	Litter picking
Abbey TreeCare	£293.75	Crown reducing silver birch trees at Station Rd
Grass Track	£276.13	Trees at rear of War Memorial Hedge at HLE, Willow Tree at footpath, shrubs
Grasstrack	£520.53	At Millhouse field and shrubs at St Wilfrid's Cross Roads
Grass Track	£700.45	Mowing in October
Park Hall Designs	£52.45	Printing and monthly maintenance charge
RMS	£64.86	Electrical faults
Craig Hamson Building Contractors	£452.37	Brackets at the Pavilion*
Mr D Ingham	£290.00	Audit fee**
1 st West Hallam Guides	£100.00	Donation and refreshments for Christmas lights
Mrs J Hayes	£22.98	Flower display at War Memorial
Sean Barker	£30.00	Remembrance Day
St Wilfrid's PCC	£10.00	Refreshments Remembrance Day
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£50.00	Wreath

*The Clerk reported that following conversation the West Hallam Junior Football Club had agreed to make a donation of £100 to this expenditure and as a result the net cost to the Parish Council will be £285. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, pursue this donation of £100 with the Treasurer of the Football Club and to report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**In consultation with the Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, this payment was made between meetings.

b) Members considered a report presented by the Clerk regarding capital projects for 2008/9. It was **RESOLVED** that the following projects be undertaken during 2008/2009:

- Drainage at Beech Lane £2000
- The painting of play equipment £2000
- Relocation of portacabin £1500
- Additional street lights at footpath at Hallam Way £1900
- Felling of trees at Millhouse £250
- Felling of trees at Beech Lane and replanting £500
- One sign at High Lane East and Beech Lane to include dogs on lead £1250
- The removal of barrier at Hallam Way footpath £100
- The cleaning of the War Memorial £2000

On this matter it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk present to a meeting of the Parish Council in April 2009 a further list of projects to be undertaken during that year to include projects carried over from 2008/9.

c) Members considered both the precept and the concurrent budgets for 2009/10. Following discussion on the budgets it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk present to the next meeting of the Parish Council the revised precept and concurrent budgets for 2009/10.

On this matter and taking account of the Borough Council's directive it was **RESOLVED** that Members consider at the next meeting of the Parish Council one-off projects for submission to EBC which may include:

- Provision of CCTV at the Powtrell Community Pavilion
- The provision of new cricket nets at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground.
- And any other projects that Members feel appropriate.

3083 **PLANNING**

a) Members considered planning applications received following the publication of this agenda follows:

ERE/1008/0033 – 169 High Lane West
Demolition of existing bungalow and lean-to conservatory and erection of a replacement bungalow and conservatory.

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

Members received information about planning decisions made EBC as follows:

ERE/0808/0043 – 34 High Lane Central
Single storey garage to side elevation, single storey rear extension and formation of a rear dormer window.
Refused

ERE/0808/0033 – 174 High Lane East
Conservatory to rear of property
Refused

3084 **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

The Clerk presented matters for information to Members as follows:

- Correspondence dated 20 October 2008 from EBC confirming that the tree preservation order proposed at 9 Sunninghill Close, West Hallam, has been withdrawn.
- An e-mail dated 17 October 2008 from the PCSO confirming that speed checks are to be organised at Station Road, St Wilfrid's Road and Belper Road.
- Members received correspondence dated 10 September 2008 from the Sherwood Foresters expressing sincere thanks to the Parish of West Hallam for the very kind donation to the Memorial project.
- Information from a company offering a range of services which would be retained on file for further reference.

3085 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

a) The next meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council will take place on **Monday 1 December 2008** commencing at **7.00pm** in the Powtrel Community Pavilion at the Beech Lane Recreation Ground.

The Chair, Cllr Mrs C Hart, informed Members of the Remembrance Day Parade and Service which will take place on Sunday 9 November commencing at 10.30am at the War Memorial in the Village and also the Switching On of the Christmas Lights in the Village which will take place on Saturday 6 December commencing at 5.00pm.