

## AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held at the Reading Room on Monday 4th February 2001

Present L. Hope-Frost, K. Martin, D. Whittlesea, P. Worrall, A. Fraser,  
Cllr C. Williams & Clerk

In Attendance Reg Watts & Bob Butler

Before the meeting started the newly elected councillors, Alistair Fraser and Peter Worrall, completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. K. Martin then proposed that L. Hope-Frost should be Chairman and was seconded by D. Whittlesea. Linda accepted the nomination. D. Whittlesea was then nominated to act as vice chairman by K. Martin and was seconded by L. Hope-Frost. D. Whittlesea accepted. The meeting then commenced.

- 1) Apologies: Issy Seccombe
- 2) Declaration of Interest: None
- 3) Confirmation of Minutes: L. Hope-Frost read out the minutes of the previous meeting. D. Whittlesea proposed that they were correct and was seconded by K. Martin.
- 4) To Receive Questions from Public: Bob raised the issue of the ivy covering the path at the top of the hill. P. Worrall agreed to clear.
- 5) Matters Arising:

Kerbing – A quote had been received from Warco to kerb the remaining stretch of road opposite the pub. Although the quote was higher than expected the council agreed to accept the quote and ask Warco to proceed.

Burial Ground – The clerk had asked Norman Contracts to proceed with the fencing of the burial ground. It was agreed to ask Mick Harris to tidy up the verge.

Playground – A quote had been received from Wicksteed for various baby swings. It was agreed to opt for the metal bay with two swings, however as the cost of the installation was considered high it was agreed that K. Martin would ask a local builder for a quote and for laying a tarmac area for a basketball net. It was noted that the Fete Committee had confirmed their offer of £1000 towards the cost of the swing in writing, with the condition that the equipment should be ordered and erected by 31 July 2001.

*Linda Hope-Frost*

Golden Jubilee – Various ideas were suggested such as a street party, a party in the grounds of Bitham Hall, however it was decided to canvas people for their ideas and suggestions. The idea of a presentation mug for the children was also suggested.

6) Correspondence:

A letter had been received from Warwickshire County Council in response to the council's request for a weight restriction through the village. As it was felt that the letter did not answer the question it was agreed that the clerk should write again.

Planning – a further application had been received regarding an extension to Devonia. It was agreed there was no representation to make.

The appeal by E. Bromage of 11 Avon Carrow had been refused.

Consent for arboricultural work at Orchard End had been granted.

7) Financial Statement:

Balances as at close of business on Friday 1st February

Current a/c	£	1112.95	credit
Deposit a/c	£	6453.17	credit

Cheques to be issued:

1) A. Del Principe (clerk's pay)	£	52.10
2) Npower	£	31.15
3) NPower	£	38.88
4) Warks CC	£	127.16
5) C. Worrall (Burial Ground)	£	1000.00

The payment of the cheques was proposed by D. Whittlesea and seconded by K. Martin.

A mandate from the bank was completed and signed in order to change the signatories on the bank account.

8) Council Report: See attached

9) Any Other Business:

- a) D. Whittlesea had received information on "Walking in Warks". The details were left in the Reading Room.
- b) The tree in memory of Mrs Hall would be planted shortly.
- c) It was suggested that a collection and/or a donation be made by the council for the postmen towards a meal in the Avon. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- d) The dog bins and rubbish bins were to be installed this week.

Date of Next Meeting as agreed by all councillors

Monday 4th March 2001 @ 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Meeting closed @ 9.50pm

*Linda Hope, Clerk*

**Avon Dassett Parish Council Meeting 04.02.02.  
District Councillor's Report**

1. With the Christmas break between the last Parish Council meeting and this meeting there has not been much District Council activity. However, at the meeting of the Executive on 7 January 2002 the Parish Boundary Review was discussed. As part of the ongoing review of the boundaries and electoral arrangements for parishes within the district, consideration was given to the first tranche of recommendations. It is proposed that two further tranches would be considered. The approved recommendations are to be published in draft form and representations will be invited and then considered by the full Council prior to a formal petition and recommendations being submitted to the Secretary of State. It is not anticipated that the Parish Boundary Review will be accepted and implemented by the Secretary of State until the autumn of 2004 at the earliest.
2. Much thought and discussion has been given to the budget for the District Council next year. The Council has considerably less income to spend this year. As a result of lower interest rates the Council will accrue £1m less than previous years from its investments. Currently the thinking is that the rate increase for the District Council will be 3% or put another way less than 3p per week for a Band D house.
3. The success of the recycling initiative has been so good that the Council is considering reducing the number of black sacks from two to one that are delivered to each household. The spontaneous increase in recycling by ratepayers has produced a significant reduction in the weight of non-recyclable refuse being collected in black sacks. The annual cost to the Council for providing black sacks £0.3m and by reducing the distribution to one sack a saving of £150,000 per year might be achieved.
4. The mini recycling facilities in car parks are going to be withdrawn shortly. It is noticeable that since the recycling initiative was commenced the usage of these facilities has greatly reduced.
5. An initiative has commenced to increase Parish Councillors' knowledge of the planning process. There will be courses in the next twelve months and it is hoped that a member from each parish council will attend to become acquainted with the significance of current planning guidance. This will be very useful when parish councils have to make their observations known on planning applications.

**CRW  
04.02.02.**

*Linda Hope, Fd  
24th March 2002*