

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Monday 2nd September 2013

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The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. APOLOGIES: Trevor Gill

Present at Meeting: David Hutt, Daniel Robertson, Alastair Whetstone, Chris Campbell, Councillor Williams, Clerk

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

3. CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes were signed by Alastair Whetstone and accepted unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Community

- a) Community Policing/Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing from Neighbourhood Watch and no emails from the police.
- b) Playground: The playground was examined by Alastair Whetstone who confirmed that the area is in good condition.
- c) Superfast Broadband: Nothing to report from Trevor Gill. Chris Williams commented that there appears to be a dispute within rural areas. BT is the contractor and the scheme is being developed on commercial merits. The County Council is in negotiations with BT to try to influence which areas will be developed as a priority.
- d) Post Office: Carry forward to next meeting.
- e) Set Village Clear Up date: Mid-November – date will be set at next meeting.
- f) Speeding Traffic: Councillor Williams highlighted the community forum on the 17th September in Wormleighton Village Hall, starting at 6.30pm. He explained that the perception of speed does not necessarily match the reality. Limiting speed through speed bumps and other similar measures would not be installed. In the vast majority of cases the speeding motorists are local people. Councillor Williams said that speeding should be tackled through education. Chris Campbell commented on speeding agricultural vehicles.

Councillor Williams encouraged people to record number plates of speeding vehicles and provide any evidence.

Consideration will be made of a village entrance feature to mark the entrances to the village and with the aim of slowing down traffic. A review will be made of what other villages have installed.

Daniel Robertson confirmed that Speedaware had operated in the village on several occasions.

Roads Traffic, Roads and Drains

g) Report on recent road works if available: Councillor Williams addressed the meeting: The new drain has been installed. On the 12th November will be shut for 4 days and the road will be shaved and resurfaced.

Environment/Maintenance

- h) St John's: Nothing to report.
- i) Street light replacement: Trevor Gill was looking into some remaining concerns associated with the recent replacements with the County Council.
- j) Green areas: Nothing to report. The contractor was praised for the quality of his work.

There have been comments about lambs getting out of fields and coming into the village. Farmers have been made aware and they are addressing the matter.

k) Audit: The Clerk confirmed that the closure notice has gone up. The audit fee from Grant Thornton was challenged but found to stand on the basis of income, which included the Steps fund, so it will be paid.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS: Councillor Williams.

1. **Draft Core Strategy** – It is anticipated that the District Council Draft Core Strategy which sets out our aspirations for the amount of housing that should be built over the next 15 years will be confirmed at the full meeting of the District Council on 21st October. Once the Council has approved the Strategy it will then pass to a Government Inspector who will hold a Public Hearing to decide the proposals. At the moment, the proposal to development an area between Lighthorne Heath and the M40 has caused a degree of controversy but I am fairly confident that these proposals will be supported by the full council. I was pleased to see Trevor Gill at the Public Consultation regarding this proposal.
2. **County Council Budget** - As I have been warning, central government has confirmed that over the next four years the County Council will receive some £92million less to run the council. This is on top of the £60 million we have saved over the last three years. This significant reduction in resources has meant that a major review of all departments is being undertaken to identify these further savings. When these savings have been identified Public Consultation will take place to determine public preference from where, and how, these savings will be implemented. I will, of course, advise Avon Dassetof the dates and locations of these Consultations when they are known.
3. **Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service** – You may have heard that the Fire Brigade Trade Union has called for a National Strike shortly. This is a national dispute regarding the government's proposed reforms of the Fire Fighters' Pension Scheme. If a Strike is called there will be a potential for Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service to be without a full service. With that in mind, our capacity within the service is totally focused on business continuity planning and there is, as you might expect, little capacity for other work. Fire cover during Strike Action will be based on the following principles.
 - i) A reduced level of fire cover with fewer fire appliances.
 - ii) The reduced level of cover will be supplemented by retained appliances whose crews maintain availability throughout any strike period.
 - iii) Fire Control staff are not affected by this strike action and consequently Emergency Call Handling Services will not be affected. Calls will be strictly filtered to ensure resources are available for incidents that threatened lives and property.

I am confident that Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service will maintain their excellent standards throughout this industrial dispute.

Police Commissioner – David Johnson has been appointed as our Ambassador to the Police Commissioner. David lives in the Wellesbourne & Kineton Forum area and is already well-known throughout the district. I look forward to receiving David's reports at the Forum Debates and should any residents have any queries regarding the work of the Commissioner, I would be happy to pass on individual concerns to David Johnson. The next meeting of the Southam & Feldon Forum is on Wednesday 18th September 2013 to be held in Wormleighton Village Hall where I expect the impact of HS2 and proposals to develop a Windfarm in the area will be vigorously debated.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – Paper copies circulated at meeting. Electronic mail circulated prior to meeting. Information on the core Strategy will be scanned and circulated to the Parish Councillors for comment.

Information about the Warwickshire oil syndicate was highlighted. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to see if they could attend a meeting to explain their scheme and answer any questions.

A request was read out from the village Coffee Morning Group for a toaster.

7. PLANNING (Declarations of interests):

Notice of Decision 13/01254/FUL St Josephs Cottage: Permission with conditions.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appendix A

FINANCIAL STATEMENT September 2013, Avon Dassett Parish Council:

Balance at close of business 31/8/13

Current Account	£ 6,205.71
Savings Account	£ 974.82 *

This figure represents ring fenced funds for ADPC plus any interest received into the account.

Bank Transactions

<u>Current Account</u>	<u>Chq/SO/DD</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
5 Aug N Power	DD		55.00
13 Aug	1243		78.00
13 Aug	1245		177.00
13 Aug	1242		242.00
20 Aug	1244		12.20
21 Aug	CASH DEPOSIT (Hire of RR)	5.00	
<u>Deposit Account</u>		<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
9 Aug	Bank Interest	0.04	

<u>Cheques issued from mtg</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2.9.13 Grant Thornton (Audit fee)	1246	120.00
2.9.13 J. Sherriff (Aug coffee)	1247	5.01
2.9.13 H. Hide-Wright (Expenses Aug)	1248	23.40
Total cheques		<u>148.41</u>

Notes:

New Balances for Ring Fenced Funds:

Neighbourhood Watch	£ 185.00
St John's Steps appeal Funds	£ 358.74
Community Grant Fund (Laptop)	£ 431.00
Interest Received	£ 0.04
Total	£ 974.82

Cheques were signed by David Hutt and Alastair Whetstone.

Quarterly Review**Sept 2013 2nd Quarter budget update (including expenses up to End Aug 2013)**

	<u>Budget £</u>	<u>Spend to date £</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Expenditure	8963	3181.01	35.49%
VAT		177.69	
RR Ins	935		
RR Rates	103		
RR Clean	165		
RR Maintenance	400	50	12.5%
Clerk Pay	2700	920.60	34.0%
Admin	400	194.03	48.5%
PC Training	150		
WALC	90	90	100% Annual charge
Xmas Cards	0		
Elec supply RR	550	591.09	107.47% (includes £423 annual charge)
Street Light Supply	825		
Other: Street Light replacement			
Playground Rental	150		
Website	0		
Playground	150	65.00	43.33%
Other	0		
Mowing	1800	881	49%
Audit Fees	200	60	30%
Safe Fees	20		
Coffee Morning	125	35.91	28.7%
Election Fees	200		

Other Funds held by ADPC:

Neighbourhood Watch	£ 185.00
St John's Steps appeal Funds	£ 125.04

9. MEMBER REPORTS: Alastair Whetstone reported the damage to the salt bin at the top of the hill.

Discussion took place on the village pub. It appears that the pub may close in September. Chris Campbell has written to the owners seeking information on their plans for the future of the pub.

10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7th Oct 2013, 4th Nov 2013, 2nd Dec 2013

The meeting closed at 9.00pm