

AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at the Reading Room on Monday 5th August 2002

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

In Attendance Bob Butler

- 1) Apologies: I. Seccombe & K. Martin
- 2) Declaration of Interest: None
- 3) Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes were approved as correct by P. Worrall and signed by the Chairman, L. Hope-Frost.
- 4) To Receive Questions from Public: There were no questions, although it was noted that part of the verge along the Farnborough Road had been cut.
- 5) Matters Arising:
 - a) Playground – A basketball net and padding for the post had been purchased. A. Fraser agreed to purchase spray to mark out the hopscotch. A. Fraser suggested extending the playground to create an area for the older children with a goal post and skateboard ramp. In principal, it agreed that this was a good idea, however the land is owned by C. Worrall and is currently rented out.
 - b) Teen Shelter – This was put on hold for the time being.
- 6) Correspondence:

Planning – Mr Mullane at Orchard End. There were representations to be made and the council asked for the matter to be referred to the Dasset Area Planning Committee.

A letter had been received from Mary Edgington regarding the possibility of holding an art exhibition in the reading room at the same time as the Open Gardens. This was thought a good idea and L. Hope-Frost agreed to confirm this to Mary.

Correspondence had been received regarding Parish Plans. Cllr Williams explained that the council need to formalize a plan. It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

A reply had been received from the auditor explaining the reasons for the high invoice. However the reply was felt to be unsatisfactory and the clerk was asked to write back to request a meeting with the auditor.
- 7) Council Report: Please see attached

*Judith Hope-Frost
2/09/02*

8) Financial Statement:

Balances as at close of business on Monday 5th August

Current a/c	£	360.51 credit
Deposit a/c	£	1525.41 credit

Cheques to be issued:

1) A Del Principe	£	60.00
2) M. Harris	£	65.00
3) A Del Principe(expenses)	£	19.41
5) Alan Sheasby	£	35.25
6) WALC	£	51.00
7) D. Brangwyn(basketball net)	£	102.81

The payment of the cheques was proposed by D. Brangwyn and seconded by A. Fraser.

As part of the new audit procedures the council appointed Mr K. Wilson as the internal auditor and agreed to all the points made on the annual return.

8) Any Other Business:

- a) Coffee Morning – The coffee mornings would start again in September. Flyers would be sent to all pensioners, which would also include a note about the light bulbs.
- b) It was noted that a large lorry had recently been parking by the playground. The driver had in the past been asked to move and to park in the lay-by on the main road. It was agreed that further action should be taken.
- c) Xmas Cards – agenda point for next meeting.
- d) Bench – It was suggested moving the bench away from the war memorial. A Fraser agreed to organise.
- e) The memorial to Jessie Hall is now in place and thanks were given to Kevin Martin.
- f) National Competition – Avon Dassett was let down by two areas of the village, Park Close and Lower End.
- g) Reading Room – It was suggested operating a diary system for the booking of the Reading Room.
- h) Kellie Noaks had asked to borrow the tables and chairs from the Reading Room. It was agreed to charge £10.
- i) It was reminded that the deed for the burial ground was still outstanding.

Date of Next Meeting as agreed by all councillors

Monday 2nd December 2002 @ 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Meeting closed @ 10.00pm

*Linda Hope, Noel,
2/09/02.*

Avon Dassett Parish Council Meeting 05.08.02
District Councillor's Report

1. At a recent meeting of the Dassett Area Community Committee Cllr Len Gale of Southam Town Council was selected to represent the Parish Councils from the Dassett Area on the Standards Board that will investigate any allegations made by a member of the public of poor performance of Parish Councils.

2. A draft supplementary Planning Guidance on the operation of policy COM.1 has been proposed. Policy COM.1 refers to Parish and Town Plans. This supplementary Planning Guidance will ensure that Policy COM.1 is interpreted and applied consistently when assessing the merits of a wide range of schemes and in the determination of planning applications. The new Policy allows Parish Councils, through the medium of Parish Plans, to propose certain projects that might be deemed contrary to planning proposals but because of local demand consideration should be made towards making exceptions. Such proposals would cover special needs housing, traffic calming procedures, expansion and provision of play equipment for children especially increasing the provision of play equipment for disabled children. The whole scope of Parish Plans will bring a new dimension of community involvement into the planning process.

3. Best Value Review Services to Older People and People with Disabilities. The Council is currently undertaking a Best Value Review with regard to older people. There has been a misrepresentation of the purposes of this Review. The Council has no intention of cutting the services, merely redirecting the resources more effectively to those people who are in need rather than spreading the resources evenly to include those people who are eligible for help but have no requirement for additional support.