

AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at the Reading Room on Monday 2nd December 2002

Present L. Hope-Frost, K. Martin, A. Fraser, Cllr Williams & Clerk

In Attendance Bob Butler & Mrs Pym

1) Apologies: P. Worrall & D. Brangwyn

2) Declaration of Interest: None

3) Confirmation of Minutes: K. Martin proposed that the minutes were correct and was seconded by A. Fraser. The Chairman then signed the minutes.

4) To Receive Questions from Public: Mr Butler requested that the leaves should be cleared from the footpath going up the hill. L. Hope-Frost confirmed that she had already asked for this to be done. The clerk was asked to chase for the dog bin to be moved.

5) Matters Arising:

Parish Plan – L. Hope-Frost advised that Cllr Williams had arranged for a traffic survey to be carried out. With regard to a previous suggestion for wind turbines, it was pointed out that it was not an option due to the number of problems, such as large acreage needed and high investment. As it was a village matter the council agreed to wait to see if there were any further suggestions following the Xmas party.

Budget – L. Hope-Frost suggested that the council should consider further kerbing in the village to stop the erosion of the verges. The two councillors present did not agree with this suggestion. Instead it was suggested either putting cones on the grass on a Friday night or notices regarding parking. The chairman and clerk agreed to meet to prepare the budget for the next year.

6) Correspondence:

Planning – Notification had been received for alterations to external door and window at 12 The Mews, Avon Carrow. The council had no representation to make. Since the previous meeting an amendment had been received in respect of the application for Orchard End. It should be noted that there was no objection to the amendment.

7) Financial Statement:

Balances as at close of business on Monday 2nd December

Linda Hope, Froel.
6.01.03

Current a/c	£	87.98	credit
Deposit a/c	£	1082.99	credit

Cheques to be issued:

1) A. Del Principe (clerk's pay)	£	60.00
2) M. Harris	£	65.00
3) Mike Smith Framing	£	15.85
4) NALC	£	0.89
5) Kall Kwik	£	359.17

Payment of the cheques was proposed by A. Fraser and seconded by K. Martin.

There was an amount of £15.00 to be paid in for the use of the Reading Room.

8) Council Report: see attached

9) Any Other Business:

- a) A. Fraser had checked the slide and felt there was no problem at present.
- b) The clerk was asked to chase the letter sent regarding noise and pollution from the motorway.

Date of Next Meeting as agreed by all councillors

Monday 6th January 2003 @ 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Meeting closed @ 9.00pm

Linda Hope-Mose
6.01.03

**Avon Dassett Parish Council Meeting 2.12.02.
District Councillor's Report**

1. Since last month SDC has decided that where a Parish Council election takes places at the same time as a District or County Council election no charge shall be levied for conducting the election. However, where an election takes place at times other than the re-election of the whole Parish Council an administration fee will be applied of £75.00.
2. SDC will be asked to undertake a voting pilot for the 2003 elections incorporating the following components.
 - a) Postal voting on request
 - b) A repeat of electronic voting as utilised last year
 - c) Early internet voting in conjunction with BT.

To undertake electronic voting it will be necessary for the Council to secure a grant from the Government. If this grant is not forthcoming, we will revert to the traditional method of pencil and paper but will probably utilise some form of mechanical counting.

3. The Council approved revisions to the Local Plan. The changes approved by the Council will be published for consultation in a revised document and the public will be invited to comment upon these changes. It is proposed that the Local Plan will go forward to public inquiry in the second half of 2003. There are no development allocations that will affect Avon Dassett. The majority of proposals recommend development in and around Stratford which is in accordance with the County Structure Plan.
4. The application for a mixed use employment facility in Southam was refused by a meeting of the Planning and Regulation held in Southam itself. The grounds for refusal was that there was objections to the siting, size and location of the units on Southam Industrial Estate. In the event of the applicant lodging an appeal against this decision it is the professional advice of our officers that the applicant would probably win such an appeal. Do remember, the applicant had already received permission for mixed use development and it is unlikely that the inspector would see objection to the proposed development on aesthetic grounds. The traffic implications of this development would not come within the remit of any appeal decision.