

## AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held at the Reading Room on Monday 9th June 2003

- Present L. Hope-Frost, K. Martin, A. Fraser, Cllr Williams & Clerk
- In Attendance Bob Butler, Rob & Cathy Husband
- 1) Apologies: P. Worrall, D. Brangwyn & Issy Seccombe
- 2) Declaration of Interest: None
- 3) Confirmation of Minutes: A. Fraser proposed that the minutes were correct and was seconded by K. Martin, they were then signed by the Chairman.

#### 4) Matters Arising:

Parish Plan – The Chairman read out a letter from Graham and Sandra Rice containing four points. The first point concerned the path going up the hill, they felt that the problem should be dealt with by Bitham Hall. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Bigwoods in Stratford to arrange a site meeting. It was also mentioned that there were a number of broken branches, which could cause an accident. The other points raised were regarding broadband, the new surface on the motorway and an offer to help with the parish plan.

Cllr Williams advised that there was a slight administration problem and no money would be available until September. Linda Ridgley was to give some possible dates. Rob & Cathy Husband agreed to help.

Ditches – A. Fraser was due to meet Nick Wild on 10<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm.

Flowering Tubs - Still no contact with Bob Sandland.

#### 5) Correspondence:

Planning – A planning notification had been received for Eva's Cottage, 1 Hillview in respect of the replacement of damaged trellis (which had been replaced and increased in height without permission). As there were only 3 councillors present it was agreed to obtain the view of the 2 absent councillors, although the 2 attending councillors had no objection to the work carried out.

#### 6) Financial Statement:

Balances as at close of business on Monday 9th June

Current a/c	£	42.48	credit
Deposit a/c	£	2503.64	credit

*Linda Hope, Clerk  
30th June 03*

## Cheques to be issued:

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| 1) A. Del Principe (clerk's pay)   | £ 70.00 |
| 2) L. Hope Frost (for Mick Harris) | £ 65.00 |
| 3) Npower                          | £ 38.88 |

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

As the Charities Report had been unavailable the Chairman reported, as follows:

John Freckleton Charity – 2 junior scholars received £7.00 and 7 senior scholars received £9.00

Poor Allotment Charity – 9 senior citizens received £4.00

James and Hinds Charity – 9 senior citizens received £ 41.00

7) Council Report: see attached

8) Any Other Business:

- a) It was asked when the speed limit signs were to be moved. Cllr Williams advised that new signs were to be put up warning of the low bridge at Fenny Compton.
- b) The local policeman was leaving and it was requested that the council should be informed of his replacement.

9) To Receive Questions from the Public:

None.

Date of Next Meeting as agreed by all councillors

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 @ 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Meeting closed @ 9.00pm

*Linda Hope Frost  
30th June 2003*

**Avon Dassett Parish Council Meeting 09.06.03.  
District Councillor's Report**

1. The District Council will shortly have to undertake the process of granting licences for the consumption of alcohol. This was a service previously undertaken by magistrates. Currently, the decision to change arrangements is awaiting parliamentary approval but it is expected by early new year that all licenced premises will be subject to licences being granted by the local authority. This has put a tremendous workload upon the District Council for which no support funding is being provided by central government and will produce further pressures upon resources.
2. The District Council supports the County Council in their bid from central government for £5million to help with the transport problems of Stratford-upon-Avon. Broadly, the aims are to reduce the congestion in the town centre, to introduce areas of pedestrian priority and to help with the introduction of the proposal to provide two Park and Ride services for Stratford. Additionally, there are proposals to enhance coach and rail travel to Stratford as well as providing better arrangements for short and medium term parking within the town. The Transport Bid is a responsibility of the County Council and the District Council are partners in this exciting project.
3. What was trumped as the most radical reform to the planning process and was expected to be introduced to parliament before the summer has been deferred until next year. The Planning Green Paper when placed for consultation was rejected by 95% of the consultees. Mr Prescott rejected the view of the majority and has decided to press on regardless. The proposals have introduced a significant degree of uncertainty into the planning process where effectively the County Council's involvement in strategic planning will be minimal. Interestingly, land in the ownership of the government, such as military establishments, prisons and estates owned by the Royal Family, have previously been excluded from the planning process. One of the new proposals is that this right should be removed which will mean that when the Queen wants to build a conservatory at the back of Buckingham Palace she will be subjected to the planning process like anybody else.