

## AVON DASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held at the Reading Room on Monday 7th October 2002

Present L. Hope-Frost, K. Martin, P. Worrall, D. Brangwyn, Cllr  
Williams & Clerk

In Attendance Bob Butler

- 1) Apologies: A. Fraser & Issy Seccombe
- 2) Declaration of Interest: None
- 3) Confirmation of Minutes: D. Brangwyn proposed that the minutes were correct and was seconded by K. Martin. The Chairman signed the minutes.
- 4) To Receive Questions from Public: Bob Butler asked when the light bulbs would be available and how to obtain the green sacks. As 8 people had requested light bulbs, it was agreed to go ahead. Cllr Williams explained how and where to obtain the green sacks. Bob offered to take orders for the Christmas cards at the next coffee morning.

5) Matters Arising:

Playground – Thanks to Kevin Martin and Ali Fraser for putting up the basketball net in the playground. P. Worrall advised that Charlie Worrall felt that the playground was already big enough and was concerned that the skateboard craze may not last. He was therefore was not prepared to allow any more of the field to be used.

Xmas Cards – Prices had been obtained from Kall-Kwik for the printing of the Christmas cards. It was decided to order 1000 A6 cards.

Parish Plan – A number of suggestions were made including more kerbing, Victorian street lights, social housing, sports and social club, old fashioned telephone box, rumble strips and wind assisted turbines. Cllr Williams advised that a team of people, of all ages were needed, to drive the project forward. It was agreed that each councillor would speak to people to obtain their views.

Airport – Cllr Williams advised that there were a number of ecological problems with the project. The clerk was asked to write to Stratford District Council to confirm that the majority of the village were against the proposal for the new airport.

6) Correspondence:

Planning – A letter from Stratford District Council advising that the planning application for the extension at Orchard End had been granted providing that the external walls were built of stone.

A notification had been received to fell and reduce a number of trees at 1 Lower Terrace. The council had no representation to make.

*Linda Hope-Frost  
4/10/02*

## 7) Financial Statement:

Balances as at close of business on Monday 7th October

Current a/c	£	77.13	credit
Deposit a/c	£	4023.36	credit

## Cheques to be issued:

1) A. Del Principe (clerk's pay)	£	60.00
2) M. Harris	£	130.00
3) Clement Keys	£	141.00
4) Npower	£	38.88
5) L. Hope-Frost (Electrician)	£	10.00
6) Warks CC (Kerbing)	£	2730.56
7) Audit Commission	£	761.40
8) L. Hope-Frost (cups & saucers)	£	96.40
9) L. Hope-Frost (new teapot)	£	24.99

Payment of the cheques was proposed by k. Martin and seconded by P. Worrall.

The clerk pointed out to the council that although the precept had now been received, funds were very low. A VAT reimbursement had been submitted.

## 8) Council Report: see attached

## 9) Any Other Business:

- Planning notifications – it was pointed out that if an informal meeting takes place, this fact and the decision should be noted in the next set of minutes.
- It was agreed that each councillor would put £6 towards the collection for Remembrance Sunday.
- Thanks were given to Bob Stevens for the bench in the burial ground. He had suggested a gate with a tiled roof instead of the current gate at the burial ground. It was agreed to ask him to provide a quote. The council were reminded that planning permission would be required.
- There had been further complaints regarding some of the youngsters in the village such as the lighting of a fire on the seat in the bus shelter. A policeman had called to see the family involved but without much success. L. Hope-Frost said she would speak the police again and to the Headmistress at Kineton School. P. Worrall was asked to speak to Malcolm Mackay. The clerk was asked to obtain a new timetable in the bus shelter.

Date of Next Meeting as agreed by all councillors

Monday 4th November 2002 @ 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Meeting closed @ 9.50pm

*Linda Hope-Frost  
4/11/02*

**Avon Dassett Parish Council Meeting 07.10.02.**  
**District Councillor's Report**

1. The Standards Board for England has received over 1,000 allegations that members have broken the Code of Conduct introduced in May. The most serious allegations are being prioritized while complaints that are clearly trivial are no longer being investigated in depth. 500 of the complaints received so far relate to Parish Councillors. Some complaints refer to the rough and tumble of politics. The more trivial complaints included incidents of name calling such as one Parish Councillor who referred to another as 'a plonker'. It really isn't sensible to invoke the Standards Board for incidents that should be dealt with privately. Name calling, if it does happen, should be regrettable but should not be subject to a complaint.
  
2. My colleagues at the County, together with John Maples, the MP, and the District Council are all having a concerted attack on ragwort. Should any Parish Councillor know of the location of ragwort, they should let me know. In this district the main culprits are the Highways Agency responsible for the M40 and Oxfordshire County Council who do not appear as diligent as Warwickshire County Council in treating this notifiable weed.
  
3. Airport Update – The consultants appointed by the County Council to evaluate the government statistics relating to the possible siting of a new airport in the West Midlands are contesting the government figures. Re-evaluation of the possible number of passengers per annum by the year 2015 is nearer to the 500million as opposed to the 600million indicated by the government. The County Council will be making their representation on 30 November 2002 representing the views of all the areas of Warwickshire taking into account the views of parish councils right through to the various district councils. Surprisingly, 20% of the population in this area are supportive of the proposal to either expand air transport at Birmingham or construct a new airport between Coventry and Rugby.