

Minutes

of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 28 July 2008

Present: D Livingstone (Chair) E Cooper
C DeMyers-Robinson D Edmonds
J Nicholas C Osler
K Perkins G Small
K Thomas N Warden
C Williams

Visitors: Mr P Ballantyne (prospective councillor)

Clerk: C Gallacher

	Action
<p>1. Apologies and declarations of Interest</p> <p>Apologies were received from I Stewart.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest</p> <p>2. Public Time</p> <p>Mr Ballantyne brought to council's notice that pedestrians are being endangered when crossing Barnsdale Drive, Westcroft as vehicles often come round the bend adjacent to the petrol station at high speeds and there are no warning signs for the footpath which crosses the road. He has tried to have action taken on this but ownership/responsibility for the road is unclear. It was agreed that the clerk should establish ownership so that steps could be taken to try to improve this situation before someone is hurt.</p> <p>3. Minutes</p> <p>It was noted that minutes of the meetings on 23 June 2008 and 30 June 2008 had been signed at the latter meeting. There were no matters arising from either.</p> <p>4. Reports</p> <p>The clerk's report was noted. The Police were not in attendance .</p> <p><u>Ward Councillors</u></p> <p>C Williams and G Small both gave brief reports of recent activities on matters of interest.</p> <p><u>Planning & Environment Committee</u></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2008 were presented unsigned as a report and accepted. The meeting received an oral update on allotments and it was resolved to fix the rent for year 2008/09 at £0.15 per sq metre.</p>	clerk

Community Committee

Minutes of the meeting of 14 July 2008 were presented unsigned as a report and accepted.

5. Complaints from a Ward Councillor

The meeting regretted the absence of Cllr S Burke, who had submitted a complaint to the council meeting on 23 June. It was noted that he had not presented any evidence in support of his original letter, which made detailed comment impossible. The meeting agreed, however, that the issues he had raised were not within the council's remit and it was resolved that no action could be taken on these. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly to Cllr Burke.

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6. Co-option of a councillor

The meeting regretted the absence of Mr M Legg, one of the candidates to fill the casual vacancy on council. It was decided that both candidates would be considered on the available submissions and Mr Ballantyne was invited to address the council on his interest in the position and then to answer questions from members, before this was discussed in camera. It was decided to vote by ballot, which revealed that neither of the candidates could secure the necessary absolute majority of support and the casual vacancy remains unfilled.

7. Operational Plan

The discussion on Objective 2 of the Operational Plan (identification of strategic partners) showed that the council already has a range and depth of contacts. It was resolved to recognise the strengths of present partnerships but to review these regularly to take account of changing situations and stakeholders in support of the Strategic Aims.

8. Finance

a) The report from internal auditor for financial year 2007/08 was received and approved and it was noted that no action is required on this.

b) The monthly finance report was circulated and the meeting adjourned while members considered this. The retrospective approval list was approved and the finance report was then approved and signed by the Chairman and clerk.

It was resolved to authorise signature of cheques to make the following payments:

Inland revenue	paye/nics	2485.27	2199
M Aitkins	landscape contract	1361.05	2200
A H Contracts	bin service	974.90	2201
MKC	business rates	1178.00	2202
Mirus IT	IT support	293.75	2203
Pro-clean	office cleaning	78.00	2204
C Gallacher	expenses (mileage)	115.00	2205
C Gallacher	authorised purchases	52.00	2206
C Gallacher	salary adjustment	43.98	2207
A Ridgway	authorised purchases	223.03	2208
City Print	newsletter print	2634.35	2209

Dor-2-Dor	N'letter/leaflet distribution	1088.20	2210
SBE School	Basketball hire	126.90	2211
SBE School	Astroturf Hire (May)	68.40	2212
Tower surveys	Land survey Westcroft	575.75	2213
Communicorp	Clerks & Councils	123.50	2214
MKPA	summer play scheme	6228.60	2215
MKPA	scrapstore goods	100.00	2216
Cash	petty cash	78.99	2217
9. Correspondence			
The correspondence list had been circulated for information and the meeting noted :			
The national Big Tidy Up project, where it was agreed that this could be better channelled through smaller organisations such as the NAGs.			
A request from the clerk to withdraw his notice of intended retirement, which was approved.			
10. Meeting dates			
Meeting dates were agreed/noted as:			
	Planning & Environment Committee	4 August 2008	
	Community Committee	11 August 2008	
	Parish Council	18 August 2008	
There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21h27			

SIGNED.....Chair