



### **Land Fronting 72 - 108 Main Street**

The transfer of this land from Harborough District Council to the Parish Council should be pursued so that the land could be registered as an Open Space or Common Land.

**SC/MJ**

### **Properties creating access to the Recreation Ground**

It was noted that a number of properties had created means of accessing the recreation ground from their back gardens. It was agreed that the length of time that this had been happening should be clarified in case it had any impact on future work that might need to be undertaken in the Recreation Ground.

**PC**

### **6 Mowing Contract**

RESOLVED:

That the Council would agree to the County Council's request to increase the frequency of verge cuts from 9 to 12 per year. However, it would not be possible to commit this agreement for a period of more than twelve months.

**SC**

### **7 Contract for Emptying Litter and Dog Waste Bins**

RESOLVED:

That the Council would contract for emptying the litter and dog waste bins through the District Council as part of their grounds maintenance contract with FOCSA from 1 April 2009.

**SC**

### **8 Purchase of Additional Bins for Dog Waste**

The need for additional litter and dog waste bins was discussed

RESOLVED:

(i) That one additional litter bin should be purchased and sited on the footpath between The Green and Gunnsbrook Close, where the path widens out.

(ii) That an additional Glasdon 35 litre dog waste bin should be purchased and sited near the post box on Main Street.

**SC**

### **9 Harborough District Council Parish Planning Handbook**

RESOLVED:

That Harborough District Council should be notified that Mr Jack would be the Council's Planning representative.

**SC**

### **10 Working Group on Traffic Issues**

It was reported that the Working Group were considering a number of options that might be pursued and that these were being prioritised. There was not much funding available and the Group might recommend approaching the District Council for Section 106 funding. Lorries were reported to be using Welham Lane to access businesses instead of the A6.

RESOLVED:

That the businesses on Welham Lane should be requested to ensure that deliveries were made to their premises via the A6.

**SC**

### **11 Planning Applications**

The District Planning Committee had approved Planning Applications 08/01522/FUL and 08/01523/CON, for dwellings on the land currently used as the Fernie Hunt stables, subject to the access width conforming to the County Highways guidance. Concern was expressed that the Minute from the meeting did not accurately reflect that guidance. A copy of the Highways Report would be requested and Councillor Sarah Hill would be asked to review the Minutes in the light of this. The Parish Council had received no response to their letter to the Head of Development Control.

No dates had been given for the Planning Committee to consider Planning Applications 09/00035/FUL and 09/00043/FUL relating to the development of the Hunt's kennels.

A site meeting had been held with one of the Trustees of the Fernie Hunt concerning the works carried out at the track crossing Nether Green. The Trustee had agreed that the track should not provide an access to the dwellings when they were built. The cost of re-instating the grass that had been removed would be approximately £340 + VAT.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the grass removed at the track on Nether Green should be re-instated.

(ii) That the Trustees be invited to present evidence within 21 days that the widening was in accordance with an existing road otherwise they should be asked to fund the cost of the re-instatement.

**SC**

## 12 Recreation Ground

### 12.1 Pavilion Accounts and Expenditure

The pavilion accounts were tabled. It was noted that expenditure would be required on maintenance for the pavilion. A draft budget for the pavilion was circulated. The budget would be finalised shortly.

### 12.2 Pavilion Improvements Proposed by the Cricket Club

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council supported the following improvements:

- (i) The window being replaced by a door on the south side of the pavilion.
- (ii) The size of the patio to be increased as per the plan presented.
- (iii) The provision of benches and chairs for the patio subject to them being removable and suitable storage arranged. Not to be left out overnight. SC

### 12.3 Cricket Nets

A letter had been received from the District Council acknowledging that no planning permission was required for the nets.

### 12.4 Car Park

It was hoped to undertake the pruning at the car park entrance on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of March and the refuse would be cleared on the following weekend. TJB/JA /BG

There were big holes appearing in the car park surface and a quote of £580 + VAT had been received for filling them in.

RESOLVED:

That the District Council should be approached to assist with the cost of repairing the car park surface as the area housed the recycling bins. TJB

### 12.5 Concrete Slab

The residents of Madeline Close had offered to pay for the removal of the concrete slab on the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED:

That the residents of Madeline Close should be informed that the Parish Council would like to accept their offer to remove the slab at their expense and to reinstate the grass. The slab should be removed via the car park and residents should be asked to liaise with the Council when conditions to undertake the work were suitable. SC

## 13 Trees

There was concern that brushwood from the Millennium Wood had been used to dam the brook which might lead to flooding.

The School had felled the tree that was causing the path to become uneven.

## 14 Finance

### 14.1 Payments and Receipts

These were noted and approved as shown below

|  |               |  |         |
|--|---------------|--|---------|
|  |               | Open Spaces Society Membership                                 | 52.00   |
| Pavilion Rental Jan 09                               | 315.00        | Already paid agreed at Jan 09 mtg                              |         |
| Village Trust repayment for Mr Weet's Memorial Bench | 343.98        | ICP Pavilion Cleaning Jan 09                                   | 97.57   |
| Mrs Weet repayment for Mr Weet's Memorial Bench      | 28.86         | ICP Pavilion Cleaning Feb 09                                   | 97.57   |
| LCC Mowing rebate (Paid into reserve account)        | 3931.10       | LCC Street Lighting Recharge                                   | 275.91  |
|  |               | Veolia Bin Emptying April to Sept 08                           |         |
|  |               | Dog bins   | 122.20  |
|  |               | Litter bins  | 91.65   |
|  |               | Veolia Bin Emptying Oct 08 to March 09                         |         |
|  |               | Dog bins   | 119.60  |
|  |               | Litter bins  | 89.70   |
|  |               | NALC & LRALC Membership fees                                   | 220.38  |
|  |               | Leicestershire & Rutland Playing Fields Association Membership | 17.00   |
|  |               | Clerks salary and expenses Feb & March                         | 442.31  |
|  | Total 4618.94 | Total  | 1625.89 |

## **14.2 Appointment of Internal Auditor**

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of an internal auditor for the financial year ending March 2009 be delegated to the Clerk.

## **15 District Councillors Report**

There was no report from District Councillors.

## **16 Urgent Late Items**

### **Correspondence**

A letter had been received from Mr Prentice of 7 Knights End Road requesting the Council to consider lopping the tree on the Green outside his house.

RESOLVED:

That a letter should be sent to Mr Prentice explaining that as the tree identified had been lopped recently it was not possible to undertake further work to it at present.

**SC**

## **17 Questions from the Public**

### **17.1 Harborough District Council's Strategy on Affordable Housing**

It had proved difficult to obtain a copy of this document from the District Council. A copy of the strategy was offered on loan.

**PC**

### **17.2 Boundaries of field at Berry Close**

A question was raised concerning problems with the internal fencing on the field at the end of Berry Close. However, internal boundaries on private land were outside the remit of the Parish Council.

### **17.3 Survey Work being undertaken at Berry Close**

It had been observed that survey work was being undertaken in and around Berry Close and this was likely to be used in the submission of a planning application for the field. However, the Parish Council were unable to comment or take action until a planning application was submitted. Councillor Swatridge could be contacted as the local representative on the District Council to raise concerns.

**Meeting Ended 9.20pm**

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**Chairman**