

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING - 7th JUNE 2001**

**Present: Councillor W.Hepplewhite (Chairman)**

**Councillors E.W.Armstrong, G Gustard, M.Gustard, R.Olaman, M.Oliver, A.Westmorland.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor W.Kennedy

**2. POLICE REPORT:**

Sergeant Stephen Taylor and PC Vince Marriner presented the report for May, which included the theft of garden planters from Brydon House, a rise in house burglaries in the north of the parish, caused largely by windows being left open during the fine weather, and a road traffic accident on the Times Inn Bank on the 15th May when a vehicle left the road. Sergeant Taylor advised that the thefts were being carried out to finance the purchase of drugs, and that a monitoring exercise was ongoing. Councillor Olaman repeated his concerns at the persistent riding of bicycles on footpaths and rights of way. Sergeant Taylor explained the legal situation, and agreed that although such behaviour was a road safety exercise in its own right, it was necessary for riders to show consideration for pedestrians.

**3. MINUTES:**

Agreed: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 10th May 2001 (a copy of which had been sent previously to each member,) be Approved and Signed as a correct record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

a) Minute No.4 (e)

The clerk reported having been informed that the Easington District Arts Council was not functioning at the present time, but that the new Arts Officer was attempting to revive it. It was AGREED that the Chairman's appointment as the Council's representative on the Arts Council be confirmed in readiness for a resumption of its activities.

b) Minute No.14 (b)

The clerk reported having arranged a meeting with an officer of Northern Training with a view to obtaining the costs of manufacture and erection of two public notice boards in the northern part of the parish.

c) Minute No.14 (d)

The Chairman reported that a visit to Greatham Church had been arranged for Monday 18th June, when members could see the new stained glass window which had been installed in the St. John the Baptist's Church as part of the village's millennium celebrations. A report of the visit would be presented to the Council at the July Meeting.

#### **5. CASUAL VACANCY:**

The Clerk reported that Mrs Angela Sandwith of West Farm had indicated that she did not wish to be considered as a candidate for the casual vacancy on the Council. In consultation with the Chairman he had invited the other candidate, Mrs Julie Malkin of 1 Bournemouth Drive, to attend but that she had been unable to do so.

**Agreed: Mrs Malkin be invited to attend the July meeting in order to discuss with members her interest in filling the vacancy.**

#### **6. DALTON-LE-DALE WEB SITE:**

Further Discussions took place on the suggestion that the Parish Council participate in the Dalton-le-Dale Web Site being developed by a resident, and a number of conditions and safeguards were identified as being necessary in order to satisfy the Council's involvement. These included that only material submitted by the Clerk on the Council's official letterhead would be accepted, and that this material would be subject to a "read only" format.

**Agreed: That**

- a) That Mr. Richardson be advised of the Council's conditions for participation on the Web Site.**
- b) That members download material prior and report to each succeeding meeting**
- c) That the arrangement extend for a trial period of three months**

#### **7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Easington Area Association of parish and Town Councils would be held on Wednesday 4th July at the District Council offices.
- b) The Clerk reported that a Seminar arranged by the Council for the Protection of Rural England would be held in St. Aiden's College, Durham on Saturday 23rd June from 11am to 4pm.
- c) The Clerk submitted a quotation for the provision of the additional road safety humps on the Dene Road service road in the sum of £1450. There was some doubt as to whether the quotation covered both or only one of the humps which had been agreed, and this would be clarified for the July meeting.

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS:**

The following new applications were considered:

- a) Proposed private garage at 68 Weymouth Drive
- b) Proposed two storey side extension at 6 Yarmouth Close
- c) Proposed boundary fence at 10 Plymouth Close

**Agreed: That applications (a) and (b) be Noted but that further details be sought regarding application (c).**

## **9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

**Agreed: That Approval be given to the payment of the following accounts:**

<b>010 J.Abbot</b>	<b>Clerks Salary - May 2001</b>	<b>£225.47</b>
<b>011 J.Abbot</b>	<b>Postages/Telephone/Printing - May 2001</b>	<b>£6.21</b>
<b>012 Dalton-le-Dale Community Assoc.</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>£500.00</b>
<b>013 Universal Office Supplies</b>	<b>Files/Stationery</b>	<b>£63.41</b>
<b>014 District of Easington</b>	<b>Playground Inspections - 2000/2001</b>	<b>£164.10</b>
<b>015 Butterworths</b>	<b>Local Council Administration</b>	<b>£30.50</b>

## **10. REPORTS:**

a) Councillor Olaman reported on his attendance at the recent meeting of the North Area Forum. He had raised as a matter of urgency, the condition of the embankment on the Times Inn Bank. This had now being attended to, but in order to improve visibility for drivers emerging on to the main road from Church Bank, overgrowing trees need to be cut back.

b) The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had attended a very interesting seminar presented by the District Council at which the services provided by its Technical Services Unit were scrutinised vis-à-vis the requirements of Best Value, Architecture, Electrical Engineering, Energy Conservation, Landscape Architecture/Tree & Woodland, Municipal Engineering, Quantity Surveying and Structural Engineering were the areas considered, along with other environmental services such as refuse collection, street cleansing and grounds maintenance.

## **11. OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS:**

a) Following a recent meeting in St.Andrew's Church, at which the proposed design for the stained glass window together with a completed section of the actual window were displayed and explained,

and at which further critical comments were made, Councillor G.Gustard suggested that the items might be placed in the Church for a public viewing on the evening of Thursday June 14th, when he was to present an illustrated talk on the history of Dalton-le-Dale. This would enable wider consultation amongst parishioners and would offer a broader opinion as to the suitability of the design. The Clerk was instructed to seek the approval of the Vicar accordingly.

b) The Clerk reported having arranged a site meeting with Mr.Bill Kirkup of the County Council's landscape Section on Tuesday 17th July to follow up the discussions which the Chairman, Councillors Marian Gustard and Eddie Armstrong and he had had with the farmer concerning the reinstatement of hedgerows on the public right of way south of Dalton Bridge. This meeting would help to determine what financial assistance might be available to assist in replenishing the hedges which had been lost over recent years.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Agreed: That in view of the fact that some of the members would be unable to attend the meeting on the 5th July, the next meeting of the Council be held on Thursday 12th July 2001 at 7pm.**

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