

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th April 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllr, K J Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr DGC Slight

Planning applications

05/00466/FUL – erection of replacement roofing over hallway at Hunters Moon, Station Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported – Cllr Rhodes abstained.

05/00581/FUL erection of two storey extension and detached garage at Green Pastures, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported – Cllr Jepson abstained.

General matters

Cllr Jepson suggested that The Acres, donated to the parish by Harwood Cash, grandfather of Mr Linney, should have a plaque installed recognising this fact. This was agreed and the dated of donation and further details are to be obtained.

Other items were raised for attention:

- Offer of tree on the Ridgeway
- Roof at rear of Village Centre – Youth Club problems
- Litter bins
- Trade waste disposal – Church yard
- Public open space
- VC risks
- Highway cleaning
- Mowing of verges boundary Farnsfield

- Damage on Combs Lane by Wimpey contractor vehicles
- Kerbs on Station Lane
- Fencing on Wilson's Field
- CCTV Village Centre
- Update from the Police
- Emergency exit gate – Stackyard

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26th April 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllr, K J Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk)

2 members of the public and Co. Cllr. A Stewart in attendance

Minutes of the meeting of 27th April 2004 were accepted.

There were no matters arising.

The Clerk circulated an annual report for 2004-5.

Mr Allington raised the matter of safety in Tippings Lane following the narrowing of the road and suggested that signs be installed and some re-alignment of the footpath take place.

These issues were discussed and Co. Cllr Stewart agreed to follow them up at a meeting scheduled with Mr Charnley, Notts County Council Highways Manager, Newark.

Cllr. Jepson informed the meeting that Tippings Lane was due for resurfacing commencing 23rd May 2005 and this would extend into Combs Lane. He also stated that some work was due to take place on the Ridgeway. He expressed concern that no reply had been received from Mr Charnley following his letter of 8th March 2005 regarding outstanding highway matters on the Main Street.

Parking problems on the Main Street were also discussed.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th April 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, GD Stafford, DGC Slight.

M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

None

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 15th March 2005 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Selby and accepted with the following amendment, Cllr Jepson requested that the reference to the damage to Mr Teather's property be recorded as land behind Nether Court.

The minutes of the meeting of 12th April 2005 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – Cllr Stafford suggested that some chippings be placed at the entrance to the Bowls/Tennis ground to fill in the holes. Cllr Rhodes suggested that dropped kerbs be extended to assist vehicular access. Cllr Elliott stated that some discussions were under way between the Bowls and Tennis Clubs which could lead to better shared use of the site. Cllr Clarke raised concerns following an incident where two children on the sprung see-saw had bumped heads and wondered if there was a safety issue.
- 2. The Acres** - The Clerk reported that he had met with BCTVS and had requested a schedule for maintaining the trees on the Acres and Southwell Road open space. Cllr Stafford reported that moles were again encroaching on to the pitches. Cllr Rhodes

- reported that the electric switches had been modified and new shutters and door repairs were under way.
3. **Southwell Road** – Cllr Jepson reported that the rubber buffer had been removed from one of the gates at the play area; the surface under the see-saw was holed. Note work completed – was on-going. Cllr Elliott commented that he was to attend a meeting with Sport England as part of his role in the Rural Community Physical Activities Report and would pursue any opportunities to develop sporting facilities in Farnsfield.
 4. **Wilson's Field** – it was agreed that the fencing separating the cricket area from the open space on Wilson's Field should be replaced as suggested by Sid Paver, recommended to be the safest option for the environment. The Clerk would liaise with a member of the Cricket Club and arrange for the fence to be erected as soon as possible as the cricket season had commenced. Signs to dog owners to be erected advising them to keep them on a lead.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that the annual contract to cut selected footpaths would commence in May. The open space on the Ridgeway and Brickyard Lane would be included in the Notts County Council grass cutting contract.

Street cleaning undertaken by Newark & Sherwood District Council following a request from the Clerk

Comments were made regarding weeds growing on Nether Court and on the footpaths on Parfitt Drive.

It was agreed that the Clerk obtain costing for the litter bins to be placed on the Main Street.

Parish Plan

1. Planning – Cllr Jepson stated that little progress had been made since the last meeting he had with Mr Mapletoft of Newark & Sherwood DC
2. Education and sport – Cllr Elliott reported earlier in the meeting regarding current activities
3. Environment and tourism – no further information
4. Public transport – awaiting information from RCC Communication
5. Communication – the news letter has been sent out for April and apparently is being well received.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

Cllr Rhodes referred to a letter from the Farnsfield VE Day Committee requesting financial support.

The matter was discussed and agreed that Section 137 was applicable and agreed to support the Committee should it be necessary to do so. It was not considered appropriate to send a grant in advance as they were in the process of seeking other funding support. This was agreed by the majority, Cllr Jepson voting against.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury consisting of 5 cheques amounting to £1464.11p.

A request for DARE support for the Farnsfield St Michael's School under Section 137 for £114.50p was proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed.

Planning applications

05/00692/FUL – erection of detached summer house at Poachers Cottage, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th May 2005
in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllr, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds,
G Rhodes, LM Selby, GDC Slight, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke

Planning applications

05/00761/FULM/0500762/CAC – demolition and clearance of
existing school buildings and carry out residential development
at the Farnsfield Church of England School, Main Street/Chapel
Lane, Farnsfield

After some debate it was proposed by Cllr Jepson that the
application should not be supported on the grounds-

1. of over intensification
2. not in keeping with the conservation area and the village
scene

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rhodes and agreed with one
abstention from Cllr. Reynolds who had a conflict of interest
being a Trustee of the school.

05/00916/FUL erection of single storey front and side extension
at 16 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Highway matters

The Clerk reported that he had received a quote regarding the supply
and installation of litter bins at a cost of £3770.00p + Vat.

The matter was discussed and an agreement to proceed was made
with 2 abstentions, Cllrs Jepson and Rhodes.

Tippings Lane – Cllr Jepson reported that some work had commenced on Tippings Lane where holes had been dug to check the state of the drains.

Community activity

Cllr Elliott informed the meeting that a Community Activity Development Officer had been allocated to Farnsfield following its classification as a deprived area.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th May 2005
in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, K J Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, GDC Slight, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr. A Stewart.

Apologies

None

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to allow members of the public present to comments

Co Cllr Stewart gave an update regarding the proposed works on Tippings Lane and stated that the work suggested by Mr Allington, at the Parish Meeting, was not included despite his representation. The discussion covered street furniture, signs and the lack of a bus shelter on Southwell Road.

Co Cllr Laughton is still pursuing the road surfacing issues raised at earlier meetings.

Miss Singleton stated that she had been in contact with Nottinghamshire County Council Highways regarding the state of the pavements on Quaker Lane.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.50pm.

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

The Clerk informed the meeting that as the current meeting was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council it was procedure to review the position of the Chair, Vice Chair and members of the Council Committees.

Cllr Selby proposed that the current Chair and Vice Chair continue in office for a further year if they were agreeable to this, seconded by Cllr. Davis.

Both the Chair and Vice Chair were willing to continue and the proposal was supported unanimously.

The only change to Committee membership was to add Cllr Elliott as a member of the Recreation Grounds Committee. The remainder of the other members of Committees agreed to continue for a further year.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 26th April 2005 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Jepson and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 10th May 2005 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Grounds Committee held on 10th May 2005 were noted.

Clerk's report

Recreation Grounds

- 1 **Memorial Recreation Ground** – Cllr Elliott gave an update regarding the discussions under way between the Bowls and Tennis Clubs which could lead to better shared use of the site.
- 2 **The Acres** -. Cllr Stafford reported that the goal post had been removed in order to facilitate the remedial work to the football pitch. He also gave an update regarding a gathering that had occurred on the fields when large amounts of bagged litter had been collected and disposed of by the Mr Westerman. Further concern was expressed following the production of a leaflet suggesting that the gathering was not the normal local event.
- 3 **Southwell Road** – The surface work has been completed in the play area. Comments were made regarding the requirement to conduct remedial work to the landscaping of the area. The Clerk reported that BCTV would cover this in their report expected in July.
- 4 **Wilson's Field** – Cllr. Stafford commented that someone had started to systematically remove the cobbles at the rear of the Old Gaol. Remedial work was to be undertaken regarding the lights to the play area. The Clerk agreed to meet with Cllr Rhodes and check on all outstanding items.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that the order for the litter bins had been placed with expected installation within three weeks.

Comments were made that some footpaths required attention and some hedges and tress required attention.

The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from Chris Charnley, Notts County Council Highways Manager, following the letter sent by Cllr Jepson. The reply addressed the issues raised but gave little indication how the points raised would be addressed. Cllr. Jepson agreed to have further discussions with Cllr Stewart with a view to having upgrades for Farnsfield included in the Newark & Sherwood District Council financial proposals for 2006-7.

Parish Plan

- 1 Planning – Cllr Jepson gave an update regarding the planning application for the 'Silverwood' site
- 2 Education and sport – Cllr Elliott reported earlier in the meeting regarding current activities. He also suggested that a public meeting be held, agreed for Thursday 23rd June 2005.
- 3 Environment and tourism – no further information
- 4 Public transport – letter from Notts County Council passed to Cllrs Bradbury and Stafford for attention.
- 5 Communication – articles for the newsletter for June are required urgently.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Bassetlaw Divisional Commander regarding the provision of Police Community Safety Officers suggesting that the Parish Council may wish to consider contributing to a scheme for Farnsfield. The matter had been discussed on a previous occasion and considerable objection exists against paying for additional services that should be provided by the police under their remit for safer communities.

It was agreed that the Clerk make further enquiries and at some appropriate time arrange a public meeting to discuss the matter. Any financial provision would be in the 2006-7 budget.

Financial Matters

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Slight consisting of 17 cheques amounting to £13,875.11p.

They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Bradbury and agreed.

Copier

The Clerk suggested that an upgrade of the current photocopier may be appropriate considering the move to publish the Parish Information on a bi-monthly basis, a colour edition would add to the professionalism and the cost.

Cllr Slight raised several concerns regarding the increased costs, suggesting that the increase could not be justified.

It was agreed by the Council that he would provided them with detailed costs of the current and proposed systems at the next full Council meeting.

Accounts 2004-5

The Clerk reported that he would finalise the accounts for 2004-5 in time for the next full Council meeting on 28th June 2005. He requested that a Finance & General Purposes Committee meet on 14th June 2005 to receive the report from the Internal Auditor and approve the accounts for recommendation for acceptance by the Council on 25th June 2005, agreed.

Planning applications

05/00991/FUL – retention/alteration of part of outbuilding (previous consent for demolition) construction of covered walkway at The Coach House, Blidworth Road, Farnsfield
Application supported, Cllr Clarke abstained.

05/01008/FUL – erection of 'environmental' dwelling at The Pebbles, Southwell Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported, Cllr Davis abstained.

05/01022/FUL – erection of first floor extension at 14 Woodland Close, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

05/00861/FUL – erection of single storey side extension and porch, and conversion of garage to form bedroom/utility at 62 Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The following decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted:

05/00466/FUL – erection or replacement roofing over hallway at Hunters Moon, Station Lane, Farnsfield – approved

Village Centre

Cllr Clarke reported that there were a few items requiring attention, regarding the Youth Club, work to prevent access to the roof, the rear door requires repainting following some graffiti activity, an outdoor light is required.

She also reported that FADS had removed a considerable amount of old equipment from the store and the room is now ready for refitting.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th June 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, DA Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr. A Stewart.

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs. J Bradbury, K J Clarke, GDC Slight were received and accepted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to allow members of the public to make comment.

Standing Orders re-instated at 7.35pm.

Planning applications

05/01153/FUL – construction of dormer to rear extension at 15 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield
Application supported.

05/001140/FUL erection of side extension at 1 Meadow Close, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

05/001141/FUL – erection of an extension to porch and kitchen at Marden Close, Cotton Mill Lane, Farnsfield
Application supported.

05/01174/FUL – proposed extension to existing bungalow, demolition of garage and erection of bungalow to the side (revised scheme) at Springfields, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield
Application supported.

Cllr. Jepson informed the meeting that the application made to erect new dwelling at 'Siverwood' was due for hearing on the 14th June 2005 and whilst the Council had been invited to attend and make any comment no representative was to attend as it clashed with this meeting. The views of the Council had been fully documented. The proposal was to refuse the application.

There was a request for an update from Notts. County Council regarding the P3 Footpath agreement.

Comment was made regarding the state of Southwell Tail due to dog fouling. It was agreed that the matter be raised at the meetings to be held by the Southwell Trail Group.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th June 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight (Chairman), GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr. A Stewart, Co Cllr B Laughton,

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs. J Bradbury, D Peet were received and accepted; apologies were also received from Dist. Cllr. N Armstrong

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 24th May 2005 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 14th June 2005 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 14th June 2005 were noted.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm. in order to allow members of the public present to address the Council.

Cllr Stewart reported that he had spoken with Chris Charnley of Notts. County Highways and he had agreed to provide additional bollards on Main Street, the Clerk was to write to Mr Charnley and the Council need to agree the location of them. It was also agreed that he would consider the proposal for re-aligning the kerb at the junction of Beck Lane/Tippings Lane.

The proposal for a bus shelter on Southwell Road should be referred to the Building Better Communities project for 2005/6.

The footpath on Rainworth Road has been created by the levelling off of the uneven grass verges creating a natural walkway.

Cllr Laughton reminded the meeting of the Planning and Boundaries Review presentations to be held at Kelham Hall on 6th July 2005. He mentioned a problem regarding planning consent currently being reviewed by Newark & Sherwood DC for a conservatory in the conservation area on Main Street.

The A617 is due to be re-furbished and subject to a 50 mph speed limit.

There are plans to open an approved off-road motor cycle track in the 'desert area' off the Old Eakring Road.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.47pm.

Clerk's Report

Recreation Grounds

1. **Memorial Recreation Ground** – no matters to report
2. **Wilson's Field** – The Clerk reported upon a meeting held with Cllr Rhodes and the following items were identified and it was agreed that Cllr Rhodes provides estimates for consideration at the next meeting, damage to seating; concrete gaps adjacent to the entrance of the play area; panels at the rear of the free standing goal posts; fence panel at the top of the steps to Footpath 1.
3. **The Acres/new field** – The Clerk continued providing a report from his meeting with Cllr Rhodes and the following was agreed for pricing, the preparation of a parking provision and fencing scheme at the new field; Cllr Stafford to contact the County Council regarding the feasibility of using the new field for a substitute football pitch due to the slow recovery process of the existing pitch, the Clerk to make enquiries regarding the repainting of the pavilion.
4. **Southwell Road** – no items raised.

Cllr Stafford reported that Mr Westerman would not be able to carry out the litter picking due to the need to go into hospital. The Clerk reported that he had made temporary arrangements with a local contractor to perform this work during the absence of Mr Westerman.

Footpaths and highways

It was reported that a street lamp was broken on Mansfield Road. Cllr Jepson reported that he had been in contact with Mr & Mrs Chapman of Island Cottage following their offer to provide a Cherry

Tree and had agreed a location on the splay at the Ridgeway; he requested that a letter of thanks be sent.

Parish Plan

Planning – no matters to report

Education and sport – Cllr Elliott gave a report following the public meeting held on Thursday 23rd June 2005. Whilst the attendance was disappointing 4 sports development officers from Newark & Sherwood DC ran the meeting with 11 youngsters from the village and a good discussion took place resulting in suggestions from the meeting being considered further by a report in due course from the sports development officers. There is the probability of the provision of a coach being provided for the Under 16's in support of Farnsfield Villa. Discussions are taking place between the Bowls and Tennis Clubs Six summer activities are to be held by Newark & Sherwood DC (Sports) in the summer holidays, one to be held at Farnsfield on 31st August 2005.

Environment and tourism – no further information

Public transport – nothing to report

Communication – Cllr Slight reported that he intended to produce the Parish Directory during September 2005. Concerns were expressed that reports had been received that the Parish Information was not being included in the Bramley, as arranged, and also that in some areas the Bramley was not being received. The Clerk reported that he had addressed the matter with the proprietors of the Bramley and they would act if appropriate information could be passed back to them.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting. The Clerk gave a brief outline of the new legislation recently introduced divesting powers to impose fixed penalties for certain 'litter' related offences; also the legislation regarding high hedges.

Financial Matters

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Slight consisting of 12 cheques amounting to £7848.58p.

They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Reynolds and agreed. Cllr Jepson declared an interest and abstained from voting.

Accounts 2004-2005

The Clerk presented the accounts for 2004-2005, previously circulated to Councillors and explained the audit process in detail. Cllr Jepson stated that he had met with the Internal Auditor and had undertaken a full discussion with him regarding the accounts and reported that no action points had been raised following the audit of accounts and supporting documents. The Internal Auditor being satisfied with the audit trail provided by the Clerk. He stated that they had been considered in detail by the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 14th July 2005. Cllr Slight proposed that the accounts be accepted by the Council; this was seconded by Cllr Rhodes and was agreed unanimously.

The Clerk then went through the Statement of Assurance, in accordance with Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2005. The Council agreed unanimously that the answer was 'yes' to all eight points. It was proposed by Cllr Selby, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed unanimously that the Chairman sign the returns on behalf of the Council.

The Clerk presented detailed costs of the current and proposed photocopier and after a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Elliott that a new photocopier was not justified, seconded by Cllr. Jepson; carried 7 votes for and 1 against.

Standing Orders

The Clerk reported that he had reviewed Standing Orders; Financial Standing Orders; Committee Remits with the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 14th June 2005, and, following minor amendments, were placed before the Council for acceptance to replace the current Standing Orders.

General Standing Orders, proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

Financial Standing Orders, proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

Committee remits, proposed by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

All were adopted immediately and would be subject to an annual review.

Church clock

It was agreed to attempt to make progress with the repair to the clock following the slow pace encountered with the insurance claim by the Church Council. Cllr Davis reported that he had met with the loss adjustor and was awaiting further information. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain estimates and progress the work.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the Public Entertainment Licence and been granted and he was awaiting the result of the Premises Licence application.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 9am on Thursday 7th July 2005 in the Committee Room, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight (Chairman), GD Stafford
M Salt (Clerk),

Planning application

05/00271/RMA – demolition of existing dwelling and erection of four new dwellings

This item is the subject of a special meeting due to the consultation date expiring before the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the amended application with Mr Andrew Watkins, Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Dept. who had stated that the initial application was placed before the Planning Committee on 14th June 2005 and was adjourned due to a submission from the developers to amend the site plan. It was recommended for refusal on the submission of the original plans.

A compromise had been reached between the developers and Planning Department, reducing the sizes of some plots, moving them further in from the highway and creating more off road parking.

The application was considered in detail and the changes were noted. Whilst great concern was still held regarding the implications of 3 driveways being on Far Back Lane it was agreed that the best compromise on the site had been reached. In view of the agreement to allow outline planning it was considered that the Parish Council should accept the amendments but continue to state concern regarding parking and highway matters. It was noted, however, that Notts County Highways had not objected on highway grounds.

Decision: to accept the recommendations but state concerns on highway grounds and parking issues.

The meeting closed at 9.30am.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th July 2005
in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, G Rhodes, DGC Slight
(Chairman), GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk),

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs. D Peet, FA Reynolds, LM Selby were received and
accepted.

Planning applications

05/01484/FUL erection of first floor side extension at Sunny,
Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported with the comment that the roof tiles should
match existing. Cllr Clarke abstained.

The following planning decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were
noted:

05/01153/FUL – construction of dormer to rear of 15 Branston
Avenue, approved.

05/01022/FUL - erection of first floor extension at 14 Woodland Close,
approved.

05/00861/FUL – erection of single storey side extension and porch etc
at 62 Station Lane, approved.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
26th July 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson,
FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight (Chairman), GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllrs A Stewart, B Laughton

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs. D Peet, were received and accepted.
Apologies were also received from Dist Cllr Armstrong.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 28th June 2005 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Elliott and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 7th July 2005 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

The minutes of the additional planning meeting held on 12th July 2005 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Elliott and accepted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.35pm in order to permit public comment.

Cllr Stewart gave an update regarding the queries raised with him; he commented upon the bus shelter on Southwell Road stating that the lay by was considered too small for a bus pull-in and a shelter would have to be paid for. The footpath alongside the A614 required some additional work to cut out steps to link the two existing paths. He reported that he had not received a reply from Mr Charnley of Notts CC Highways.

Cllr Jepson gave a short update of the outstanding work on the Main Street; street lamps not painted, 'no entry' sign obscured by trees at

the Green. Cllr Elliott commented that the pavement surfacing was undulating and puddles formed after rain; in the winter these could become icy and hazardous.

Concerns were also made regarding the extent of the parking on Quaker Lane, but it was accepted that the majority of the residents had no alternative parking.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.47pm.

Clerk's Report

Recreation Grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – Cllr Rhodes suggested that the kerb adjacent to the entrance to the Bowls/Tennis Clubs be dropped to permit easier access to the site. This was agreed.
- 2. Wilson's Field** – The Clerk reported that formal consultation had been received regarding the re-routing of Footpath 1, the closing date for comments being 12th August 2005. As this proposal was supported by the Parish Council no comments were made.
- 3. The Acres/new field** – The Clerk stated that he had received proposals from Henry Perry to fence the gaps in the new field; provide stock netting fence along the east side and the supply and planting of quickthorn; supply and erect a 12' mesh steel gate; lay chippings outside the gateway. The proposal was accepted with the exception that the 12' gate should be a 'kissing type gate' The Clerk reported that Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Dept had consented to the use of the file as a football pitch and the ground had been marked out although concerns were expressed regarding the surface.
- 4. Southwell Road** – no items raised.

Cllr Stafford reported that Mr Westerman would be resuming work on 1st August 2005.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk informed the meeting that a meeting of the Southwell Trail Group would take place on 24th August 2005.

Cllr Elliott presented a paper to the meeting regarding a proposed traffic survey to be undertaken in the village, funding to be provided following an application for grant aid. It was proposed that the work be undertaken by a local provider who had expertise in this area and had provided considerable assistance with the production of the Parish Plan, from which this proposed work originated. It was also noted that the cost of the work would be required to be in the region of £1000 to satisfy the grant conditions.

It was agreed that Cllr Elliott continue with the project proposals.

Cllr Stafford informed the meeting that he had been approach with a request that the Parish Council negotiate a review of the speed limit on Cockett Lane with a view to obtaining a 30 mph limit from Station Lane to Mansfield Road.

Cllr Clarke commented that she was concerned regarding overgrown footpaths at Sunnyside and Alexander Road.

The Clerk reported that he was meeting with NCC contractors to review the path cutting in the next few days in order to include all of the areas of concern.

Parish Plan

Planning – The Clerk reported that there may be an opportunity in the near future to develop a web link with Newark & Sherwood DC, as part of the technological advances being undertaken by them. He had offered Farnsfield as a pilot site.

Education and sport – No matters to report

Environment and tourism – no further information

Public transport – Linked to the proposal from Cllr Elliott to conduct a traffic survey

Communication – No issue of the Newsletter in August as there is no issue of the Bramley newspaper. The next issue would be in September.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

Church Clock

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that there was a need to approved the erection of the scaffolding in accordance with the estimates from Richard Blackwall. These costs would be met from the donation to made by Mr Linney from his charity. The Parish Council would pay the additional costs if there was no insurance payment. The erection of the scaffolding is accordance with the estimates was proposed by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and agreed.

Planning applications

05/01593/FUL – erection of garage, store & score box building including demolition of existing at Farnsfield Cricket Club, Station Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported.

05/01559/FUL – erection of two storey side extension at 6 Alexander Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported, with the comment that material matching those on the original building should be used.

Village Centre

No items raised

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th August 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, DGC Slight (Chairman), GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk),

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs. D Peet, LM Selby, R Davis were received and accepted.

Planning applications

05/01620/RMA erection of three business homes with office accommodation over garages on land at Upper Hexgreave, Hexgreave Hall, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

05/01763.FUL conversion of existing garages to form games room and erection of single storey extensions to form double garage and shower room at 2 The Spinney, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Accounts

The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson containing 5 cheques amounting to £1762.64. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Rhodes and approved.

Traffic survey

Cllr Elliott informed the meeting that he had received notification from RCC that the grant application for £1000 had been approved.

He recommended that the approved consultants be Milton Associates as they live locally and have demonstrated their expertise in such

matters in the production of the Parish Plan. Furthermore whilst the grant is for £1000 they are prepared to subsidise any additional work required.

This was formally proposed by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 5pm on Thursday 1st September 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. DA Peet (Chairman), R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, , DGC Slight
GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk),

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs. LM Selby, KJ Clarke, G Rhodes, J Bradbury were received and accepted.

Planning applications

The Clerk informed the members present that the meeting had been called out of sequence in order to meet the deadlines imposed for replies by Newark & Sherwood District Council Planning Department,

05/01783/FUL – two storey extension and single storey front/side extension at 41 Abbott Crescent, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

05/00761/FULM – demolition and clearance of existing school buildings and carry out residential development at The Farnsfield Church of England Endowed School, Man Street. Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was previously considered and opposed. There have been amendments to the site lay out in accordance with discussions with the architects and N&SDC Planning officers.

Application opposed on the same grounds as the original submission. Specific mention on this occasion to be made of the recent policies of Newark & Sherwood DC; Policies DD1, DD4 and C1. (Contained in the Sustainability Proposal documents)

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
27th September 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New
Hill, Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet
(Chairman),
FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, DGC Slight, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllrs A Stewart, B Laughton

Apologies

Apologies from Cllr. L Selby, was received and accepted.
Apologies were also received from Dist Cllr Armstrong.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 26th July 2005 (full) were proposed for
acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Jepson and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 9th August 2005 were proposed for
acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

The minutes of the additional planning meeting held on 1st September
2005 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr.
Stafford and accepted.

The minutes of the following committees were noted:
Finance and General Purposes of 9th August 2005.
Recreation Grounds of 9th August 2005.

Clerk's Report

Recreation Grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – the Clerk reported that the
signs were being refurbished.

2. **Wilson's Field** – Three lights have been repaired and re-installed a problem was being encountered with the fourth light, being sorted out. Cllr Stafford reported that he had been contacted by Mr Fowler regarding reflected light from the new lamp guards. Cllr Rhodes provided details of the goal 'stops'. Cllr Elliott suggested that a grant application be made to Sport England for the provision of these.
3. **The Acres/new field** – The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Cllr Stafford and representatives from the County Council regarding the upgrading of the new field to bring it up to pitch standard. A price was awaited but it was believed to be in the region of £3000 for work on the existing surface and approximately £7000 to cover the area with top soil and re-seed. It was agreed that it was necessary to bring the field up to a playable standard. The Clerk to obtain the necessary information before a decision is made to place the contract. Cllr Rhodes reported that there had been a problem with water leakage in the pavilion, now resolved. Cllr Stafford expressed concern regarding further mole invasion of the playing area.
4. **Southwell Road** – Cllr Jepson reported several incidents of vandalism in the area with damage being caused to the play area fencing, litter bin opened and the liner damaged and further damage to trees. It was believed this was occurring during the late evening. The police had been contacted, and having attended, showed little interest.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.15pm.

Co Cllrs Stewart and Laughton gave an update to the meeting regarding the County Council's proposals for the introduction of more inter-active speed signs in rural areas. These are now recommended rather than the former 'gateway signs'.

Co Cllr Stewart agreed to pursue the introduction of inter-active signs in Farnsfield.

Co Stewart commented upon the recent sewage problem encountered in the village following a heavy storm when storm water entered the sewers and caused them to overflow. He had obtained a contact at Matlock, Mr Jacks who should be contacted when further over-spills occur.

Cllr Jepson made comment regarding the need to re-engineer Tippings Lane in order to allow rain water to drain away as it currently forms large puddles; this was supported by Cllr Rhodes.

A general discussion followed regarding the sewage issues in the village, encountered over the past few years, and the efforts made to remedy the problem. It was also noted that the Beck outlet pipe was again blocked and contact was to be made with Gary Burden of NSDC in order to ascertain the District Council's long term proposals to deal with this on-going problem.

Comments were made regarding the unevenness of the footpaths following refurbishment. The state of Station Lane and other roads in Farnsfield, subjected recently to heavy vehicular traffic during building contracts at various sites in the village; exacerbated recently with the commencement of the movement of sugar beet. Weight restrictions on Station Lane were suggested but Cllr Laughton reminded the meeting that the process was extremely slow with only 3 per year being granted.

Cllr Elliott stated that the traffic survey had commenced in Farnsfield, commencing on 24th September 2005.

Whilst commenting upon the progress of highway repairs Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that 60% of the County highways work will be passed to private contractors in a new agreement, 'Notts Highways Partnership' in order to reduce staffing problems caused by the 'direct labour organisation' used by NCC.

Miss Singleton made comment regarding the use of Quaker Lane and Cotton Mill Lane by motorists travelling to the Acres. It was suggested that a notice in the pavilion may assist with the perceived problem.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.55pm.

Footpaths and highways

The main items under this heading were discussed in open forum, as above.

Cllr Rhodes suggested that a litter bin should be installed at the bus stop opposite Allsorts.

Cllr Clarke requested that the litter bin outside the school on Branston Avenue be re-located to the front of the new school.

Cllr Stafford and Cllr Jepson enquired regarding the progress being made about the new information sign to be placed at the junction of New Hill/Main Street.

Parish Plan

Planning – no matters to report

Education and sport – Report from Newark & Sherwood District Council, Leisure, still awaited.

Environment and tourism – no further information

Public transport – Traffic survey under way

Communication – It was noted that the Bramley was not being circulated on the Ridgeway, Station Lane and parts of Main Street. The Clerk to inform the proprietors as this had a direct impact upon the circulation of the Newsletter.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

Financial matters

The Clerk presented a request for funding from Farnsfield First Responder; there had been a previous decision to grant £250 annually under Section 137. Cllr Clarke proposed that the annual grant be given but it should be raised to £300. Seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed unanimously.

Accounts – The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury, containing 13 cheques amounting to £5123.26p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved.

Planning applications

05/01962/FUL – erection of ground floor rear extension at Windways, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

The following decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted:

05/01484/FUL – erection of extension at Sunny, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield. – approved.

05/01593/FUL –erection of garage store & score box at Farnsfield Cricket Club – approved.

05/01559/FUL – erection of side extension at 6 Alexander Road, Farnsfield – approved.

Farnsfield Village Centre

Cllr Clarke requested progress reports regarding the outstanding work agreed for the centre.

The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Rhodes and report to the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from the Farnsfield History Society to install a projection screen over stage and some means of an audio system. It was agreed that enquires be made.

Church Clock

A brief update was provided by Cllr Davis stating that arrangements were in hand to obtain full details and proposed costs from English Clockmakers following the initial survey of the four dials and supporting mechanism.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
11th October 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, D Peet (Chairman),
FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, D Stafford

M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies from Cllr. J Bradbury and AD Jepson were received and accepted.

Planning applications

05/0761/FULM - demolition of existing school building and residential development at Main Street and Chapel Lane, Farnsfield. (Amended plans)

Application opposed on the grounds previously recorded at the meeting of 1st September 2005.

Cllr Elliott requested that the reply should included reference to the Government statement on affordable housing released on 10th October 2005.

Cllrs Clarke and Reynolds abstained.

05/02107/FUL - erection of detached double garage at 7 Birch Avenue, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

05/02152/TEM - continued use for emergency siting of mobile home in the grounds of Farnsfield House whilst alterations and conversions are undertaken at the house, Farnsfield House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

Church Clock

Cllr Davis presented a report the Council following the initial examination of the clock by English Clockmakers.

The fingers had been removed and examined and whilst a preliminary response had been received English Clockmakers wished to consider the matter further prior to recommending a course of action.

The gilding on the dials was in a poor state and had been previously painted. It was proposed that they be gilded at a cost of £4200 by Wilmot, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield. This proposal was strongly supported by Cllr Rhodes.

A breakdown of the work involved was provided amounting to scaffolding at a cost of £4885 and other work estimated at a further £5000.

Concern was expressed regarding any potential delay in dealing with the matter as the scaffolding would cost an extra £250- per week after the first 6 weeks.

After some discussion Cllr Slight proposed that all of the work necessary should be undertaken to ensure that the clock is fully restored; including the gilding of the faces at a cost of £4200 and other work as determined by English Clockmakers. This was seconded by Cllr Reynolds and approved unanimously.

The Clerk requested that when the quotes had been finally received from English Clockmakers for refurbishing the clock hands and to replace them that the delegated authority to proceed urgently with the order taking into account the recommendation of English Clockmakers should be given. If necessary he should contact the Chairman and Vice Chairman should the costs be more than anticipated.

This was agreed unanimously and the following order to be placed immediately, gilding of the clock faces to Wilmot's of Chapel Lane, Farnsfield; the order to be placed with English Clockmakers following receipt of their final quotation.

The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements and liaise also with the insurers regarding the procedure to pay for the proposed work.

Other issues raised by the Chairman

The Chairman reported that he had received complaints from the Women's Institute regarding youths banging on the windows of the Upper Hall, causing a nuisance. The Clerk and Cllr Rhodes to meet and consider preventative measures.

The Chairman suggested that in order to alleviate the problems currently being encountered on Cotton Mill Lane due to football traffic a slip road should be created off Parfitt Drive. This was discussed and was not considered to be a viable option.

The Cricket Club had made an approach to erect advertising boards around the perimeter of the ground. It was considered that planning approval may be required and that the signs should all be inwards facing.

Housing matters

Cllr Davis proposed that an approach be made to the Trustees of the former Church of England school. On behalf of the Parish Council, in order to persuade them to consider erecting affordable housing on the site

The matter was discussed and it was noted that the Parish Council had previously been invited to a meeting of the Trustees to view the planning proposals and were given the opportunity to make comment.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Elliott.

The votes on the proposal were:

For - Cllrs Davis, Elliott, Stafford, Rhodes, Peet and Selby.

Against – None

Abstained – Cllrs Clarke, Reynolds and Slight.

The proposal was carried and it was agreed that Cllr Elliott approach the Trustees but would inform the Council of his proposals before an approach was made to the Trustees.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
25th October 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet
(Chairman),
FA Reynolds, DGC Slight, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk),

Cllr Bradbury informed the meeting that he had been co-opted on to Rainworth Parish Council. It was agreed that there did not appear to be any conflict of interest, should any arise it would be declared in the normal way.

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs. L Selby and G Rhodes were received and accepted.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27th September 2005 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Stafford and accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 11th October 2005 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

Clerk's Report

Recreation Grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – the Clerk reported that the signs had been refurbished. Cllr Clarke requested the additional sign to advise parents to supervise children on the 'spring devices'.
- 2. Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford reported that he had been contacted by Mr Fowler regarding reflected light from the

new lamp guards. The Clerk to meet with Mr Fowler and agree a solution to the perceived problem.

3. **The Acres/new field** – The Clerk reported that BTCV would be coppicing the trees during November and dealing with the damaged ones on Parfitt Drive. It was agreed that the damaged trees should not be replaced by mature trees due to the costs involved.
4. **Southwell Road** – Concern was expressed that cars may be being driven on to the grassed area from the car park. Monitoring to take place. The fencing and gate to the play area has been repaired.

Footpaths and highways

Cllr Davis raised the matter of the sewage problems on Branston Avenue area.

As his mother lives in the area he declared a non-prejudicial interest. He reported that the sewage had become blocked once again and contact had been made with Newark & Sherwood DC who had attended and attempted to clear the drains. Whilst attempting to put a camera down the drains they discovered that they were blocked with debris believed caused by heavy vehicles servicing the school building site being driven over the area. The drains at that point being quite near to the surface, 3 feet instead of the normal 6 feet. He informed the meeting that a letter had been sent to the Head Teacher requesting action from the builders by Newark & Sherwood DC and a reply is awaited.

CCTV

The Clerk reported that he had received an update from Mark Henry, project manager at Kelham Hall, that the pilot scheme being undertaken at Farnsfield was proving to be a success and the council were invited to view the results at Kelham Hall. The viewing being arranged for 31st October 2005 with 4 Councillors attending.

Traffic survey

Cllr Elliott reported that the survey had been completed and arrangements were made to present the findings to the Council at the earliest opportunity.

Parish Plan

Planning – The Clerk reported that Newark & Sherwood DC had published a policy regarding the provision of affordable housing in the district.

Education and sport – Report from Newark & Sherwood District Council, Leisure, still awaited.

Environment and tourism – no further information

Public transport – Traffic survey completed, report to the Council being arranged.

Communication – Bramley notified regarding gaps in the circulation, nothing further to report.
The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been in contact with the IT Dept of Newark & Sherwood DC and had arranged a meeting to enable Farnsfield PC to develop its own web site.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

Financial matters

- **Section 137 application** The Clerk presented a request for funding from Farnsfield St Michael's School for £400 to fund the DARE project. Cllr Elliott proposed that the annual grant be given; seconded by Cllr Bradbury and agreed unanimously.
- **Accounts** – The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Peet, containing 14 cheques amounting to £8656.38p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Jepson and approved.
- **Church clock** – Cllr Davis provided a brief update regarding the progress. The cost of the scaffolding being included in the accounts presented earlier. The clock face work, amounting to £4200 was under way. The remaining work by English Clockmakers also progressing. It was considered that there may be additional costs for scaffolding ,at £250 per week, should the repair programme exceed 7 weeks. Although it was also recognised that the scaffolding should remain in situ until the clock was assessed as working satisfactorily.

Planning applications

05/02248/FUL – alterations to Church Farm, Main Street, Farnsfield.
The application was supported.

05/02227/FUL – erection of sun room extension to rear of 12 The Pot
Yard, Farnsfield.
The application was supported.

The following decision of Newark & Sherwood DC was noted:

05/01783/FUL – two storey side extension and single storey front/side
extension at 41 Abbott Crescent, Farnsfield. – approved.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that some of the additional security work had been
undertaken at the rear of the Village Centre to prevent access to the
roof.

A survey had been undertaken of the area at the rear of the Upper Hall
and the Clerk was awaiting a schedule and costs for additional work
from CG Rhodes.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

Dates of future meetings

It was agreed to move the meeting scheduled for 13th December 2005
to 20th December 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
8th November 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman),
G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, D Stafford

M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies from Cllr. KJ Clarke and FA Reynolds, were received and
accepted.

Planning applications

05/02401/FUL - two storey extension to dwelling. Demolish
existing garage and build new double garage at Hillside Cottage,
New Hill, Farnsfield

Application supported but concerns were expressed that the
development should remain residential.

05/02340/LBC – insertion of 2 timber sliding sash windows at
first floor level on north elevation of Coach House, Blidworth
Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

05/02229/FUL - erection of two conservatories at 4 Murdoch
Close, Farnsfield

Application supported.

05/02347/FUL – alterations to dwelling, erection of first floor
extension, construction of dormer window at The Bracks, Station
Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Church clock

Cllr Davis reported that the faces had been completed and the fingers and works would be replaced during the week commencing 14th November 2005.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
22nd November 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman),
G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk), Co. Cllr Laughton

Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs. R Davis and FA Reynolds were received and
accepted.

Apologies were also received from Co Cllr A Stewart and Dist Cllr N
Armstrong.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 25th October 2005 (full) were proposed
for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and
accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of 8th November 2005 were proposed for
acceptance by Cllr Bradbury, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed.

Clerk's Report

Recreation Grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** –Cllr Clarke requested the
additional sign to advise parents to supervise children on the
'spring devices', to be arranged.
- 2. Wilson's Field** – The Clerk reported that he had met with Mr
Fowler and agreed that a potential solution to the perceived
problem would be that the lights could be electronically
controlled to reduce the amount of time lit when not in use.
Awaiting details from Barry Hogg.
- 3. The Acres/new field** – The Clerk reported that BTCV attended
to the woodland area and proposals for further work was

awaited. No progress made with the re-seeding of the new field due to the weather and also awaiting a price for the work.

4. **Southwell Road** – Some fencing panels to be replaced. The padlocks in use generally were in need of replacing, Cllr Rhodes to arrange.

Footpaths and highways

Nothing further reported regarding the sewage problems on Branston Avenue as replies were awaited.

The Clerk reported that the road works on the Ridgeway were on schedule and the Ridgeway should be closed to traffic during the week commencing 12 December when the resurfacing would take place. Cllr Jepson agreed to contact the contractors and arrange for the extension of the dropped kerb at the Bowls/Tennis Club entrance on New Hill.

CCTV

The Clerk reported that he and Councillors had visited Kelham Hall and had viewed the results of the pilot system. The picture quality being excellent. It was requested that Mark Henry keep the Parish Council informed of any developments of the system by BT.

Traffic survey

Cllr Elliott reported that the survey findings had been presented to the Council members present on the 15th November 2005, preceding the F&GP Committee meeting.

Parish Plan

Planning – nothing to report.

Education and sport – Report from Newark & Sherwood District Council, Leisure, still awaited. Cllr Elliott stated that there had been a limited turnout and the issues raised were; skateboards, area for the use of wheeled vehicles, fishing lake and transport to leisure centres outside the village. It was agreed to discuss the leisure proposals at a meeting of the Recreation Grounds Committee, attended by members of the previous Parish Plan group in order to determine how to use the S106 money held on deposit, in spring 2006.

Environment and tourism – no further information

Public transport – Traffic survey completed, report to the Council made on 15th November 2005.

Communication – The Clerk reported that at the F&GP meeting on 15th November 2005 the precept proposals for 2006-7 had been considered. Within this was a consideration of raising capital funds for a CCTV system. It was agreed that a newsletter be circulated within the village informing residents of the proposal and seeking their views before finalising the precept on 10th January 2006. The Clerk to produce the newsletter for circulation in early December 2005.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

Financial matters

- **Accounts** – The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury, containing 14 cheques amounting to £9733.71. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Elliott and approved.
- **Church clock** – It was reported that the work had been completed and the scaffolding was in the process of being removed. It was agreed that the clock had been considerably improved. It was anticipated that an additional cost would be incurred for an additional week of scaffolding over the anticipated scheduled work period. The Clerk was in the process of recovering the insurance contribution. The donation made by Mr Linney had still not been released by the Church treasurer, Cllr Slight to pursue.
- The Clerk reported that he had received a request for funding from the Church for maintenance of the churchyard. As the invoices covered two years it was agreed to defer the matter to the next F&GP meeting.

Planning applications

05/02435/FUL – alterations and extension to existing garage block to form annexe over & erection of a detached double garage at Fernsfield House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

The application was not supported as it was considered that there would be over intensification of the site and insufficient space to accommodate the proposed development.

Village Centre

A survey had been undertaken of the area at the rear of the Upper Hall and the Clerk was awaiting a schedule and costs for additional work from CG Rhodes.

A new door and window proposals were awaited before the improvements to the library could be considered. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Rhodes.

The Clerk gave an update of the new licensing regulations and it was agreed that a liquor licence should not be applied for the Village Centre. Anyone wishing to have a licensed function should use a licensee as in the past.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

Dates of future meetings

It was agreed to move the meeting scheduled for 13th December 2005 to 20th December 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
20th December 2005 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet
(Chairman), G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford

M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies from Cllr FA Reynolds were received and accepted.

Planning applications

05/02537/FUL – erection of extension to front of dwelling,
alterations to roof & construction of roof lights to allow loft conversion
at 14 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield

The application was not supported on the grounds of over
intensification of the site, height and depth of the proposed
development.

Cllr Elliott abstained, Cllr Clarke against.

05/02565/RMA – erection of dormer bungalow with attached single
garage on land adjacent to Lynside, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was supported.
Cllrs Elliott and Clarke abstained.

05/02602/OUT – single residential dwelling on land to rear of
Fairholme, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield

Application not supported, back land development and over
intensification of the site.

05/02523/FUL – erection of two storey side extension and conversion of existing roof to form balcony with part pitched roof at 17 Meadow Close, Farnsfield.

Application not supported. Over intensification of the site. Highway issues considered a problem, removing vehicle access from the rear to the front, privacy issues considered relevant.

05/02627/FUL – rebuilding former outbuilding as part of previously approved scheme at The Coach House, Blidworth Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported.
Cllr Clarke abstained

05/02628/LBC – demolish remainder of single storey outbuilding/garage, rebuild former outbuilding, demolished at The Coach House, Blidworth Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.
Cllr Clarke abstained.

CCTV update

The Clerk informed the meeting that a meeting is to be held at Kelham Hall on 18th January 2006 when the proposed development of the CCTV system would be discussed.

Church clock

It was confirmed that the clock was now in good working order and it was in order to pay the final instalment.
Money still awaited from the donation from Mr Linney, via the Church, and the insurance settlement.

Accounts

The Clerk presented a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson. The schedule contained 11 cheques amounting to £8597.65p following an adjustment to the account for English Clockmakers. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Selby and approved.

A brief discussion took place regarding the traffic survey presented at the meeting on 15th November 2005.

Branston Avenue- sewage problems

Cllr Davis (previously declared a non prejudicial interest in this issue) gave a brief update following the latest problem encountered by

residents following the pumping of sewage from the school storage tank into the mains.

He had handed a letter to the head teacher re-iterating the concerns of residents and a threat of taking out an injunction.

It was agreed that the Clerk should also make efforts on behalf of the Council to seek a resolution of the matter.

Cllr Elliott expressed his concerns regarding lack of communication from the head teacher and school governors.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
10th January 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, D Peet (Chairman), G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, M Salt (Clerk)

Also in attendance Co. Cllr A Stewart and Co Cllr. B Laughton.

Apologies

Apologies from Cllr PJ Elliott and GD Stafford were received and accepted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm to permit two members of the public present to address the meeting.

There were views expressed by them, one opposing the installation of CCTV in the village with supporting reasons, copy of details circulated to all Councillors.

The second view supported the installation of the system.

Both were thanked for their input and Standing Orders were resumed at 7.45pm.

Planning applications

05/02700/FUL – erection of chalet bungalow with attached garage and alterations to existing access on land at Blue Gables, Beck Lane, Farnsfield

Cllr/ Clarke proposed that the application should not supported be on the grounds that the development would create a backland development situation, and over intensification of the site. Seconded by Cllr Bradbury. Motion carried 8 for and 1 against.

05/02788/FUL – erection of side extension to form utility room and WC at Fairholme, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Cllr Davis declared a non-prejudicial interest.

Application supported.

The Council noted the planning decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC.

Precept for 2006-2007

Cllr Jepson reported that the Finance and General Purposes Committee had considered the precept for 2006-2007 and he proposed that the recommendation of the F&GP Committee to set the precept 2006-2007 at £50,000 be ratified by the Council. Seconded by Cllr Slight and agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that the precept should not, at this time, include an element for CCTV. Members of the Council would attend a presentation at Kelham Hall on 18th January 2006 by British Telecom when further details and costs would be available. After consideration of this information and the possibility of holding a public meeting to consult the public further a decision would be made. It was also agreed that if there was a will to install CCTV the initial costs could be met from reserves and this could then be addressed within future precepts.

Note was made of the comments received from the public both verbally and by letter.

Sewers on Branston Avenue

The meeting was given an update of the action being undertaken by Newark & Sherwood District Council to resolve the matter. Co. Cllrs. Stewart and Laughton were thanked for their assistance in helping to move the action forward. It was anticipated that the matter would be resolved within one week.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
24th January 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman),
G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Salt (Clerk)

Also in attendance Co Cllr. B Laughton, apologies received from Co Cllr
A Stewart and Dist Cllr N Armstrong.

1. Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs J Bradbury and FA Reynolds were received and
accepted.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd November 2005 (full) were
proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Jepson and
agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 20th December 2005 were proposed for
acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2006 were proposed for
acceptance by Cllr Selby, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 10th
January 2006 were noted.

3. Declaration of interest

Cllr Davis declared a non prejudicial interest in planning application
05/02788/FUL.

4. Recreational areas

- Memorial Recreation Ground – notice required to advise
parents when children are using spring equipment;
entrance to the Bowls Tennis area to have dropped kerbs
extended by Notts CC on their next visit to the area.

- Report of mole infestation increasing, Cllr Rhodes requested to deal with the matter. It was reported that a trench had been dug across part of the main football pitch and had to be filled in prior to a match commencing, similar damage had also occurred at the bowling green. It was agreed to reseed the new field subject to a fixed quote being obtained from Lawrence Weaver, estimated cost for ground preparation is £1600 plus £2500 for seed. It was agreed that this would bring the field up to a good standard for general recreational use. The funds for the project being met from the money held at the bank from the S106 grant. Cllr Rhodes commented that the work undertaken by Henry Perry in the field had been completed. It was suggested that visitors to the Acres playing and watching football could be encouraged to park in the car park on Parfitt Drive in order to reduce the traffic movement and parking on Cotton Mill/Quaker Lane. The Clerk to liaise with the teams and gauge the reaction.
- Southwell Road – no matters reported
- Wilson's Field – The lights on the play area are to be modified by Quantum Electrical by the installation of movement sensors in order to minimise any inconvenience to neighbours.

5. Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Gary Burden of Newark & Sherwood DC who had informed him that there was no structural damage to the sewers on Branston Avenue; they had been cleared and were running freely. The problem appeared to have been caused by an accumulation of road stone and they would continue to monitor the system.

The Clerk gave an update regarding the P3 arrangements with Notts CC. There is a need to re-survey the footpaths and submit a new schedule of work. The costs of clearing the paths during 2005 will be reimbursed.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the reply from Notts County Council in response to a request for a HGV restriction to be imposed. It was considered that the reply did not address the issues and a copy was handed to Co. Cllr Laughton for the attention of Co Cllr Stewart.

6. Parish Plan reports

- Development and planning – no items
- Education and sport – football field as reported above

- Environment and tourism – awaiting result of application to Building Better Communities for notice board
- Public transport – no items
- Communication – web site being developed.

7. Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated at the meeting. Consideration of the communication from Newark & Sherwood DC – ‘Litter hit squad’ was made by requesting Councillors to consider appropriate action by the team. The second item discussed related to declarations of interest, and changes to be notified to Newark & Sherwood DC.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 8.32pm to allow Cllr Laughton to comment.

He informed the meeting of the concerns being expressed due to the planned installation of 7 wind turbines at Standish Hill, Eakring, stating that the visual impact of these would be immense as the structures would be 110 metres high.

He also commented upon the consultation paper circulated by Newark & Sherwood DC regarding proposed boundary changes.

The next item was to inform the meeting of the proposed rise in council tax by 4 – 5% due to a £20m shortfall in County Council funds.

He congratulated the Council for the work done in assisting in the resolution of the Branston Avenue sewage problem.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.50pm.

8. Financial matters

- Accounts – the Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, containing 9 cheques amounting to £6972. One cheque for £2819.16p was to close the Jack Bullock Trust account, transferring it to the Farnsfield Charity following approval to do so from the Charity Commission. The accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved.
- Church clock – the Clerk reported that he had received £4000 from the Farnsfield Charity towards the costs of restoration and was still awaiting the insurance settlement details.

- Accounts 2004-5 – the Clerk reported that he had been advised by Hacker Young that the accounts had been finalised but were waiting signing off. There was a delay due to the workload of Mr Snowden and would be sent out in the near future.
- CCTV – following the meeting at Kelham Hall on 18th January 2006 the final cost of a CCTV scheme was uncertain as the unit cost of the equipment has reduced from the initial estimate of £10,000 to £6,500 and could change again. It was agreed that as soon as the information became available the Clerk would obtain a costed scheme from BT.

9. Planning applications

The following plans were considered:

05/02788/FUL – erection of side extension to form utility room and WC at Fairholme, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Cllr Davis had previously declared a non-pecuniary interest and abstained.

Application supported.

06/00004/FUL – erection of conservatory and formation of bay window at Moles End, 117 Station Lane, Farnsfield,

Application supported.

05/00761/FULM – demolition and clearance of existing school buildings and carry out residential development at Farnsfield C of E Endowed School, Main street/Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was not supported on the grounds included in the minutes on previous occasions, noting the removal of the site access from Main Street.

Cllr Clarke abstained.

10. Crime and disorder

The following incidents of crime and disorder were noted:

- Church broken into
- Elderly lady living near Bell's Field, freezer broken into matter not reported to the police
- Cllr Elliott stated that a number of people he had spoken with, during the CCTV consultation, stated that they no longer reported matters to the police as it was a waste of time

- Cllr Rhodes commented that the light at a nursery on Cocketts Lane had been vandalised
- Concern expressed that youth were being provided with drugs locally.
- Large bottles of alcohol are being purchased locally and handed to local youths
- Report of lady on Brickyard Lane having spoken with youths causing a nuisance later had her car damaged.

11. Farnsfield Village Centre

Cllr Clarke requested that the damaged toilet seats in the ladies toilets be replaced and wooden trestle tables stacked outside the lower hall be removed.

A discussion took place regarding the fire risk assessment of the building.

The Clerk informed the meeting that all reasonable precautions had been taken to prevent or deal with outbreaks of fire but would review the matter and report back.

12. Agenda items for the next meeting

No items notified.

The meeting closed at 9.42pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
14th February 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman),
G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, GD Stafford, M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs KJ Clarke and FA
Reynolds.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm to allow
representatives from the Bowls Club to discuss security matters at the
Bowls Club with the Council.

Tony Williams informed the Council of the damage caused to the Bowls
pavilion over the last year and requested any help or advice the Parish
Council could provide.

It was ascertained that there was security lighting installed at the
pavilion but little else. The Chairman thanked Mr Williams for the
information and informed him that the matters raised would be
discussed by the Council and a reply sent by the Clerk.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.40pm.

Declarations of interest

Cllr Jepson declared a non pecuniary interest in the planning
application 06/00001/FUL, The Wickets, Brickyard Lane.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

06/00047/ADV – display of 2 free standing pole signs at main
entrance to estate at Hexgreave Hall, Farnsfield
Application supported.

06/00145/FUL – construction of pitched roof and erection of ground floor extension at The Limes, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported.

06/00164/FUL – erection of extension, double garage and conservatory & construction of roof lights in south elevation at Farnsfield House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield. Application supported, Cllr Rhodes abstained.

06/00001/FUL – erection of dwelling on land at The Wickets, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield. Application not supported on the grounds that it contravened Newark & Sherwoos District policies H21 and H23; it also would be over intensification of the site and back land development. Additionally the site plan did not included 8 The Ridgeway, which would be overlooked.

06/00208/FUL – erection of single storey rear extension at 39 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield. Application supported.

06/00187/FUL – erection of extension to existing primary school, St Michael's C of E School, Farnsfield. No observations were made due to the lack of information provided with the application.

The planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood DC Planning Committee were noted.

The comments made by Mr Williams were considered and it was appropriate to suggest that the Bowls Club take precautionary measures to protect their property, window shutters etc. It was also considered appropriate to provide them with a contact for a localised CCTV system and funding application forms.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
28th February 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman),
FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, DGC Slight, M Salt (Clerk)

Also in attendance Co Cllr. B Laughton and A Stewart, apologies
received Dist Cllr N Armstrong.

1. Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs GD Stafford and R Davis were received and
accepted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm in order for the
County Councillors to discuss matters with the Council.

Branston Avenue, awaiting further information following further
sewage exploration.

Cllr Laughton stated that there was to be a meeting in May regarding
the proposed erection of wind turbines in the area.

Cllr Peet mentioned that he had reads an article in the Newark
Advertiser regarding car park charging in Southwell following
proposals by Newark & Sherwood Districts Council and asked if there
had been a full survey undertaken of the district, including Farnsfield.
He was informed that it had been a restricted survey, not including
Farnsfield.

Cllr Stewart undertook to make enquiries regarding the village signs
and enquire if they were to be updated and when.

Cllr Jepson commented upon the parking problems and suggested that
there was a complete disrespect for the regulations as the police were
not taking any enforcement action and there was a prolonged period
before the County Council accepted responsibility.

Cllr Rhodes commented upon the sewer blockage on New Hill on 18th
February resulting in local problems, The problem was resolved after
Cllr Jepson had contacted Severn Trent.

Cllr Stewart stated that the responsibility for Traffic Regulation Orders would pass to Newark & Sherwood DC on 1st April 2007

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.57pm.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 24th January 2006 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Slight and agreed. The minutes of the meeting of 14th February 2006 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and agreed.

3. Declaration of interest

None were indicated.

4. Recreational areas

- Memorial Recreation Ground - no items raised
- Acres – concerns expressed regarding the continuance of the 'den' in the wooded area, soil heaps at the edge of the field; Cllr Rhodes agreed to make good the grass surface following transportation of the soil on site.
- Southwell Road – concern regarding tress protruding on to the road side near to the hedge
- Wilson's Field – queries regarding the agreed planting to be undertaken by BCTV – Clerk to check progress.

5. Footpaths and highways

The following items were raised:

An update requested regarding a give way sign on Tippings Lane Water puddling as the slope of the road was the 'wrong' way; an incident had occurred where someone had slipped on the ice formed during cold weather.

Cllr Reynolds commented that the white line had not been re-instated at Bell's Field.

6. Parish Plan reports

Development and planning – no items

Education and sport – no items raised

Environment and tourism – awaiting result of application to Building Better Communities for notice board

Public transport – no items

Communication – web site being developed.

7. Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated at the meeting

1. Financial matters

Accounts – the Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Bradbury, containing 16 cheques amounting to £8371.18.

They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Selby and approved.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received the certified accounts from Hacker Young. Concern was expressed regarding the delay experienced whilst Hacker Young processed the accounts; almost 6 months against the previous two weeks with the Audit Commission.

Consideration was given to the request for payment for maintenance of the church yard. It was proposed by Cllr Rhodes that £1200 be paid to the church to cover the two years maintenance, seconded by Cllr Slight. The result of the vote was – for 4; against 4; abstentions 1. The chair cast his deciding vote in favour of rejecting the proposal on the grounds that further information was required from the church showing income and outgoings before a final decision could be made. Cllr Reynolds agreed to follow the matter up.

2. Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

- 06/00272/ADV – illuminated free standing sign at Andy Motor Traders, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported – 2 abstentions
- 06/00310/RMA – erection of 3 live/workhomes at former site of Upper and Lower Hexgreave, Farnsfield
Application supported – 1 abstention.

3. Village Centre

No items raised

4. Agenda items for the next meeting

Cllr Rhodes requested that the proposed football pitch be included as an agenda item.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
14th March 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), G Rhodes, LM Selby, M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Bradbury, DGC Slight, GD Stafford and FA Reynolds.

Declaration of interest

Cllr Davis declared a non pecuniary interest in item 1 'Fairholme', Brickyard Lane, neighbouring property.

Planning applications

06/00324/OUT – erection of 1 house on land to the rear of Fairholme, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield (re-submission)

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed that the application should not be supported as it constituted back land development contrary to the Local Plan. The proposal was carried with Cllr Rhodes voting against and Cllr Davis abstaining.

06/02656/FUL – increase height of front boundary wall to 1.2 metres and erection of gates at Clematis Cottage Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

06/00273/FUL – retention of 3 lighting posts at Andy Taylor Motor Sales, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

Application for financial support – Church Burial Ground

The Clerk reported that he had received further information regarding the application for support deferred from the meeting of 28th February 2006.

The income received by the church in respect of burial grounds goes towards the upkeep of the area adjoining the Main Street; a contribution received from Mr Linney for part of the rear area; the maintenance of the equipment met from the income leaving the costs of maintaining the remaining area.

It was proposed by Cllr Clarke that £500 be paid for the two years requested (2004 and 2005); seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed unanimously.

Village Centre

The Clerk reported that vandalism had occurred to the exterior light at the front and rear of the Village Centre; the wires pulled out of the PIR sensor at the front, and the light smashed at the rear.

After some debate it was agreed to install CCTV on the premises in an effort to prevent the continuing vandalism. Cllr Jepson proposed that up to £5000 should be committed to the project; seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed. The Clerk to make enquiries and obtain a system to suit the purpose at the best price.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of held at 7.30pm on Tuesday
28th March 2006 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, DGC Slight, M Salt (Clerk)

Also in attendance Co Cllr. B Laughton, apologies received Dist Cllr N Armstrong and Co Cllr A Stewart

1. Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs GD Stafford and LM Selby were received and accepted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm in order to permit Cllr Laughton and the members of the public present address the Council meeting.

Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that the County Council had not objected to the proposed wind farm development at Eakring. Issues raised with Cllr Laughton were concerns regarding litter on Mansfield Road, towards the White Post and other areas. It was agreed that this was the responsibility of Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Cllr Rhodes commented upon the amount of litter on the footpaths and concerns regarding rat infestations.

Cllr Bradbury commented upon the lack of police presence, illegal parking and requested information when the District Council became responsible for parking enforcement; informed 1 April 2007.

Cllr Laughton commented upon a recent survey undertaken by Newark & Sherwood DC and a review of Traffic Regulation Orders to be undertaken before 1.4.07; there appears to be a leaning towards residential parking schemes by N&SDC.

Miss Singleton requested information regarding a belief she held that football games were to increase on the Acres area. She was informed that there were no plans for this, although some enquiries had been made. The re-seeding of the new field was to provide a better surface for general recreational use.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.50pm.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 28th February 2006 (full) were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed. The minutes of the meeting of 14th March 2006 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

3. Declaration of interest

Cllr Rhodes declared a pecuniary interest in accounts.

4. Recreational areas

- Memorial Recreation Ground - report of moss on the soft areas adjacent to the equipment.
- Acres – Cllr Rhodes reported that the works on the dyke area at the bottom of the Acres was complete. The Clerk reported that he had contacted N&SDC Litter Department with a view to receiving a quotation to remove the litter caused by the installation of 'the den' in the wooded area.
- Southwell Road – Comments that a barrier was required to prevent access on to the grass by motor vehicles. Some landscaping to be arranged.
- Wilson's Field – The Clerk to make alternative arrangements regarding planting as BTCV are unable to complete the task. Enquiries have been made with Abacus regarding the lights on the play area.

5. Footpaths and highways

The following items were raised:

The Clerk informed the meeting of the assignment of the Southwell Trail as a bridleway; comments were made that it stopped at the A614 and information was requested from NCC if there were any further proposals to link this to the footpath on the A614.

Cllr Clarke reported that there had been a Travel Plan meeting at the school and she had received a complaint from a resident concerning the current 'voluntary' one way system who had been

prevented from driving along Ridgeway Close due to parked cars. Further concerns were expressed regarding the lack of consultation with the Council if there were any proposals by NCC to introduce a one way system in the area of the school. The Clerk to contact NCC.

6. Parish Plan reports

Development and planning – no items
Education and sport – no items raised
Environment and tourism – awaiting result of application to Building Better Communities for notice board
Public transport – no items
Communication – web site being developed.

7. Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated at the meeting
The Clerk raised one item regarding notification of ownership of land in the Register of Interests retained at Kelham Hall.

8. Financial matters

Accounts – the Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, containing 7 cheques amounting to £6047.62p.

Cllr Rhodes, previously declared an interest left the room.

The Clerk outlined the invoices for payment to the Council.
They were then proposed for acceptance by Cllr Slight, seconded by Cllr Bradbury and approved.

Cllr Rhodes rejoined the meeting and was updated regarding the acceptance of the accounts.

9. Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

- 06/00498/LBC – demolition of boundary wall at Burgess House, Main Street, Farnsfield.
Application supported

10. Crime and disorder

No specific items were raised although comments were made earlier in the meeting regarding the lack of parking enforcement and police presence in the village.

It was agreed that any items would be included in the Newsletter issues due in; January, March, May, July, September, November, each year; any items for inclusion to be received by the Clerk by the 10th of the month.

11. Village Centre

Concerns expressed at an earlier meeting regarding security of the building. Quotes currently awaited for CCTV installation.

12. Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.