

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st April 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, M Hamilton, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, R Reeves, FA Reynolds, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)
Co Cllr A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett and Co Cllr B Laughton.

Declaration of interest

None declared.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 26th February 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr. P Elliott and agreed subject to the following amendment; at the site meeting at Middle Close, Mansfield Road, delete Cllr. McDowall and replace with Cllr Selby.

The minutes of the meeting of 11th March 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

Recreational Areas

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – No items raised.
- 2. Acres** – Cllr Stafford reported that the litter bin, near to the pavilion, had been broken off from its base. The Clerk referred to quotations from Brian Stocks to renovate the football pitch on the Acres. This was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, with the exception of the worm treatment, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed. It was agreed that further consideration should be given to the work to be undertaken on the adjacent field, incorporating the removal of stones.
- 3. Southwell Road** – The Clerk reported that the damage to the soft surfacing had been repaired.

4. **Wilson's Field** – Cllr. Stafford reported damage to the new trees, recently planted in the enclosure.

Footpaths and Highways

The Clerk opened the discussion by referring to the letter received from Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding parking enforcement due to commence on 8th May 2008.

Cllr Stewart outlined the proposals for parking enforcement, generally. He stated that a number of wardens are being appointed to randomly patrol the areas with adequate office support to ensure enforcement procedures are followed. Enforcement will be undertaken dependant upon local priorities, and therefore some local bidding would be required.

Cllr Stewart stated that a meeting had been held in Rainworth regarding the proposed incinerator and various views had been expressed with some experts being against the proposal. It was stated that Farnsfield had raised concerns on highway grounds related to the volume of the projected traffic to service the incinerator and the times of operation.

The deteriorating state of Cotton Mill Lane and Crabnook Lane were raised with Cllr Stewart who agreed to raise the issue with County as these are designated bridleways.

The state of Southwell Trail was also raised as it was becoming badly littered and appeared to have been subjected to some 'fly tipping'. As this trail is managed by the County Council, Cllr Stewart agreed to pursue this matter.

Cllr Reeves raised concerns regarding parking on the Ridgeway estate suggesting that ambulances or fire engines would have difficulty gaining access due to badly parked vehicles. It was noted that there were no parking restrictions in the area and the relevant services had methods to deal with such problems.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – Cllr Jepson stated that he had received the paper on the proposals to consider 'Strategic Land Availability' in the district from the Clerk. It was considered that there was nothing to raise at this stage as the papers set out the terms of reference for the review. Whilst Farnsfield is likely to be affected any proposals would be referred separately to the parish for consultation. The whole process is

part of central government's proposals to find land in order to build thousands of new houses to meet the projected national shortage.

Environment and tourism –Cllr McDowall had previously proposed that Farnsfield should enter the 'Best kept village competition'. It was agreed to enter for 2008 and gain a measure of the state of the village in light of the competition.

Public transport – no matters raised.

Communications- It was noted that the Newsletter had not been produced due to the fire at the Village Centre destroying the copier. A replacement copier has been authorised by the loss adjuster and it was anticipated that the programme will get back on track in the near future.

Correspondence

The Clerk made available various items of correspondence for noting. The letter regarding parking had been discussed earlier.

It was noted that the Village fete will be held on 5th July 2008 and whilst there was no request for local funding Cllr Stewart had made available funding for toilet provision as per 2007.

Financial matters

Accounts

The Clerk had previously circulated a set of accounts for consideration and approval. He requested that the invoice for Lane Sheppard be ignored as it was being paid separately by the loss adjusters as part of the Village Centre insurance claims, and circulated a revised schedule of accounts containing 10 cheques amounting to £4307.29p. These had been scrutinised by Cllr Jepson and were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Davis and approved.

The Clerk stated that he had received a request for grant support for the upkeep of the church burial grounds under S 137. He stated that in previous years £500 had been granted.

Cllrs. FA Reynolds and KJ Clarke declared a non prejudicial interest and took no part in the discussion.

Cllr Elliott proposed that £500 should be granted, seconded by Cllr. McDowall and agreed.

Planning applications

08/00277/FUL – first floor extension to form shower room and proposed garden room at 18 Ridgeway Close, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Elliott informed the meeting of the lack of communication from the secretariat of the group whereby minutes of previous meeting has not been circulated and he and Cllr Selby missed the last meeting as they had not been informed of it. He has addressed these matters with the group and hoped for an improvement in the future.

Village Centre

The Clerk provided an update of the progress of the work in the Village Centre. He stated that all of the repairs had been agreed with the loss adjuster and hopefully it would all be completed by the end of April, subject to the availability of contractors.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24th April 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott, M Hamilton, AD Jepson (Chairman), M Pritchett, FA Reynolds, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)
Co Cllr A Stewart + 4 members of the parish.

Cllr Jepson asked all to observe a minutes silence in respect for Mr A Linney who died on 23rd April 2008.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2007 were accepted as an accurate record.

There were no matters arising.

Mr Allington raised two matters:

Firstly relating to speeding vehicles through the village he queried why Farnsfield had no electronic signs similar to those in adjacent villages.

Cllr Elliott informed him that the Parish Council had tried to get these installed on a number of occasions but the County Council had resisted the request but had installed the larger signs, the 'gated system'.

The second matter concerned the Warwick Arms, currently in a deplorable state. He was informed of the action taken by the parish council and Newark & Sherwood DC.

Comments were made regarding the circulation of the newsletter and they were informed that the issue due out in February was missed due to the fire at the Village Centre and that an issue was due out at the end of May. He was also informed that due to the incomplete coverage

of the village spare copies were placed at strategic points in the village.

Hugh Milton commented regarding the parking in the village Main Street stating that there was a short stretch of double yellow lines near to the church that required removing.

Cllr Stewart noted the comments.

He asked if there had been any demand for allotments in the village and was informed that only one enquiry had been made in several years and the enquirer had taken up a plot at Edingley.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th April 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott, M Hamilton, AD Jepson (Chairman), M Pritchett, FA Reynolds, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)
Co Cllr A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Reeves, B McDowall, KJ Clarke and Co Cllr B Laughton.

Declaration of interest

None declared.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 1st April 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed.

Housing needs survey

Jackie Colquitt, Rural Community Action, Nottinghamshire and Jill Sanderson, Community Housing Officer, Newark & Sherwood DC presented the Farnsfield Housing Needs Survey results.

The survey was seen as a good representative sample of the view of the village residents with over 45% of the questionnaires being returned. The survey revealed 33 requests for accommodation and the ensuing discussion centred around available land for development to meet the housing needs in Farnsfield.

It was agreed there may be limited opportunities and Jill would make further enquiries at the District Council and contact the parish council at a later date.

The Chairman thanked them for the report and information.

Recreational areas

1. Memorial recreation ground – no matter reported.

2. **The Acres** – Cllr Stafford commented that the litter bin required re-installing.
3. **Parfitt Drive** – comments regarding litter in the area following a gathering at the weekend.
4. **Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford reported that he had been approached regarding the glare from the floodlights – the Clerk to contact Abacus.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders

Cllr Stewart stated that he had looked into the situation regarding Cotton Mill Lane and Crabnook Lane, both were unadopted and were the responsibility of the householders. However as they are also bridleways they will be inspected and he will receive a report in due course.

Speeding on Mansfield Road, his enquiries reveal that there are no grounds for a reduced speed limit.

Parking regulation will be commencing on 12th May 2008.

Cllr Stewart was informed that the hearing loops in the two halls at the Village Centre had been installed.

Concern was expressed regarding the state of hedges overgrowing the footpath from Station Lane to Abbott Road and also the footpaths on Station Lane.

Cllr Stewart said that he was making contact with the 'Friends of Southwell Trail' regarding the concerns of fly tipping and dog fouling.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

Parish Plan Reports

Planning – dealt with earlier.

Sport and recreation – no report

Environment and Tourism – the village to be entered in the 'Best kept Village Competition'.

Public Transport – no report

Communications – the Newsletter will re-commence with an edition to go out in May, articles required.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Financial matters

1. **Accounts** – a schedule of accounts had been previously circulated containing 12 cheques amounting to £7669.33p. These were proposed for approval by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Pritchett and agreed.
2. **Section 106 Agreement** – the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received the legal documents for the S106 agreement which had been signed in order to release the sum of money.

Planning applications

08/00201/FUL – porchway, study extension and alterations to roof at Wayside Tippings Lane, Farnsfield. (amended plans)

Application supported

07/01860/FUL – erection of a dormer bungalow on land adjacent to Middle Close, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield. (amended plans)

Following a site visit on 26th April 2008, application supported.

08/00393/FUL – forming a new extension over garage and kitchen, forming new dormer window to front elevation, and extending existing rear dormer window at 1 Gregory Gardens, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Community Safety

No items to report.

Village Centre

The Clerk provided an update regarding the progress of the remedial work. He informed the meeting that a new water heater was being installed in the kitchen following complaints from users.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th May 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, M Hamilton, AD Jepson (Chairman),
FA Reynolds, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Reeves, B McDowall, M Pritchett and Co R Reeves.

Declaration of interest

None declared

Planning applications

08/00602/FUL – alterations to application 07/01221/FUL – proposed two storey side and rear extension at 26 Cockett Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/00535/FUL – glazed atrium linking existing house, office, garage and garden at Swan Lodge, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/00538/LBC - glazed atrium linking existing house, office, garage and garden at Swan Lodge, Upper Hexgreave, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/01770/FUL – conversion of existing garage into dining room and proposed extension to include internal garages and bedrooms over at Park View, Beck Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted.

Support services

The Clerk circulated a paper suggesting service provision to assist the Clerk in providing an improved quality of service to the parish. It covered areas including general administration, communications, Newsletter preparation, maintenance of the web site; checks at the Village Centre and letting issues; minute taking at council meetings in the absence of the Clerk

It was proposed by Cllr Davis that this be approved, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed unanimously.

It was noted that this provision would be at no extra cost to the council as there was no budget provision. The cost would be met from the Clerk's salary and savings on web site hosting.

It was agreed that the matter be inserted in the next Newsletter and an advertisement for the service provision placed in the Newark Advertiser in order to ensure that a fair and open process was followed. Applications would be invited with the service provision commencing in June or July.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th May 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, PJ Elliott, M Pritchett, FA Reynolds, R Reeves, LM Selby (Chairman – part meeting), G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)
Co Cllr A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. B McDowall, R Davis, AD Jepson, M Hamilton and Co Cllr A Stewart.

Declaration of interest

None declared.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Pritchett, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Elliott and agreed.

Appointment of Chairman

Cllr Reeves proposed that Cllr Elliott be appointed as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Reynolds. Cllr Elliott accepted the proposal. There were no other nominations and the proposal was supported unanimously.

Cllr Elliott took over as Chairman of the meeting.

Appointment of Vice – Chairman

Cllr Stafford proposed that Cllr L Selby be appointed as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Pritchett. Cllr Selby accepted the proposal; there were no other nominations and Cllr Selby was elected unanimously.

Appointment of Committee members
Recreation Grounds Committee

Cllr G Stafford
Cllr KJ Clarke
Cllr M Pritchett
Cllr R Reeves

Village Centre Committee

Cllr KJ Clarke
Cllr M Hamilton
Cllr. G Stafford
Cllr M Pritchett

Finance and General Purposes

Cllr. R Davis
Cllr AD Jepson
Cllr FA Reynolds
Cllr B McDowall

Council representation at other organisations

Football – Cllr Reeves
Cricket – Cllr Clarke
Bowls – Cllr Elliott
Tennis – Cllr Elliott
PCC – Cllr Reynolds
Churchyard/clock – Cllr Davis
Police Liaison – Cllrs. Selby and Elliott.
Snow Warden – Cllr Stafford

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.50pm
Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that the County Council Highways Depot at Newark was relocating to Bilsthorpe.
Two green waste recycling centres were open at Inkersall Grange in the north of the county and at Freshgrow – A614 Rufford.
The application at Wonderland was refused by Newark & Sherwood DC by 7 votes to 5 based on the proposed appearance of the building.

He agreed to look into the actions required to rectify the surface defects on Crab Nook Lane and Cotton Mill Lane.

He informed the meeting that the County Council had changed its mind regarding the proposed closure of OAP homes in Ollerton following local opposition.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.05pm.

Recreation Grounds

1. **MRG** – no items raised.
2. **Acres** – Cllr Stafford commented that the litter bin required replacing. There has been an attempt to push open the pavilion doors. Cllr Reynolds agreed to meet with Cllr Reeves and the Clerk to discuss the stone clearance from the new field.
3. **Southwell Road** – no issues.
4. **Wilson's Field** – The Clerk reported that he had contacted Abacus for a survey to be conducted on the lights on the play area.

Footpaths and highways

General concern was expressed regarding the overgrown state of grass and hedgerows. The Clerk agreed to contact the contractor SP Rose, who should have undertaken the work in May.

Parish Plan reports

Planning – it was reported that the Co-operative Society had purchased the Warwick Arms site; no details available regarding their proposals for the site.

Environment and tourism – The Clerk reported that the village had been entered in the Best Kept Village Competition, the first phase of judging taking place in June and the second in July.

Public transport – no items

Education and sport – nothing to report.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting. He referred to a letter received from Mrs Ruth Milliken regarding an overgrown tree on land adjacent to the footpath running alongside Ridgeway Close.

It was agreed that the maintenance of the tree was not the responsibility of the Parish Council as it was on land retained by Mr Gascoine and the footpaths had not been adopted by the local authorities. The Clerk to advise Mrs Milliken accordingly.

Financial matters

Accounts

The Clerk provided information on the schedule of accounts circulated to members.

They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Reeves and approved.

Accounts 2007-8

The Clerk reported that the audit had been called for 14th July 2008 and the accounts were in the process of being prepared for audit. Arrangements had been made to meet with the internal auditor. It is anticipated that they will be presented to Council in June.

Planning applications

08/00311/FUL – alterations and extensions to existing dwelling at The Willows, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

08/00465/FUL – wall to the east and south elevations of the property approx. 2 metres high at The Railway Building, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

The decisions made by Newark and Sherwood DC were noted.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Elliott stated that he had expressed his concerns regarding the level of communication within the group organisation. He stated that there had been a spate of burglaries in the village over the past weekend.

Village Centre

The Clerk stated that most of the work following the fire was complete. He was still negotiating with the loss adjuster and insurers. He informed the meeting that a floor in the scouts area required repairing and re-covering. It was agreed that the order be placed with CG Rhodes.

Agenda items for the next meeting.

None raised.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th June 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs., R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), LM Selby, M Pritchett
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Reeves, B McDowall, KJ Clarke, AD Jepson, GD Stafford, FA Reynolds and M Hamilton.

Declaration of interest

None declared

Planning applications

08/01058/FUL – internal remodelling and internal alterations.
Extensions to lean to roof. Demolish existing conservatory and rebuild as sun lounge at 15 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

08/00977/FUL – erection of single storey extension and insertion of two new bow windows at Ashlea, Crabnook Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

08/00729/FUL – erection of single storey rear extension at 5 Birch Avenue, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

The decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th June 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson
M Pritchett, R Reeves
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. B McDowall, FA Reynolds, L Selby and G Stafford.

Declaration of interest

Cllr Elliott declared an interest at Agenda Item 8.3 – provision of support services.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27th May 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Pritchett, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting of 10th June 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Pritchett and agreed.

Recreation Grounds

- 1. MRG** – no items raised.
- 2. Acres** – Cllr Stafford passed on a message that the litter bin was missing. The Clerk reported that it had been taken away for repair. Cllr Reeves said that 15 ton of top soil had been delivered to the Acres to fill in the goal areas. He also suggested that the pitches be turned around and extra pitches be created to accommodate Southwell United teams.
- 3. Southwell Road** – The Clerk reported that further damage had been caused to the soft surface areas and was being repaired.
- 4. Wilson's Field** – Cllr Jepson said that he had received further enquiries regarding the steps on Footpath 1 leading from

Mansfield Road. The Clerk stated that he had a meeting with Charlotte Jolly, NCC Footpaths on Thursday 26th June and would raise the matter again with her. He would also check with Abacus for a report concerning the floodlights.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk informed the meeting that SP Rose had cleared the footpaths, any residual problems to be brought to his attention. Cllr Reeves stated that the way marker at the Main Street end of 'Neddy's Jitty' had broken off, it appeared to be rotten. Cllr Clarke complained that the footpath from Alexandra Road to Station Lane was overgrown.

The Clerk said that he would raise all of these matters at the meeting with NCC on Thursday.

The Clerk had circulated a proposal from CPRE to create a circular walkway in Farnsfield and install seats and signs. This proposal was agreed.

Parish Plan reports

Planning – Cllr Jepson stated that he had not received any further information following the housing needs survey in Farnsfield.

Environment and tourism – The Clerk reported that the village had been entered in the Best Kept Village Competition, the first phase of judging taking place in June and the second in July, no further information available.

Public transport – no items

Education and sport – Cllr Elliott requested information items from the Cricket Club for insertion in the next Newsletter; he already had one from Tennis. Cllr Clarke to pursue.

Communications – Newsletter due out in July. It was suggested that maps showing the village footpaths should be available plus a notice board shown the overall plan of the maps. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding availability and funding.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated attention was drawn to the invitation to enter a team in the Village Bowls Match, passed on the Cllr Reeves.

Financial matters

1. **Accounts** – The Clerk had previously circulated a schedule of accounts consisting of 18 cheques amounting to £38,205.70p, scrutinised by Cllr. Jepson, he explained that there were several

invoices on the schedule arising from the fire at the Village Centre. Zurich Insurance has forwarded a cheque in part settlement for FPC to pay the invoices. They were proposed for approval by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr. Pritchett and approved.

2. **Accounts 2007-8** – The Clerk had previously circulated all Councillors with the final set of accounts for 2007-8 and the Audit Commission documents.

There were no queries regarding the accounts and they were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Pritchett and approved.

The Clerk reminded the members that they had previously been circulated a copy of the Annual Return for 2006-7. He dealt with the questions in Section 2 individually and all points were agreed.

The Chairman signed the return at Section 1 and 2, followed by the Clerk.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the appropriate notice advertising the audit had been properly posted and the accounts would be submitted in time to meet the designated audit date set by the Auditors.

3. **Appointment of Support Services to the Clerk** – Cllr Elliott having declared a prejudicial interest left the room. The chair was taken by Cllr Davis. There were no members of the public present therefore no reason to exclude anyone from the discussion.

The Clerk circulated the letters received from Wardencheck and Executive Development and informed the meeting that these were the only applications received although there had been 3 enquiries following the placing of the advertisement in the Newark Advertiser and Trader.

Following a discussion and consideration of the documents Cllr Hamilton proposed that the contract be awarded to Executive Development on the grounds that they were able to provide better web support than Wardencheck, all other points being equally covered in the two applications. This was seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Davis requested confidentiality and asked the Clerk to inform the applicants by letter.

Cllr Elliott rejoined the meeting and requested to be informed of the result and was advised that letters with the decision would be sent out. He stated that he could infer from the response that Wardencheck had not been given the contract and stated that he would raise an item under 'any other business'

Cllr Elliott resumed the chair.

Planning applications

08/01107/FUL – erection of single storey extensions to front and rear of property; alterations to garage at Rosebank, Crab Nook Lane, Farnsfield

The application was supported.

Community Safety Group

Cllr Elliott informed the meeting that there had been a spate of burglaries in the village the previous weekend and there was a good likelihood that the police would be able to prosecute the offenders.

He also informed the meeting that Pc Thompson, local beat officer, was off work on sick leave.

Bilsthorpe has been moved into another Safety Group area.

Cllr Elliott stated that he had contacted Dist Cllr Armstrong for a reply regarding the provision of CCTV cameras in Farnsfield.

Farnsfield Village Centre

No further items raised following the discussion in accounts.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The Chairman stated that he was including an item of any other business:

He produced a document from his briefcase and stated that when the Council considered the support for the Clerk he had declared an interest but the Clerk had not despite being included on the Executive Development website, he then produced a copy of the website. He stated that the Clerk should have declared an interest and have left the room as he worked for Executive Development.

This was refuted by the Clerk who stated that he had no interest to declare as his association with Executive Development was some 5 years ago on a particular project.

There was a general discussion and Cllr Davis proposed that the previous decision to award the contract to Executive Development be revoked pending further enquiries. This was seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

Cllr Elliott was asked why he had not raised this matter earlier and did not comment.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8TH July 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, M Pritchett, FA Reynolds, L Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. B McDowall, KJ Clarke and R Reeves.

Declaration of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

08/00415/FUL – extension/conservatory to rear elevation at Fairway Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/01493/FUL – demolish existing bungalow and construct new dwelling at Willow Fen, Station Lane, Farnsfield. The application was discussed and supported following a vote, 4 in support and 3 against.

08/01494/FUL – construction of detached dwelling with new vehicular and pedestrian access at Fosse Way, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

The views of local residents were considered and it was deemed appropriate that a site visit would occur on Saturday 12th July 2008.

Following the site visit the application was supported but concerns were expressed regarding the access on to Station Lane.

The planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd July 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), B McDowall, AD Jepson FA
Reynolds, G Stafford, L Selby
M Salt (Clerk)
Cllrs A Stewart and B Laughton

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Reeves, M Pritchett, KJ Clarke and M Hamilton.
Also received from Cllr N Armstrong.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.31pm to allow Cllrs Stewart and Laughton to comment.

Cllr Stewart stated that the County Council were progressing an agreement with Ulyett Landscapes Ltd to sponsor the White Post roundabout.

Cllr Laughton outlined the new proposals under Section 106 agreements charge developers a proportionate charge against the size of the development; the money paid would support the local infrastructure and would be unlikely to be channelled towards Parish Councils in the future. He made reference to a consultative document, (passed earlier by the Clerk to Cllr Jepson for comments as it related to planning matters).

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.42pm.

Declaration of interest

None declared.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 24th June 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, Cllr Elliott commented that he did not accept the wording in the minutes for agenda item 8.3. He agreed to offer an alternative form of wording for consideration. The approval of the minutes was deferred.

The minutes of the meeting of 8th July 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, with the proviso that it was noted that the decision regarding Fosse Way, Station Lane, was not a delegated one, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed. The Councillors attending at the site visit were Cllrs. Jepson, Selby, Pritchett and Elliott.

Recreation Grounds

1. **MRG** – no items raised.
2. **Acres** – Cllr Stafford commented that a large amount of litter had been left in the area following parties. The Clerk reported that work had commenced on the football pitches but no further information was available due to the absence of Cllr Reeves.
3. **Southwell Road** – Nothing reported.
4. **Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford commented that the litter bin had been broken off.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had met with Charlotte Jolly and Matt Duckworth from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the P3 footpath agreement.

A schedule of actions had been agreed and details would be summarised by Charlotte Jolly and sent to the Clerk.

Comment was made regarding a bench on Southwell Trail which was now too high due to erosion of the surface. Cllr Stewart was to raise the matter with the Friends to Southwell Trail Committee.

The Clerk stated that he had reported the demolished village sign on Mansfield Road to NCC Highways.

Parish Plan reports

Planning – Cllr Jepson reported on the N&S DC Framework Supplementary Planning Document and proposed that the reasons for agreeing were as follows:

- To ensure a development is directly financially committed to :
 1. benefiting the community, e.g. enhancing the community, infrastructure etc.

2. provision of additional facilities/infrastructure which may be needed to improve the well being of the inhabitants
3. to avoid downgrading the existing facilities and environment

General comments – based on past experience consultation should not be confined merely to a paper exercise which appears to be the existing system. Parish/Town Councils should be given the opportunity to discuss at local level with the planning department all aspects of the proposed development and the likely effects on the residents. In the past this has not been the situation and in some instances where a development was to be provided adjacent to existing properties the occupants have not even been allowed to see the proposed landscaping proposals which could affect them. Local problems with the landscape, infrastructure etc. are not always apparent to non residents and this is an aspect that often requires local input verbally.

The comments of Cllr Jepson were agreed as the formal response to the document.

Environment and tourism – No further information regarding the Best Kept Village entry.

Cllr McDowall offered assistance with the footpaths projects when received.

Public transport – Comments regarding lack of bus timetables; the Clerk to acquire copies and place in the bus shelters.

Education and sport – no items

Communications – Newsletter published, scheduled to be circulated in the village on 23 July 2008.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for information.

Financial matters

Accounts – The Clerk had previously circulated a schedule of accounts consisting of 12 cheques amounting to £6648.81p, scrutinised by Cllr. Davis, they were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

Planning applications

08/01613/FUL replace flat roof with patent glazed pitched roof to existing sun lounge extension at The Limes 'Tumblewood', Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/01574/FUL – rear ground floor extension at 19 Spring Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Community Safety Group

Cllr Selby reported that she had attended the last meeting of the group, Pc Thompson was due back at work imminently, Pc Hunt attended in his place at the meeting.

Updates were provided regarding the current issues in the surrounding villages. The main issue in Farnsfield being vandalism to cars in the Main Street, the alleged offender is reputed to live at Mansfield. Speed detection in the village has been mounted.

Cllr Davis enquired if N&SDC were enforcing the parking restrictions in the village.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that a firm would shortly be installing some equipment in the Committee and Scout Rooms in an attempt to remove the residual smell from the after effects of the fire.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th August 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), AD Jepson, M Pritchett, G Stafford, L Selby
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Reeves, B McDowall, FA Reynolds and M Hamilton.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

08/01676/FUL – alterations to existing garage/workshop and car port to form triple garage at The Old Pharmacy, Main Street, Farnsfield
Application supported.

08/01675/FUL – erection of single storey extension to rear of Brambles, 9 Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

08/01659/FUL – erection of first floor rear extension at Nether Close, Southwell Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported with 2 abstentions.

08/01070/LBC – replace windows at Holdyke Cottage, Blidworth Road, Farnsfield
Application supported.

08/01702/FUL - erection of a pet centre at White Post Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.
Decision deferred until a site meeting on Friday 8th August 2008.

At the site meeting at 10am on 5th August 2008 attended by Cllrs. P Elliott, AD Jepson, L Selby, KJ Clarke, M Pritchett, G Stafford and M Salt, the application was supported.

08/01713/FUL – first floor extension over existing ground floor single extension at 31 Alexander Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

There were no decisions received from Newark & Sherwood District Council.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

An additional planning application was considered on 8th August 2008, following the site meeting, (in view of the closing date for comments from the Council imposed by Newark & Sherwood DC), by Cllrs. P Elliott, AD Jepson, L Selby, KJ Clarke, M Pritchett, G Stafford.

08/01512/OUT – erection of a two bedroomed bungalow with attached garage on land to the rear of Blue Haze, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was proposed for objection by Cllr Jepson on the grounds that it was back land development and was contrary to the policies of Newark & Sherwood DC Local Plan, H13, H21 and H23; seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 10.55am.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th September 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, M Pritchett, G Stafford, L Selby
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Reeves, B McDowall, FA Reynolds and KJ Clarke.

Declarations of interest

Cllr Hamilton declared a non prejudicial interest in application 08/01732/FUL – neighbouring property.

Planning applications

08/01732/FUL – demolish garage and car port and rebuild two garages, extension and internal alterations at Render Park Farm, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported. (Cllr Hamilton abstained)

08/01773/FUL – formation of 3 self contained flats over Spar Stores, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/01515/FUL – erection of garden shed and formation of parking space at 6 Old School Court, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported.

Decisions of Newark & Sherwood District Council

Noted.

Bank signatories

It was confirmed that the Clerk had authority to continue with the process of amending the signatories on the Co-operative Bank Current

Account to remove details of Councillor having left the Council and add new members.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd September 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, R Reeves, G Stafford, M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. B McDowall, M Pritchett and L Selby

The Chairman stated that he intended to deal with agenda item 12 in camera; proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm.

Cllr Stewart provided an update regarding the White Post Roundabout, stating that there had been discussions involving Mr Hart, Patrick Stevens and Ulyetts. There was an issue regarding health and safety and an agreement was being compiled between Ulyett's and Nottinghamshire County Council Highways in order to progress the matter.

Cllr Stewart asked if there was to be an application under the Building Better Communities initiative, it was agreed that the footpath map cabinets would be the subject of the submission.

Cllr Jepson reported that the steps behind the Old Gaol had not been repaired.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.45pm.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd July 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed. The minutes of the meeting of 5th August 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed. The minutes of the meeting of 9th

Recreation Grounds

1. **MRG** – The Clerk reported that he had placed the contract for the tree off Chapel Lane to be removed, was awaiting a price from Notts. CC regarding the others in the play area.
2. **Acres** – Cllr. Stafford commented that some damage had occurred to the pavilion shutters, (repaired by the Clerk). Cllr. Reeves offered to arrange for the interior of the pavilion to be painted and was authorised to purchase the paint. He stated that a referee had commented regarding mole invasion of the football pitch. The Clerk requested permission to purchase a new set of goal posts as the current ones do not conform to FA requirements; proposed by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Reynolds and agreed. It was noted that a new sign was required at the Acres following damage to the current one.
3. **Southwell Road** – The Clerk reported that he had requested Sid Paver to repair any damage/defects noted in the inspection report.
4. **Wilson's Field** – The litter bin had due to deterioration and is being repaired. The flood lights are due to be inspected and repaired by Abacus, a date awaited.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk updated the meeting of actions undertaken following his meeting with Charlotte Jolly and Matt Duckworth from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the P3 footpath agreement. A schedule of agreed actions were circulated for information. Cllr. Jepson expressed concern regarding the damage to some footpaths by tree roots, particularly on the Ridgeway. Cllr. Clarke reported that some street signs were missing, Southwell Road and Abbott Crescent. Cllr. Hamilton suggested that a sign informing visitors of the location of the Acres be installed.

Cllr. Davis suggested that the bollards near to the Warwick be painted in the near future.

Parish Plan reports

Planning – Cllr Jepson stated that he was still considering the latest Spatial Plan document and would comment at a later meeting.

Environment and tourism – Map cabinets to be pursued under the Building Better Communities bid.

Public transport – no items.

Education and sport – no items

Communications – Newsletter due to be published in October, items for inclusion requested.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for information.

Community Safety

Cllr. Elliott reported that he had attended the meeting held at Lowdham but there was no Police representative at the meeting. There was an update that the 3 CPSO had reduced to 1, 2 having left the post.

There was a need to report all incidents to the police as a dispersal order for Farnsfield was under consideration.

Finance

1. Accounts – The Clerk had circulated a set of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson. The accounts contained 22 cheques amounting to £8031.98p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.
2. S. 137 application – The Clerk presented an application by the Sherwood Foresters for funds to provide a monument to the soldiers who died in action in the 1914-18 war. It was agreed that the request be refused and passed to the British Legion.
3. S 137 application – Farnsfield First Responder request £250, the annual support provided by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Reynolds and agreed.

Planning applications

The following planning application was considered.

08/01871/FUL remove diseased conifer hedge and replace with concrete posts and panelled wood fence at Beck House, Beck Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported, it was noted that this was in the conservation area.

Cllr. Clarke abstained.

Village Centre

The Clerk stated that the items of work identified by the Village Centre Committee are being rectified.

The remaining electrical works are under way.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2008

There were no members of the public present,
It had been previously agreed to discuss this item in camera.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the decision to appoint clerical support on 24th June 2008 was valid as there could be no reversal of the decision in 'any other business'; however there would not be any action taken regarding the decision.

The record of the meeting was discussed in detail and it was agreed to adjourn the matter until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th October 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, R Reeves, G Stafford, M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett and FA Reynolds.

Declarations of interest

None

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

08/01966/FUL – detached dwelling on land adjacent The Limes, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported.

08/01842/RMA – application for approval of reserved matters, new dwelling on land adjoining The Gables, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Abstentions from Cllrs. Selby, Jepson, Clarke and Stafford.

08/01963/FUL – two storey extension to be used as garden room and bedroom at Sharrow Cottage, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/1902/FUL – conservatory to side elevation and retrospective permission for French doors at Poppyfields Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Abstention from Cllr. Clarke.

Planning decisions from Newark and Sherwood District Council were noted.

Cllr. Jepson stated that he had been approached regarding the application to replace a hedge with a fence at Beck House, Beck Lane as there were concerns being expressed regarding conservation issues.

It was noted that the matter was considered on 23rd September 2008 and conservation issues were included in the comments. Cllr. McDowall stated that he had been approached regarding the matter and would comment if required, this was agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th October 2008 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott (Chairman), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, R Reeves, L Selby.
M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett G Stafford and B McDowall.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

Declarations of interest

None

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.34pm.

Co. Cllr. Stewart informed the meeting that Ulyett's would be taking over the sponsorship of White Post Roundabout but there was some delay whilst the terms of the health and safety agreement were finalised, it was agreed that the sponsorship should commence early 2009.

Cllr. Stewart referred to the problems with the seats on Southwell Trail, initially installed too high and with further erosion of the ground there will be work undertaken to build up the base.

The Safer Neighbourhood meeting was discussed, it was commented that the Police failed to attend. Questions were asked regarding the

training for the use of speed guns. Cllr Stewart commented that it was undertaken by the police; he also commented that speed enforcement normally undertaken by the police worked well until last April and the resources were withdrawn.

It was noted that the bus stops in the village were to have the flags and notice displays upgraded by the County Council in December 2008.

Road works on Chapel Lane would also commence in December 2008.

Cllr Jepson asked if any parking enforcement had been undertaken in the village, it was commented that there had been some visits made but no tickets issued.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.45pm.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd July 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed. The minutes of the meeting of 5th August 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed. The minutes of the meeting of 9th

Recreation Grounds

- 5. MRG** – The Clerk reported that the tree off Chapel Lane had been removed and as Notts. CC had made no contact regarding the others in the play area he had placed the contract with M Hazard.
- 6. Acres** – The Clerk stated that he had requested the groundsman to engage Newark & Sherwood DC to treat the moles. He suggested that a better option to secure the pavilion would be to close up the windows using brick and glass blocks as electricity was now installed in the pavilion. It was agreed that estimates should be obtained.
- 7. Southwell Road** – There has been further incidents of damage to the fencing around the play area, order placed for repairs to be undertaken.
- 8. Wilson's Field** – Lights checked and repaired by Abacus.

Footpaths and highways

The resurfacing of Chapel Lane was covered earlier in the meeting.

Comments made re highway defects, dropped manhole in Main Street, opposite the Church, Station Lane, hole in the road, raised manhole.

Parish Plan reports

Planning – no reports.

Environment and tourism – Application for map cabinets made under the Building Better Communities bid.

Public transport – bus stop upgrade covered earlier.

Education and sport – Cllr Reeves reported that the Bowls Club were intending to extend the pavilion to allow them to have indoor bowling facilities.

Communications – Newsletter due to be published items for inclusion requested.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for information.

Finance

1. Accounts – The Clerk had circulated a set of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson. The accounts contained 15 cheques amounting to £5574.38p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed.
2. Church Clock – the Clerk reported that he had received a letter from English Clockmakers to conduct an annual service at a cost of £125; proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

08/01773/FUL – formation of three self contained flats over Spar Stores, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Previously considered, referred back to the Council as joint ownership of the land discovered when the checks were made.

Application supported.

08/01997/FUL – replacing chimney on gable wall at The Cottage, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Community Safety

Cllr. Elliott reported that there had not been a meeting since the last Council meeting, the next one is scheduled for 3rd November 2008 at Farnsfield.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that there were some reliability problems with the gas boilers and suggested that consideration should be given to checking and possible replacing them. It was agreed that estimates be obtained.

Minutes of the meeting of 24th June 2008

There were no members of the public present.

The Clerk stated that he had considered the legal position and Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act did not provide any leeway to delay the approval and signing of the minutes.

Cllr Elliott stated that the minutes were not a verbatim report of the meeting and should not be accepted in the present format.

A prolonged discussion ensued and following this Cllr Hamilton proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 24th June 2008 be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Davis.

(Cllr Elliott proposed an objection on the grounds that they were not a verbatim record, this was not seconded).

Following a vote 3 voted in favour, 1 against, Cllrs, Clarke, Reynolds, Selby and Reeves abstained.

The minutes were approved.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th November 2008 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. KJ Clarke, PJ Elliott (Chairman), AD Jepson, B McDowall, FA Reynolds, L Selby, G Stafford, M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett and M Hamilton, R Reeves, KJ Clarke.

Declarations of interest

None

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

08/01951/FUL – provision of 16 bedroom hotel accommodation block at The White Post Inn Public House, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

The decisions of Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th November 2008 in the Library, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis, L Selby (Chair), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, R Reeves, GD Stafford
M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr A Stewart, B Laughton.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett, PJ Elliott, KJ Clarke, FA Reynolds and B McDowall.
Dist Cllr. N Armstrong.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Reeves, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed.
The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 11th November 2008 were noted.

Declarations of interest

None

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.32pm.

Cllr Stewart reported that progress regarding the White Post Roundabout was slow due to the health and safety audit to be undertaken.

A short discussion took place regarding the planning application submitted by the White Post PH for a 16 bed hotel regarding the potential for increased traffic but it was agreed that the proposed arrangements should not produce any future problems.

Cllr Laughton stated that the reduction in planning applications due to the current economic climate will result in a shortfall of income for Newark & Sherwood DC of £200-300k.

Cllr Jepson commented that there was no provision at N&SDC to check the standards of new builds after consent had been given and the property developed.

The Clerk provided an update following his meeting with the tree surveyor stating that there would need to be some consultation with the District and County Councils regarding ownership and responsibility for some trees in the parish.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.50pm.

Recreation Grounds

1. **MRG** – The Clerk reported that the trees had been dealt with. Cllr Stafford commented that some algae was present near the 'helicopter' and required removing.
2. **Acres** – The Clerk stated that he had received some quotes for the windows at the pavilion and was arranging to meet with the builders before placing the order.
3. **Southwell Road** – All damage repaired.
4. **Wilson's Field** – Damage to the lighting control box reported by Cllr Stafford, passed to CG Rhodes to repair.

Footpaths and highways

Cllr Stafford reported that the grit bin at the junction of Cockett Lane and Station Lane had been over turned.

Parish Plan reports

Planning – no reports.

Environment and tourism – Request for the Village Fete in July to be held on the Acres, agreed in principal, Cllr Hamilton and Reeves to liaise with the organisers.

Public transport – No reports

Education and sport – No reports

Communications – Newsletter due to be published.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for information.

Finance

1. Accounts – The Clerk had circulated a set of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Davis. The accounts contained 16 cheques amounting to £6153.02p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Stafford and agreed.
2. Precept 2009-10 – the Clerk made reference to the F&GP minutes of 11th November 2008 where the precept was discussed and a proposal made to set the precept for 2009-10 at £59,000, after some consideration Cllr Davis proposed that the precept for 2009-10 should be set at £60,000, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed unanimously.
3. Gas boilers – Village Centre, the Clerk reported that he had obtained a quote for the replacement of the boilers in the Village Centre, the work to be undertaken part in the current financial year and the remainder in the next one, should replacement be necessary.
4. He reported that the Lower Hall boiler was becoming increasingly unreliable, having failed 4 times in the last week, the inspection revealed that it was in need of urgent work due to a faulty seal on the casing. It was proposed by Cllr Davis that the Lower Hall boiler be replaced as soon as possible, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed. The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for the replacement to take place over the New Year period when the Village Centre was quieter.

Planning applications

08/02179/FUL – conservatory at rear of Clovelly, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/02105/FULM – erection of new recreational building at Wheelgate Park, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Community Safety

Cllr Selby stated that Pc Thompson was still off work and was temporarily replaced by another police officer, whilst some PCSOs had left the agreed strength for the villages was being maintained.

Village Centre

No further items.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th December 2008 in the Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. R Davis(Chair), M Hamilton, AD Jepson, GD Stafford, FA Reynolds
M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett, PJ Elliott, KJ Clarke, R Reeves, L Selby and B McDowall.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

08/02242/FUL – first floor bedroom extension, adding to existing ground floor extension at Sharrow Cottage, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield
Application supported.

08/02227/RMA – erection of a detached two bedroomed house with integral double garage on land adjoining The Gables, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Not supported on the following grounds, insufficient parking space, cars would have to be reversed on to the highway; the proposed property is facing the conservation area and being a three storey building is not in keeping with the surrounding properties; over intensification of the site.

08/02189/FUL – removal of conifer hedge to be replaced by a double brick wall at Beck House, 2 Nairn Close, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th January 2009 in the Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. P Elliott(Chair), KJ Clarke, R Davis, M Hamilton, AD Jepson, B McDowall, L Selby, GD Stafford, FA Reynolds, R Reeves.
M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Pritchett.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

08/02290/FUL – erect side extension to dwelling at 13 Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

09/00018/FUL – erection of two storey side extension at 8 Ridgeway Close, Farnsfield

Application supported.

Other business

Cllr Elliott informed the meeting of a request received from the Bowling Club to extend the pavilion; a set of plans were produced by Cllr. Reeves. It was agreed that the matter be considered at the meeting on 27th January 2009 and a plan of the proposed footprint was requested to show its position on the site relative to the Tennis site.

Cllr Davis informed the meeting that some repair work to the church clock had been undertaken and there was a request for the Council to pay the £350 for the repairs; to be considered on 27th January 2009.

The Clerk gave an update regarding the incidents of damage in the village; pavilion damaged, all of the glass blocks and meter housing smashed apparently with a sledge hammer; a wall damage and car window smashed on the Ridgeway.

Cllr Stafford reported that the lighting control housing unit on Wilson's Field had been repaired.

Cllr Selby reported that she had attended a Safer Neighbourhood meeting and it was apparent that Farnsfield has the worst crime record in the group of villages covered by the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th January 2009 in the Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. P Elliott(Chair), KJ Clarke, R Davis, M Hamilton, AD Jepson, B McDowall, L Selby, GD Stafford.
M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. M Pritchett, R Reeves and FA Reynolds.
Cllr. B Laughton.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 25th November 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of 15th December 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr Jepson and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and approved.

Declarations of interest

Cllr Davis declared a non prejudicial interest in the planning application for Millcote, Southwell Road, Farnsfield – the property is adjacent to his.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm.

Cllr. Stewart provided an update regarding the proposed alterations to the junction of Cockett Lane and A617.

He provided further information regarding the provision of inter-active speed signs and stated that these signs were not being installed as there was a change in the criteria for their installation.

Cllr Jepson requested to be provided with the criteria.

Cllr Stewart stated that he was in a position to offer a community grant to Farnsfield in the region of £1500; it was agreed that this offer should be debated later at the meeting and a bid for the money compiled.

Maurice Shakeshaft informed the meeting of his recent correspondence with the Clerk, County and District Councillors and Chief Constable regarding the current spate of vandalism occurring in the village. The Chairman stated that the matter was being discussed at District level by the Safer Neighbourhood Group and residents were encouraged to report all crime in order to raise the profile of Farnsfield and secure more visible policing.

Cllr McDowall said that 25 applications for Neighbourhood Watch had been submitted to Worksop but no response had been received.

Cllr Stewart suggested that Inspector Gann should be contacted at Worksop.

Cllr. Jepson enquired as to the current status of the Warwick as the work to transform into a Co-operative store seems to have stopped; there have been problems with building regulations and this has caused a delay.

Maurice Shakeshaft reported an obstruction on Combs Lane footpath; matter reported to Notts. County Council Footpaths Dept.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.06pm.

Recreational areas

- **Memorial Recreation Ground** – An application from the Bowls Club to extend the pavilion to permit the inclusion of indoor bowls was raised at the meeting on 13th January 2009 when brief site plans showing the proposed extension were requested; these were produced showing two options, dependant upon the costs. The proposal to extend the pavilion was approved and this would be re-iterated at the planning stage.
- **The Acres** – An update was provided regarding the work undertaken at the pavilion to eliminate further vandalism.
- **Parfitt Drive** – Cllr Stafford commented that glass was found on the car park every night. Cllr Jepson commented that checks were being made by the police to stop under age drinking although it was recognised that those under age may not be purchasing the drink.
- **Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford reported that repeated attempts had been made to vandalise the light switch unit. It had been repaired and vandalised a second time; the aim is to gain access to the clock mechanism and turn on the floodlights.

Footpaths and highways

Combs Lane footpath mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Chapel Lane road works have been completed.

Cllr Stafford commented that the grit bin on Cockett Lane had been overturned; reinstated by Notts. CC.

Parish Plan reports

- **Planning** – no items to report
- **Education and sport** – no items to report
- **Environment and tourism** – The Clerk provided an update regarding the enquiry received regarding the Village Fete and had confirmed the support from the Parish Council; awaiting contact from the organisers.
- **Public transport** – it was noted that the bus stops had had the 'flags' replaced and timetables attached, the exception was the shelters on the Main Street where the timetable holders were installed but no timetables.
- **Communications** – A Newsletter is due.

Finance

- **Accounts** – the Clerk had circulated a schedule of accounts consisting of 28 cheques amounting to £11,865.79p. These were scrutinised by Cllr. Jepson, proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Davis (subject to the decision regarding the Church Clock repairs included in the invoice submitted by CG Rhodes, amended to £311.36p)
- **Church clock repairs – S137 application**- this matter was raised at the meeting of 13th January 2009 and adjourned. The Clerk provided a resume` of the previous decision by the Council to pay for an annual service to the clock. It was agreed that this decision did not included repairs unless agreed by the Council on an individual basis. The current request for the cost of repairs to replace a bell hammer was discussed. Cllr. Hamilton proposed that the repairs should not be paid by the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr. McDowall, the proposal was carried with Cllr. Clarke abstaining and Cllr. Stafford against.
- **Churchyard maintenance – S 137 application** – The Clerk stated that a request had been made for £1350 to cover the costs of maintenance of the churchyard. Cllr Davis stated that the Council had agreed to donate £500 towards the costs of maintenance and proposed that it should remain at this level, seconded by Cllr Jepson and agreed, Cllr. Clarke abstained.

- **Royal British Legion** – S137 request for 50% costs of refurbishing the memorial – agreed in principal, two further quotes requested; matter adjourned.
- The offer of a grant by Cllr. Stewart was considered and it was agreed to request £1500 to assist with the replacement of the Lower Hall boiler now becoming unreliable; the hall is used extensively by local community groups.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

09/00055/FUL – demolish existing dwelling and construct new dwelling at Forest Farm House, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported .

09/00025/FUL – erection of two storey house with internal garage at Millcote, Southwell Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

2 abstentions Cllrs. Clarke and Davis; (Cllr. Davis having previously declared a non prejudicial interest).

Community Safety Group

Cllr Elliott stated that there was nothing to report since the last meeting.

It was noted that the published crime rate figures for Farnsfield – Dec 08 showed increases as follows:

All crime - 14.5%

Anti social behaviour – 8.5%

Vehicle crime – 85.7%.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the front door had been damaged; this was witnessed and reported to the police.

The gas boiler in the lower hall is in the process of being replaced when an opportunity arises in the near future.

The broken window in the scouts room has been replaced and secondary glazing in Perspex installed for safety reasons.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th February 2009 in the Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. P Elliott(Chair), R Davis, AD Jepson, B McDowall, L Selby, GD Stafford, FA Reynolds
M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. M Pritchett, R Reeves, M Hamilton and KJ Clarke.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

The following planning application was considered:

08/000112/FUL – demolish existing bungalow and erect new bungalow at Willow Fen, Station Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported, against Cllrs Jepson and Stafford, abstained Cllr Davis.

Decisions of Newark & Sherwood District Council

The planning decisions made by Newark and Sherwood DC were noted.

Matters considered

A proposal for low cost affordable housing on land adjacent to Mansfield Road was considered, it was noted that the area of land indicated on the plan was not accurate – the Clerk to advise George Machin of Savilles.

The matter of repairs to the Church Clock was discussed and it was re-affirmed that the Parish Council would pay for an annual service and may consider meeting the cost of repairs provided there was an agreement in advance and no other source of funding would be available, the Clerk to advise CG Rhodes in writing.

It was reported that the bus shelter on Main Street, opposite Allsorts, needed some work as it has sunk into the pavement – the Clerk to contact NCC Highways.

The Clerk circulated a tree survey report concerning the state of the trees in Farnsfield, received from WKW Tree Services, for consideration.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th February 2009 in the Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. P Elliott (Chair), KJ Clarke, R Davis, M Hamilton, AD Jepson, B McDowall,
M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. M Pritchett, R Reeves and FA Reynolds, L Selby, GD Stafford.
Cllr. B Loughton and Cllr Stewart.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed.

Declarations of interest

Cllr. Davis declared a non-prejudicial interest in the planning application for Millcote, Southwell Road.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – Signs require cleaning and some hardcore is required at the Bowls/Tennis entrance.

Acres – No hot water in the pavilion showers, electric controls to be checked.

Parfitt Drive – no items.

Wilson's Field – The Clerk reported that the damage to the lighting control box had been repaired and the box strengthened to minimise further intrusion..

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk provided an update regarding a request received by Nottinghamshire County Council to prevent Crab Nook Lane being used by motor vehicles as a through route. There was support from local residents and consideration was being given to the issue of appropriate signage on the lane.

Parish Plan reports

- **Planning** – no items to report
- **Education and sport** – no items to report
- **Environment and tourism** – Cllr. McDowall said that he had received the application forms for entry into the Best Kept Village Competition 2009.
- **Public transport** – the timetables have been inserted into the holders on the shelters on the Main Street. The bus shelter opposite Allsorts has been removed as a result of being broken down by youths. A replacement to be sought.
- **Communications** – A Newsletter to be prepared for release in March.

Financial matters

Accounts – The Clerk having circulated a schedule of accounts responded to questions. The accounts containing 13 cheques amounting £5097.44p to had been scrutinised by Cllr Jepson, they were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr McDowall and approved.

Planning applications

09/00173/FUL - Alterations to external elevations, erection of single storey extension and installation of plant

The Warwick Arms Public House Main Street Farnsfield

Application supported, comments were made that whatever is done to the exterior it should be in keeping with the conservation area.

No details were included regarding access to the upper floor of the property.

09/00201/FUL, 09/00084/LBC – extension to existing dwelling to create live-work unit at Swan Lodge, Upper Hexgreave.

Application supported.

09/00025/FUL – erection of two storey house with internal garage at Millcote, Southwell Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

Community Safety Group

The Chairman stated that following the response from Notts. CC regarding interactive traffic signs the matter would be discussed at the safety group meeting.

There has been a change of management of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme at Worksop and the Farnsfield proposals from Elaine Holt had not been dealt with and required a new proposal to be submitted.

Vandalism and security

A general discussion took place regarding the continuing incidents of vandalism in the parish, the latest being the damage to the bus shelter on Main Street.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the new gas boiler had been installed and the gas fire in the Scout Room removed, the final phase of the work would be completed in the next few weeks when bookings permit.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th March 2009 in the Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. P Elliott (Chair), KJ Clarke, R Davis, M Hamilton, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, R Reeves, GD Stafford, L Selby.
M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. M Pritchett, and B McDowall.

Cllr. B Laughton

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2009 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Jepson, seconded by Cllr. Clarke and agreed. It was requested that it be noted that abusive comments made to Jane Cowlshaw, booking agent, would not be tolerated and the Clerk to resolve the matter.

Declarations of interest

Cllr. Clarke declared a non-prejudicial interest in the planning application for St. Michael's School.

Recreation Grounds

Memorial Recreation Ground – children's slide requires some minor attention, play surface areas to be checked re algae.

Acres – No hot water in the pavilion showers, electric controls to be checked. Cost of ground maintenance to be considered at the next F&GP meeting.

Parfitt Drive – no items.

Wilson's Field – no items.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that he had submitted a request for a map cabinet from Notts. CC.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.43pm

Cllr Stewart was appraised of the situation regarding Crab Nook Lane. He provided an update regarding the situation with the White Post roundabout and stated that he would try to progress matters.

Cllr Stewart said that the concrete lamp standards were being replaced due to their age; additional light were being installed on New Hill and Alexander Avenue.

The road works at the junction of Cockett Lane/A617 were being progressed at a quicker rate in order to alleviate the inconvenience to local villages due to diverting traffic.

A new seat has been applied for to be installed on the Southwell Train under the Building Better Communities grant programme.

The bus shelter on Main street is to be replaced by NCC.

The highway defect opposite Allsorts was referred to Cllr Stewart.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.57pm.

Parish Plan reports

- **Planning** – no items to report
- **Education and sport** – no items to report
- **Environment and tourism** – Cllr. McDowall said that he had completed the application forms for entry into the Best Kept Village Competition 2009.
- **Public transport** –
 - The bus shelter opposite Allsorts is to be replaced.
- **Communications** – A Newsletter is being prepared for release in April.

Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were circulated for noting.

Financial matters

Accounts – The Clerk having circulated a schedule of accounts responded to questions. The accounts containing 18 cheques

amounting £11,047.02p to had been scrutinised by Cllr Davis, they were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis and approved.

Planning applications

09/00381-FUL – erection of side extension at Willow Lodge, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

09/00071/FUL – erection of two storey extension at Sennen Cottage, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield
No decision made due to the poor quality of the documents received from Newark & Sherwood DC.

09/00351/FUL – extension to form ICT suite, meeting room, classroom and new external air conditioning unit at St Michaels C of E Primary School, Farnsfield.
Cllrs. Clarke and Reynolds declared a non-prejudicial interest and abstained from the decision.
Application supported.

The planning decisions of Newark & Sherwood DC were noted.

Community Safety Group

The Chairman stated that there had been one meeting since the last PC meeting, at this the matter of CCTV was discussed and BT are considering alternative methods of transmission of data in other areas.

The Neighbourhood Watch initiative would have to start again and Cllr McDowall is arranging a meeting in the near future.

Speed detection vans are visiting accident black-spots.

Visits from parking wardens have taken place in Farnsfield; 39 visits in May, 2 parking incidents observed and one fixed penalty ticket issued.

Cllr Jepson commented that he observed parking infringements every day and also queried the criteria of observing a parked vehicle for 10minutes before the issue of a ticket.

Vandalism and security

The Clerk reported that 4 local young people had been charged with various offences resulting from the fire at the Village Centre in February 2008, and the matter would be heard at the Crown Court.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the work to update the central heating system had been completed.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.