

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on
Tuesday
10th April 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present

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

Apologies for absence

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

Declaration of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

07/00195/FUL – ground floor extension to front and rear over existing garage, ridge raised with room in roof (amended plans) at 1 Birch Avenue, Farnsfield
Application supported.

07/00346/ADV – sign notifying new residential development of the school site at Main Street, Farnsfield.
Application supported

07/00408/FUL – construct single storey garden room extension at 2 Sunnyside, Farnsfield
Application deferred until 24th April 2007 due to unavailability of plans from Newark & Sherwood DC.

Traffic Regulation Orders

Following the receipt of the consultation documents from Nottinghamshire County Council, considered on 27th March 2007 it

was agreed at that meeting to review the provision of double yellow lines in the village.

The following sites were identified as being suitable for the installation of double yellow lines:

1. Mansfield Road from the Red Lion PH to Chapel Lane, (both sides of the road) in the interest of road safety; a bus route; narrow road; parked cars exacerbate the problem; accidents have occurred at this location.
2. New Hill, in the area of the library, accepting that this will provide a provision for disabled access; the alternative being a disabled bay.
3. New Hill/Station Lane/Far Back Lane junction, junction protection due to excessive parking in the area from visitors to Bowls and Tennis Clubs; in the interest of road safety to preserve visibility splays.
4. Chapel Lane, consideration of some lines due to the current housing development or alternatively to create a one way system throughout the entire length of Chapel Lane to assist traffic movements generally.

The Clerk to discuss the above with the relevant highway authority.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24th April 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Chairman Cllr DA Peet.

Present.

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, AD Jepson, FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)
14 parishioners.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 21st April 2006 were circulated. Cllr Elliott stated that there was an omission in the minutes concerning the pacing of the newsletter in the library. They were proposed for acceptance by Hugh Milton, seconded by Derek Jepson and approved, noting the comments of Paul Elliott.

Matters arising

None

General discussion

A general discussion took place regarding the level of policing in the village.

These included a report of 6 gates stolen from fields on Longland Lane.

Telephone call to Southwell Police Station regarding vandalism – no response due to the wrong number being used.

No response from the police despite two youths being caught on Parfitt Drive setting fire to areas of grass etc. Following comments from the police they declined to respond and advised a call to the Fire Service, also declined to respond.

It was noted that whilst the Parish Council were collating incidents they could not report them on behalf of a third party.

It was also commented that there was to be a meeting regarding policing, discussed with Dist. Cllr N Armstrong in April, information awaited.

- The circulation of the Parish Newsletter was discussed and it was suggested that all households should be provided with a copy; this being beyond remit of the Parish Council as the Newark Advertiser (used to distribute the newsletter) does not go to all households. It was agreed that copies would be available in the Library and other central areas in the village plus the normal circulation.
- Comment was made regarding the schedule of visits made by the Community Policing Vehicle suggesting that Thursday was not a good day nor was the location of the vehicle. The Clerk agreed to contact the police and pass on the information.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of police presence in the village; it was accepted that the new beat officer had promised to visit the area but it was accepted that his presence was unlikely due to the large area he had to cover. The addition of 4 Community Service Officers later in the year would only slightly alleviate this.
- Highway matters were commented upon particularly relating to Tippings Lane and the safety of pedestrians due to the increased number of vehicles on the road. It was pointed out that a meeting had taken place with Bob Hart, Nottinghamshire County Council Director of Highways; several things were promised but nothing has happened to date, these consisted mainly of warnings to be painted on the road surfaces. The matter would be pursued.
- Comment was made that the Precept had been increased by 10% and this should have been undertaken gradually. The view of the Parish Council was stated that there had been a conscious decision to pass on the money recovered from the unlawful actions of the previous clerk in order to reduce the precept. The overall increase over an 8 year period was less than 1% per annum. It was stated that the precept in the future would at least have to keep in line with inflation but the Council was also looking at ways to reduce costs and maintain the level of service. An example was the removal of the village maintenance contract (grass cutting etc.) from the County Council to Parish Council control reducing the costs Considerable and increasing the level of service.
- Concern was expressed at the continued use of the 'voluntary' one way system at the school area this was causing difficulties to residents and instances of parents stopping on the yellow zone.
- There was a renewed call for the installation of CCTV in the village to combat and detect vandalism.
- Concern was expressed regarding dog fouling in certain areas, the meeting was informed of the new agreement currently

under way with Newark & Sherwood District Council but enforcement currently can take place.

- The Warwick Public House was discussed and the problems associated with it and the regular changes of landlords.
- It was urged that the library should be used as much as possible as there was a fear that the local one could be closed as some of the customers had gone to the new library in Southwell.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and assured the meeting that the issues raised would be pursued by the Parish Council wherever possible.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th April 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present

Cllrs. J Bradbury, KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, A Farr, AD Jepson, D Peet (Chairman), FA Reynolds, G Rhodes, LM Selby, G Stafford
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

Declaration of interest

Cllr R Davis expressed a non pecuniary interest in planning application 07/00490/RMA.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 27th March 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Rhodes and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of 10th April, 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Elliott and approved.

Recreation grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – Cllr Elliott gave an update regarding his discussions with the Bowls and Tennis Clubs. He stated that there could be no further progress due to the Tennis Club being unable to support the proposals. Alternative sites would be considered. The Clerk reported that the site had been inspected and the only item for attention was the seat; this matter had been referred to CG Rhodes for attention.
- 2. Acres** – Cllr Stafford commented that the pavilion had not been left in a clean state by the last users and requested that the team managers be advised to leave it in good order.
- 3. Parfitt Drive** – It was reported that some fencing rails were missing. The area had been inspected and damage reported to 2 swing seats, these were being replaced.

- 4. Wilson's Field** – Litter had been left in the area, mainly plastic bottles, a motor cycle had been used on the field. A recent inspection revealed that the only matter for attention was the seat; referred previously to CG Rhodes.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reported that he had received the paperwork from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the proposal for a disabled parking area on Chapel Lane, near to the Stackyard. Cllr Reynolds reported that the stile in Combs Lane was broken.

Parish Plan reports

No updates received, other than on recreational matters from Cllr Elliott, recorded earlier.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Financial matters

- 1. Accounts** – The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr. Jepson consisting of 13 cheques amounting to £6239.34p. They were proposed for approval by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Bradbury and approved.
- 2. Accounts 2006-7** The Clerk reported that the auditor had set the date for calling in the accounts for 29th June 2007. In view of the election and changes to Councillors he would advise of an appropriate time scale to finalise the accounts at the next meeting.

The following applications were considered:

07/00490/RMA – erection of detached bungalow on land to rear of Fairholme, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported

Cllr Davis did not participate – declaration of interest.

07/00408/FUL – construction of single storey room extension at 2 Sunnyside, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/00195/FUL – ground floor extension to front and rear over existing garage, ridge raised with room in roof (amended plans) at 1 Birch Avenue, Farnsfield

Application supported.

Crime and Disorder

Item discussed fully at the Parish Meeting of 24th April 2007.

Farnsfield Village Centre

No items for discussion.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The Chairman stated that this was the final meeting to be held with the present Council and expressed his thanks for the support he had received whilst Chairman.

He then thanked Cllrs. Rhodes, and Bradbury (retiring Councillors) for their service to Farnsfield Parish Council over many years. He also thanked Cllr. Farr (retiring Councillor) for her contribution albeit for a short period.

Cllr Jepson thanked Cllr Bradbury for his support in the investigation of matters regarding the previous clerk and for his assistance and expertise in assisting to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on
Tuesday
8th May 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill,
Farnsfield.**

Present – Councillors elect

KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson, B McDowall, M Pritchett, R Reeves, FA Reynolds, G Stafford,
M Salt (Clerk)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from D Peet and L Selby

All members present signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

Cllr Jepson took the chair in the absence of D Peet, former Chairman of the Council.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the procedure to be adopted at the first meeting following an election. The meeting would be the Annual Meeting and elections of officers of the Council and Committees would occur.

Appointment of Chairman

Cllr Jepson requested nominations for Chairman.

Cllr Stafford proposed Cllr Jepson, seconded by Cllr Davis.

There were no other nominations; Cllr Jepson accepted the nomination and was voted into office unanimously.

Appointment of Vice Chairman

The Chairman invited nominations for Vice Chairman; Cllr Elliott was proposed by Cllr McDowall, seconded by Cllr Reeves.

Cllr Davis was proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Stafford.

Both Cllrs. Elliott and Davis accepted the nomination.

The Clerk advised the Council of the election process and it was agreed that the vote should be closed in accordance with Standing Orders, two Councillors requesting, Cllrs Reynolds and Clarke.

A vote took place resulting in Cllr Elliott receiving 6 votes and Cllr Davis 3 votes.

Cllr Elliott was appointed as Vice Chairman.

At 7.37pm the Chairman suspended Standing Orders to permit a member of the public to address the meeting.

Elaine Holt informed the meeting of an incident at the Warwick Public House on the previous Saturday when a paving slab from the Warwick was thrown into her garden, a bench seat smashed and then placed in the road where it was run over by a car belonging to the perpetrators. The police were contacted and a response was received the following Tuesday.

She queries the lack of police presence with them and was informed that only 1 crime had been recorded since March.

A general discussion took place where this was challenged and the Clerk would contact the beat officer.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8pm.

Code of Conduct

The Clerk informed the meeting that a new Model Code of Conduct (Local Authorities(Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 required adoption.

He explained that they had received in their pack a draft Code of Conduct based upon a model prepared by Newark & Sherwood District Council Legal Department.

The Clerk led the Council through the documents and proposed alterations.

Cllr Davis proposed acceptance of the new Code of Conduct, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed unanimously.

Declaration of Interest

The Clerk circulated the 'Declaration of Interest' forms to be completed and submitted within 28 days.

Committee Members

It was agreed that the Committees would be made up of the following members:

Finance & General Purposes

Cllr FA Reynolds

Cllr R Davis

Cllr D Peet

Cllr B McDowall

Recreation Grounds Committee

Cllr GD Stafford

Cllr KJ Clarke

Cllr L Selby

Cllr M Pritchett

Village Centre Committee

Cllr KJ Clarke

Cllr L Selby

Cllr GD Stafford

Cllr M Pritchett

Council representation at other organisations

Football – Cllr Elliott

Cricket – Cllr Peet

Bowls – Cllr Peet

Tennis – Cllr Elliott

PCC – Cllr Reynolds

Churchyard/clock – Cllr Davis

Farnsfield Charity – Cllrs. Stafford and Selby

Police liaison – Cllr Reeves

Snow Warden – Cllr Stafford.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

07/00584/FUL – change of use of a former electrical substation to domestic garage at 8 Milldale Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

07/00504/FUL – single storey side elevation extension, detached garage, replacement roofs boundary fence and gates at Gaywood, Station Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported.

07/00599/FUL – conversion of agricultural buildings to unheated storage. Conversion of agricultural workers bungalow to offices at Longlands Farmstead, Longlands Lane, Farnsfield.

Application not supported on highway grounds. Concerns were expressed due to the lack of information regarding the type and numbers of vehicle movements anticipated per day. It was noted that a number Of 16 was estimated for 'office' traffic. The type of storage was not

defined and as it had potential use as a distribution centre the use of large vehicles accessing and egressing the site via the A614 junction was considered dangerous as many serious and fatal accidents had occurred at the crossroads. Additionally Longlands Lane is narrow and not considered suitable for large goods vehicles.

Audit 2007

The Clerk circulated to the Council copies of the Notice of External Audit for the Year ended 31st March 2007 (dated 12th and 16th April 2007) to all members.

He drew their attention to the practical points and details of the audit process.

He advised the meeting that he was meeting with the Internal Auditor on 15th May 2007 and would be presenting the final accounts for approval to the Financial & General Purposes Committee on 12th June 2007 and to the full Council on 26th June 2007.

The notice of audit would be exhibited from 18th May 2007 in order to meet the requirements of the regulations.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd May 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors PJ Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, M Pritchett, R Reeves, FA Reynolds, L Selby, G Stafford,
Also present - M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllrs A Stewart and B Laughton

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from D Peet, K Clarke and R Davis.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to permit the members of the public present to discuss issues.

Mr Caldicott addressed the Council regarding funding for the Village Garden Party to be held on 14th July 2007. He requested sponsorship for the event, particularly to pay for the temporary toilets to be hired.

Co Cllr Stewart stated that he had the funds available for 'good causes' from within the County Council budget and agreed to pay the £470 requested..

Cllr Laughton suggested that further funding could come from other sources.

The Chairman advised Mr Caldicott would consider the request for sponsorship later in the meeting.

The installation of reactive speed warning signs were discussed and Cllr Stewart advised the meeting that they were not considered to be a deterrent and bids were required for them. Cllr Laughton stated that any bid was unlikely to succeed unless the intention was to reduce speed of traffic at a school location or shopping area.

The Chairman commented upon the poor state of Station Lane and asked what was happening generally and in particular with Tippings Lane and Cockett Lane.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.55pm.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 24th April 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Reynolds and approved.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Recreation Grounds

1. **Acres** – no issues raised.
2. **Parfitt Drive** – concerns expressed that youths once again were causing damage to saplings to make a den.
3. **Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford reported that the seat had been repaired. An amount of broken glass had been removed from the play area, believed caused by youth breaking bottles by firing missiles from catapults.
4. **Memorial Recreation Ground** – no issues raised.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from a Parish Councillor at Edingley requesting assistance to cut the grass at the rear of the village hall. This was agreed in principle subject to availability and the agreement of terms.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk reminded the meeting that £1500 had been received from Newark & Sherwood District Council as a grant to install the direction sign at the bottom of New Hill. It was agreed that the sign be erected as previously discussed but other clubs should be asked if they wished to be included on the sign, at their cost.

It was pointed out that the way marker sign opposite the Plough had been damaged, and the style on Combs Lane required replacing.

Concern was expressed regarding recent trips and falls on the footpaths resulting in injuries to pedestrians.

Parish Plan

It was agreed to defer this item until the July meeting when a detailed discussion should take place to progress the issues raised in the plan.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated several items of correspondence for noting.

Financial matters

Accounts – the Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts for approval, scrutinised by Cllr Jepson. It consisted of 12 cheques amounting to £9357.29p. The accounts were proposed for approval by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved.

Section 137 request from Mr Caldicott regarding support for the Village Garden Party on 14th July was considered. Cllr Elliott proposed that £500 be allocated to the Garden Party if there is a shortfall in funding after all other sponsorship bids had been considered, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the accounts were finalised and circulated a copy to members. It was agreed that a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee should meet at 7pm on 12th June 2007 to consider the accounts in detail and they would be presented to the Council meeting on 12th June 2007 for approval. The Clerk also informed the meeting that the notice of right of the public to inspect the accounts had been posted in accordance with the dates provided by Hacker Young.

Planning applications

07/00648/LBC – Installation of structural ties and bars to stabilise existing wall, construct outer skin of brickwork to side gable and make good existing brickwork to side gable at The Old School House, Main Street, Farnsfield

Application supported.

07/00562/FUL – dormer extension at 63 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/00228/FULM – 60 bedroom hotel and restaurant, three replacement dwellings, parking, landscape and access (re submission) at White Post Garage, White Post, Farnsfield.

The matter was discussed and it was agreed unanimously to object to the proposal as previously expressed when placed before the Council on previous occasions.

An additional concern was strongly expressed that the mains sewage system would be placed under more strain likely to increase the risk of overflow into the village during storm conditions.

07/00535/FUL – erection of single storey front and rear extensions at 18 Branston Avenue, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/00436/FUL – reposition of garage block at the old school site, Main Street.

Application supported.

Crime and disorder

No items discussed.

Farnsfield Village Centre

No items raised.

Agenda items for the next meeting

Parish Plan.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th June 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors K Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), M Pritchett, FA Reynolds, L Selby, G Stafford,
Also present - M Salt (Clerk),

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from D Peet, B McDowall and R Reeves.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

The following applications were considered:

07/00730/FUL – construction of dormer window extension to bathroom and pitched roof over rear utility room to replace existing flat roof at 1 Ridgeway Close, Farnsfield

Application supported.

07/00548/FUL – conversion of attached barn to form living accommodation at Little Allamoor Farm, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Application supported.

07/00831/FUL – proposed side and rear single storey extensions to dwelling at Homefield, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/00783/FUL – two storey rear extension at Roseleigh, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/00772/FUL – two storey and single storey extension to rear of dwelling with single storey extension to side at 14 Parfitt Drive, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

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

Accounts 2006-2007

The Chairman informed the meeting that a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee had met earlier in the evening and had reviewed the accounts thoroughly. He invited member present to comment or ask any questions of the Clerk.

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the accounts and answered the points raised.

Cllr Davis, Chairman of F&GP Committee, proposed that the Council accept the accounts as presented for 2006-7, seconded by Cllr Stafford and agreed unanimously.

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 Hacker Young.

Other matters

Cllr Elliott commented that he had received complaints that work was being undertaken on the Rippon Homes site after 1pm on Saturday and extended into Sunday, it was believed that this was

contrary to the planning conditions – the Clerk to check and inform Cllr Elliott accordingly

Cllr Stafford enquired what the proposed highway works were at the junction of Cocketts Lane/A617 – the Clerk to make enquiries.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm..

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th June 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors K Clarke, R Davis, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, D Peet, M Pritchett, FA Reynolds, R Reeves, G Stafford,
Also present - M Salt (Clerk), Co Cllr. A Stewart.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from P Elliott and L Selby. Apologies were also received from Dist Cllrs. B Laughton and N Armstrong.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to permit the members of the public present to address the meeting.

Mrs Frost informed the meeting of a village event taking place on 26th September 2007 where the intention was to host a number of visiting presenter at the Village Centre to advise the elderly in the community upon a variety of issues. She suggested that the event may require some financial assistance. It was agreed that the Village Centre should provided free of charge.

Concern was again expressed by Elaine Holt and neighbours regarding the state of the Warwick PH following its closure. Several incidents had occurred involving vandalism and it was becoming a central meeting place resulting in litter and general nuisance. The Parish Council were requested to refer the matter to the owners Punch Taverns, this was agreed and a letter has been sent.

Miss Singleton thanked the Chairman for contacting her in response to her concerns regarding damaged drainage pipes.

A presentation was made to the Council on the subject of providing affordable housing in Farnsfield. Jill Sanderson, Newark & Sherwood District Council outlined the proposal to conduct a survey of every household in the village to establish need. An explanation was then

provided of similar pieces of research and supply of affordable housing in other villages.

A discussion revealed there was a cost to the parish for this work and it was considered that this could be in the region of £200-300; Newark & Sherwood District Council would provide up to £800. The survey would be carried by Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council later in the year.

The Chairman thanked Jill Sanderson and colleague for their presentation and stated that the matter would be considered by the Council.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders at 8.20pm.

Declarations of interest

Cllr Jepson declared a non pecuniary interest in planning application 07/00855/FUL – proposed building at the Wicketts, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr Pritchett and approved.

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of 12th June 2007 were noted.

Recreation Grounds

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – no items raised.
- 2. The Acres** – Cllr Stafford commented that there had been some interference with a seat whereby the fastening bolts had been loosened or removed.
- 3. Parfitt Drive** – The Clerk provided an update regarding the arrangements to cut the grass following difficulties in getting on to the site due to the bad weather and mower breakdown.
- 4. Wilson's Field** – no items raised.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had requested an update from Bob Hart, Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Director, following the meeting earlier in the year. The 'slow' signs had been

painted on Tippings Lane. The County Council were seeking the details of the owner of the hedges at Cockett Lane/ Station Lane junction.

The road works schedule, published in the County Council newsletter was noted.

Cllr McDowall expressed concerns regarding traffic at The Green and requested that the white lining system be examined with a view to the consideration of placing slow or stop lines at the junction of Main Street with Longland Lane.

Parish Plan

Adjourned until the 24th July 2007.

Financial matters

1. **Accounts** – The Clerk circulated a schedule of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr Peet, including 14 cheques amounting to £4016.32p. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Reynolds and approved.
2. **Section 137 application** – the meeting considered the proposal to conduct a survey of affordable housing and it was proposed by Cllr Davis that up to £300 be allocated to the survey, seconded by Cllr. Reeves and agreed.

Planning applications

07/00855/FUL – proposed two bedroom bungalow with rooms within the roof on land to the rear of Wickets, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Cllr Jepson having previously declared a non-pecuniary interest chose to leave the room and take no part in the discussion; Cllr Davis took the Chair.

Cllr Reeves declared that he had previously shown an interest in purchasing this land and declared a non pecuniary interest but remained in the meeting.

After some discussion it was agreed that it constituted backland development and was in contravention to Policies H13, H21 and H23 of the Newark & Sherwood Local Plan.

Cllr Peet proposed that the application was not supported as it contravened the above three policies; seconded by Cllr McDowall. The vote was 6 in favour, 2 abstentions.

The application is not supported.

Cllr Jepson rejoined the meeting and resumed as Chairman.

07/00873/FUL – repositioning of double garage and cartilage of boundary from previously approved application (2/02045/FUL) at The Railway Building, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

07/00819/OUT – proposed 2 bedroomed bungalow and attached garage on land to the rear of Blue Haze, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.

Cllr Reynolds declared a non pecuniary interest and remained in the room

The application was debated and Cllr Clarke proposed that it should not be supported as it constituted backland development contrary to Policies H13, H21 and H23 of Newark & Sherwood Local Plan; seconded by Cllr Davis.

The vote was 6 in support with 2 abstentions.

The application was not supported.

Crime & Disorder

Previously discussed. Summarised as theft of lead from properties in Tippings Lane and New Hill, damage at the Warwick Arms, attempts to break into the Warwick, damage to a seat at the Acres.

Village Centre

A brief discussion took place regarding the proposal to re wire the fire alarm system at the Village Centre at a cost exceeding £8500. The matter was adjourned for a second opinion to be sought and also consideration of tendering for the work should it be deemed to be necessary.

Agenda items for the next meeting

Parish Plan to be considered in detail
Village Centre fire system.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th July 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors K Clarke, R Davis, P Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, D Peet,
Also present - M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from M Pritchett, R Reeves, FA Reynolds, G Stafford and L Selby.

Clean and Safer Neighbourhood Strategy

Andy Statham, Newark & Sherwood District Council addressed the meeting.

The main areas covered were the Code of Practice on litter and refuse; Control of Dogs and Safer Neighbourhood Schemes.

He acknowledged receipt of the dog order proposals submitted by Farnsfield Parish Council and stated that they would be included in the District Order to control dogs.

Cllr Clarke joined the meeting at 7.40pm.

The partnership commitment Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 was also acknowledged. Detailed discussions to take place later in the year.

Mr Statham outlined the proposals for a 'Safer Neighbourhood' scheme involving parish and district councils working in conjunction with the police. Further details to be released within the next few weeks.

Examples of enforcement action, undertaken by the District Council, were discussed where properties were neglected or in an unkempt state; the Warwick Arms was cited as an example. In such cases the matter should be referred to the District Council for them to use their powers under relevant legislation..

A similar discussion occurred regarding the problems encountered with the sewage system, particularly at the Green. It was agreed that the recent letter received by the Parish Council be forwarded to Mr Statham for him to deal with.

Mr Statham requested an invite back to the Parish to review progress of the above schemes in 12 months time.

Planning applications

07/00909/OUT – erection of detached two bedroomed house with integral double garage on land adjacent The Gables, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

Cllr Elliott proposed that the application should not be supported on the following grounds:

Over intensification of the site.

Impact upon neighbouring properties, would give the appearance of a building squeezed into a plot and detract from the general appearance of the area.

Highway grounds, the introduction of a further driveway on the Mansfield Road, already busy, and on a bend in the road.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr McDowall and supported, one abstention.

The decisions of Newark & Sherwood District Council Planning Committee were noted.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th July 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors R Davis, P Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), McDowall, D Peet, R Reeves, FA Reynolds, G Stafford.
Also present - M Salt (Clerk). Co Cllr B Laughton.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. L Selby and Co Cllr A Stewart.

Absent

Cllrs J Clarke and M Pritchett.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 26 June 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved. Cllr Jepson requested that the record should be amended to show his declaration of a prejudicial interest, not a non pecuniary one as stated in the minutes (new Code of Conduct 2007)

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr McDowall and approved.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10th July 2007 were noted.

Declarations of interest

Cllr Reeves declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 07/00993/FUL.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.33pm.
Mr Knight informed the meeting that he had an interest in planning application 07/00998/FUL as it was next door to his property, was very close to his boundary hedge and being a proposed three storey building would seriously affect his privacy.

Cllr Reeves joined the meeting at 7.38pm.

Cllr Laughton informed the meeting of the latest amendments to the planning application regarding the wind farm proposed for building at Bilsthorpe. He stated that the height had been reduced by 10 metres and the number of turbines reduced by 2; the noise would be a nuisance particularly in inclement weather. He stated that Eakring and Bilsthorpe were opposed to the development and were seeking support.

Comment was made that the proposed development could be in a low flight corridor used by the RAF.

A discussion took place regarding the recent sewage problems caused by the recent rain storms and Cllr Laughton suggested that the person to contact is Margaret Burrop 0116 2343575 or the Local Incident Room 0845 6020669 should any local problems occur.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8pm.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

07/00998/FUL - proposed dwelling to plot 1 with access at Silverwood, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield

The application was discussed in some detail and it was considered that the application did not satisfy the requirements of Policy H21 of the Newark & Sherwood District Local Plan. It was proposed by Cllr Elliott that the proposal should not be supported as it did not reflect the locality, as it abuts on to a conservation area; it is not in keeping with the setting and character of the local area; the amenities of nearby properties are adversely affected; it impacts upon the privacy of neighbouring properties; it does not have satisfactory access provision taking into account the considerable movement of traffic at an already busy junction, exacerbated at morning and afternoon school times as the junction is on the main access to the village school.

Seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed unanimously.

07/00997/FUL – proposed dwellings to plots 3 and 4 with new access at Silverwood, Broomfield Lane, Farnsfield.

The application was discussed in some detail and it was considered that the application did not satisfy the requirements of Policy H21 of the Newark & Sherwood District Local Plan. It was proposed by Cllr Peet that the proposal should not be supported as it did not reflect the locality, as it abuts on to a conservation area; it is not in keeping with the setting and character of the local area; the

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amenities of nearby properties are adversely affected; it impacts upon the privacy of neighbouring properties; it does not have satisfactory access provision taking into account the considerable movement of traffic at an already busy junction, exacerbated at morning and afternoon school times as the junction is on the main access to the village school.

Seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed unanimously.

07/00978/FUL – proposed extensions to dwelling at Wayside, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/00993/FUL – erection of single storey rear extension and formation of window in side elevation at Springfields, Spring Lane, Farnsfield.

Cllr Reeves left the room as a prejudicial interest had been declared.

The application was supported.

Cllr Reeves rejoined the meeting.

Recreational areas

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – no matters raised.
- 2. The Acres** – Cllr Stafford requested a review of the cleaning of the pavilion following football matches; he also commented on the large amounts of litter left in the area recently.
- 3. Parfitt Drive** – no matters raised.
- 4. Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford commented on the amount of litter left to be cleaned up plus a recent problem of motor cyclists on the field. He suggested that a kissing gate be installed to prevent access by motor cyclists. He also mentioned that one of the lights on the play area was not working.

The Clerk provided an update on the arrangements made to cut the grassed areas during August when Phil Ford was on holiday. A contract had been agreed with Ulyetts to provide a cut once per week commencing 6th August. The problems associated with ground maintenance would be considered later in the year.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk gave an update regarding the Warwick Arms following receipt of letters from Punch Taverns and Newark&Sherwood District Council. Punch Taverns agreed to keep the site clean and

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maintain it, N & S DC stated that they were monitoring the site and if it fell below an acceptable level enforcement action would be taken against Punch Taverns.

Cllr Reynolds requested that a path be cleared between Linneys Park and Combs Lane.

Parish Plan Reports

In order to progress the issues raised in the Parish Plan Councillors agreed to take the lead on the following areas as indicated:

- Development and planning – Cllr Jepson
- Education and sport – Cllr Reeves
- Environment and tourism – Cllr McDowall
- Public transport – Cllr Davis
- Communication – Cllr Elliott.

The Clerk reported that he had compiled a newsletter which should go out for circulation on Wednesday 1st August. He also advised the meeting that the web site had been activated –

www.farnsfield-pc.gov.uk.

It requires to be populated with information and this process is being undertaken.

Accounts

The accounts containing 11 cheques amounting to £2608.30 had been scrutinised by Cllr Peet. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Davis and approved.

Crime and disorder

Cllr Elliott provided an update regarding the recent arson incident on Station Lane when a car was set alight.

Cllr McDowall commented on the recent activities of youth in the village collecting drink for local consumption.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk provided an update regarding the damage to the CCTV system at the Village Centre – the cost of replacement cameras being £1615.62p, he stated that he had written to the contractors regarding the installation considered to be a contributory factor to the ability for damage to be caused.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th September 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors R Davis, (Chairman), R McDowall, D Peet, R Reeves, FA Reynolds, L Selby, G Stafford.
Also present - M Salt (Clerk).

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. AD Jepson, PJ Elliott, KJ Clarke.

Absent

Cllr M Pritchett.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.32pm. to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

Elaine Holt informed the meeting of recent event occurring at the Warwick Arms the previous weekend. These comprised of damage to the lights on the building; attempts to remove lead from the roof of the building. The police did not attend as they will not receive complaints from 3rd parties.

The Clerk agreed to inform Punch Taverns.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.40pm.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

07/01288/FUL – two storey side extension at 6 Woodside,
Farnsfield
Application supported.

07/01241/FUL – replacement agricultural building for repairing and storing of machinery and storage of straw (retrospective) at Greenacres, Brickyard, Lane, Farnsfield. Application not supported on the grounds that it had a visual impact upon neighbours as the original building was single storey, not a high building. Concern was expressed regarding the nature of repair work likely to be undertaken; that the current access was via Brickyard Lane and concerns were raised that an access route may be sought via Milldale Road, (concerns also raised with the Clerk by neighbours). It was commented that should the application be approved there should be lasting restrictions that it could not be converted into residential use.

07/00878/FUL – erection of 6ft wooden fence with brick pillars at Aisling, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported.

07/01193/FUL – rear single storey extension with chimney to side elevation at 10 Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported.

07/01089/FUL – domestic conservatory/garden room at Grange Cottage, Main Street, Farnsfield. Application supported.

Cllr Reeves joined the meeting at 8pm.

07/01221/FUL – proposed two storey and rear extensions at 26 Cockett Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported.

07/01115/FUL – additional replacement windows to gable and provision of pitched roofs to replace flat roofs over existing rear extension at Field End, 1 Station Lane, Farnsfield. Application supported.

Planning decisions made by Newark & Sherwood District Council

The following decisions were noted:

07/00909/OUT – erection of detached two bed-roomed house on land adjacent the Gables, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield – application refused.

07/00599/FUL – conversion of agricultural buildings at Longlands Farmstead, Longlands Lane, Farnsfield – application approved.

07/00978/FUL – erection of extension to dwelling at Wayside, Tippings, Lane, Farnsfield; application approved.

07.00873/FUL – repositioning of double garage at the Railway Building, Station Lane, Farnsfield; -application approved.

07/00648/LBC - side gable work at The Old School House, Main Street, Farnsfield; application approved.

07/00866/FUL – proposed two bed-roomed bungalow on land to the rear of Wickets, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield; application refused.

07/00819/OUT – proposed bungalow on land to the rear of Blue Haze, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield; - application withdrawn.

07/00831/FUL – proposed side and rear extensions at Homefield House, Station Lane, Farnsfield; application approved.

07/00562/FUL – dormer extension at 63 The Ridgeway, Farnsfield; - permitted development.

07/00772/FUL – two storey extension at 14 Parfitt Drive, Farnsfield; - application approved.

07/00783/FUL – two storey extension at Roseleigh, Far Back Lane, Farnsfield; - application approved.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th September 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), M Pritchett, R Reeves, L Selby, G Stafford.
Also present - M Salt (Clerk). Co Cllr A Stewart

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. D Peet, FA Reynolds , B McDowall.
Co Cllr B Laughton

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jepson declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 and stated that he would leave the room when the matter was discussed; the chair would be taken by Cllr Elliott.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford and seconded by Cllr. Reeves. They were accepted subject to the inclusion of apologies for absence from Cllr Clarke and Cllr Pritchett.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Selby, seconded by Cllr Reeves and accepted.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.35pm to allow members of the public to comment.

Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that the homes on the Green, subject to seepage of sewage into the properties during storm conditions, had been fitted with non return valves to stop sewage from entering the houses. This does not address the street problems.

He also informed the meeting of the County Council's proposal to remove free travel some free travel to schools in order to increase

subsidies for others. This was in response to the Government requiring 20 councils to pilot the scheme. He expressed concern as Parish Councils were omitted from the consultation.

The Clerk informed Cllr Stewart of the letter of support sent to raise local concerns regarding the potential closure of the post office and asked for his support also.

A discussion regarding Building Better Communities took place and it was agreed that a bid should be made for a notice board and improvement to the pavement on Station Lane.

Paul McCallum address the council regarding the planning application at the White Post stating that there were strong objections from neighbours as the application contravened the Newark & Sherwood Local Plan. The Chairman thanked him for the information.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.58pm.

Recreational areas

1. **Memorial Recreation Ground** – Cllr Stafford commented that two swing seats required attention – the Clerk stated that the repairs were in hand as the matter had been raised in a recent risk assessment.
2. **The Acres** – Cllr Reeves commented that there appeared to be a problem with the heater control box in the pavilion. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had reviewed the ground maintenance and suggested that Brian Stocks be awarded a contract to maintain the football pitches and the field adjacent. He had proposed a price of £3070 to cover the period 1 September 2007 to 31st May 2008 (some initial work having been completed in September). The remainder of the ground maintenance would be reviewed. Cllr Clarke proposed that Brian Stocks be contracted, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed unanimously. Cllr Reeves informed the meeting that he had met with the chairman of Farnsfield Villa FC and an agreement had been reach that they would ensure that the pavilion was left in a clean and tidy state after use.
3. **Parfitt Drive** – comments were made regarding litter left on the park area. Cllr Clarke reported that some youths had been in the area wielding an axe and damaging the soft play area. Cllr Elliott informed the meeting of recent police activity in the area. Cllr Davis informed the meeting

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of the recent complaints made by Elaine Holt and lack of police response. The Chairman said that he had spoken with Pc Keith Thompson who had suggested that Mrs. Holt writ to the police informing them of the matter.

4. **Wilson's Field** – the Clerk stated that there was some graffiti in the region of the play area and arrangements had been made for it to be cleaned off. Cllr Stafford informed the meeting of his arrangements to get the floodlights and the light adjacent to the footpath leading to Mansfield Road in full working order

Footpaths and highways

1. **Public Open Space – Brickyard Lane-** Cllr Jepson having declared a prejudicial interest left the room at 8.27pm and took no part in the ensuing discussion. Cllr Elliott took over as Chairman. The Clerk informed the meeting of complaints received regarding parked vehicles on the grassed area. This has been occurring with increasing frequency over the past months with several vehicles involved. During August it had been impossible to cut all of the grass properly due to parked vehicles. The issue was discussed at length and it was noted that in the original planning conditions imposed when the Ridgeway estate was built that this area was designated as 'public open space'. Concerns were expressed regarding the damage caused to the grass in wet conditions and potential danger to pedestrians, including children, in the area when vehicles were being driven on/off the grass. The cost of knee high fencing to prevent vehicular access had been obtained at £480. It was proposed by Cllr Elliott that the fencing be installed, seconded by Cllr Davis and agreed unanimously. It was also agreed that some trees be planted on the area using surplus money raised by the Millennium Committee.

Cllr Jepson rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.

2. **Footpaths** – Cllr Davis requested a map of footpaths in the parish showing who was responsible for their maintenance. The Clerk informed the meeting that it was necessary to conduct a survey of the paths and a 'volunteer' was suggested.

Parish Plan Reports

In order to progress the issues raised in the Parish Plan Councillors agreed to take the lead on the following areas as indicated:

- Development and planning – no items

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- Education and sport – Cllr Reeves – discussion contained in recreation grounds report.
- Environment and tourism – The Clerk stated that the new signpost would be installed in the following week; the two bollards damaged by motorists would also be replaced.
- Public transport – no items
- Communication – newsletter planned for October.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated items of correspondence for noting.

It was agreed that the response on behalf of the Council 'Connecting with people' would be completed by the Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting that he would be attending a meeting at Kelham Hall regarding flooding and other environmental issues on 4th October.

Financial matters

1. Accounts

The accounts containing 18 cheques amounting to £11831.20 had been scrutinised by Cllr Davis; cheque 383 payable to the Open Space Society for £30 was cancelled being a duplicate of cheque 365 paid in July 07. They were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Selby, seconded by Cllr Stafford and approved.

2. Section 137 grant application

The Clerk requested approval to pay Farnsfield First Responder the annual sum of £250 as a S137 grant. This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed.

Planning applications

07/012777/FUL – three replacement dwellings and parking and external areas; access alterations to the White Post Garage, White Post, Farnsfield.

Application not supported in accordance with the provisions of Policy H31 (Newark & Sherwood Local Plan) – on the grounds that the development does not take place on the footprint of the existing buildings, a further site is identified in the 'countryside' area.

07/01299/FUL – convert outbuilding to habitable dwelling at Jubilee House, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application not supported – backland development, over-intensification of the site, highway issues.

Crime and disorder

Raised previously.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that the CCTV system had been repaired.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd October 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, M Pritchett, R Reeves, FA Reynolds, L Selby, G Stafford.

Also present - M Salt (Clerk). Co Cllr A Stewart

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. D Peet.

Standing Orders were suspended in order to allow a free discussion regarding the introduction of Safer Neighbourhood Groups by the Police and District Council.

The Local Beat Officer, Keith Thompson, was represented by PCSO Kendall who gave an outline of the provisions of the new scheme. The need to form a Safer Neighbourhood Group to collate local information and report trends into the second level group comprising of representatives from the cluster of parishes under the police supervision of Pc Thompson.

The nominated representatives from the Parish Council were Cllrs. P Elliott and L Selby.

The first meeting of the representative group will be on 6th November 2007 at 6pm.

Standing Orders were re-introduced at 8.30pm

Declarations of Interest

None declared.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th September 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Pritchett and agreed unanimously.

Recreational areas

1. **Memorial Recreation Ground** – seat refurbished and swings repaired, no other items.
2. **The Acres** – concerns expressed regarding continuing vandalism resulting in damage to fencing and trees. The Police are aware of the situation, the damage has been reported. Evidence of motor cycles being ridden in the area. Brian Stocks will attend to the football pitches and will liaise with the team managers regarding their requirements. An estimate will be provided by him to de-stone the adjacent field to make it playable. The pavilion has been checked, a fuse has been removed from one of the heater controls.
3. **Parfitt Drive** – seats and play surfaces all repaired. Comments regarding a pony and trap being driven in the area. Continuing problems with litter, particularly broken beer bottles.
4. **Wilson's Field** – continuing incidents involving deposits of litter.

Footpaths and highways

The fencing has been completed around the open space area on Brickyard Lane in order to prevent vehicular access and render it safe for pedestrian use.

The bollards have been replaced on Main Street and the new directional sign erected.

Some concerns were expressed regarding the cost of the replacement bollards and that the sign was partially hidden by a lamp post; it was also thought that an additional arm could not be installed pointing to the west, if required.

The Clerk attended a meeting at Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding contingencies and future planning to prevent flooding. This is a result of the flash flood situation in 2007 resulting in a full review of drainage and dyke systems. Farnsfield is required to provide details of dykes in the parish.

The light on Footpath 1 (Mansfield Road – Wilson's Field has been vandalised – Cllr Stafford has arranged its repair.

Parish Plan Reports

- **Development and planning needs** – nothing raised.
- **Education and sport** – Cllr Elliott reported that there had been no further developments.
- **Environment and tourism** – street sign erected on Main Street out of funds provided from Newark & Sherwood DC, arranged by Dist Cllr N Armstrong.
- **Public transport** – nothing raised
- **Communications** – comments made regarding the circulation of the newsletter, not reaching all residents, too

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infrequent. The Clerk to discuss with Cllr. Elliott; circulation, timetable and volunteer support.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting. One specific item for attention being the possible closure of the Post Office. Separate representation made via the County Council by the Clerk, opportunity provided for individual representation if appropriate; the latest information is that the Post Office is not scheduled for closure at present.

Parish Conference, 12th November 2007 – the Clerk to attend.

Older people in Nottinghamshire – NCC proposal to close some Care Homes – no response.

Financial matters

A schedule of accounts, previously circulated to all Councillors with the notice of the meeting, was scrutinised by Cllr Jepson. The schedule consisting of 15 cheques amounting to £6608.92 was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk reported that the cheque for £30 payable to the Open Space Society in the previous month's schedule has been cancelled, duplicate cheque.

Accounts 2006-7 have been completed and signed off by Hacker Young. There are no items for action or for noting.

Planning applications

None received.

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

Crime and disorder

No further items raised following the earlier discussion.

Farnsfield Village Centre

No items raised.

Agenda items for the next meeting.

None.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th November 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors PJ Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, R Reeves, FA Reynolds, L Selby, G Stafford.
Also present - M Salt (Clerk). Co Cllr A Stewart

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. D Peet, KJ Clarke, M Pritchett, R Davis

Declarations of interest

None

Planning applications

07/01279/OUT – erection of two bed-roomed bungalow and attached garage to the rear of Blue Haze, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield. (re-submission).
Application not supported on the grounds of back-land development contrary to Policies H21 & H23 of the Local Plan.

07/01515/FUL – change of use of former electrical substation to domestic garage at 8 Milldale Road, Farnsfield. (re-submission).
Application supported.

07/01541/CAC – demolish single story loose boxes, Building at Blidworth Road, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

07/01605/FUL – 1.5 storey side extension , demolition of part of garage, new porch at 4 Meadow Close, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

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

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Elliott gave an update following the first meeting of the group and outlined the proposed role of the Parish Council in receiving and monitoring local matters raised by the public, and the role of the SNG to discuss these alongside other parish areas and agreed action plans.

Cllr Elliott proposed that the Parish Council fulfil the role of the Safer Neighbourhood Group, seconded by Cllr Reeves and agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th November 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), R Reeves, L Selby, G Stafford.
Also present - M Salt (Clerk). Co Cllr B Laughton

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. D Peet, M Pritchett, B McDowall, FA Reynolds.
Co Cllr. A Stewart

Declarations of interest

Cllr Davis declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 07/01623/RMA.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd October 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr Davis and accepted.
The minutes of the meeting of 7th November 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Selby, seconded by Cllr Reeves and accepted.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 13th November 2007 were noted.

Recreational areas

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – No matters raised. The Clerk informed the meeting that all defect identified at previous inspection reports had been rectified.
- 2. The Acres** – The Clerk reported that he had been informed that some post and rail fencing had been stolen. It was agreed that as this fencing served no purpose it would not be replaced.
- 3. Southwell Road** – It was reported that a shelter had been built in the tree area, now demolished and parts removed.
- 4. Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford reported that some cardboard boxes had been set alight on the hard play area causing some

scorching to the paintwork. The Clerk informed the meeting of 2 girls teams using the play area for football training.

Footpaths and Highways

Cllr Jepson informed the meeting that Patrick Stevens had received approval from the Millennium Committee to plant trees on the area adjacent to the footpath on Brickyard Lane and the corner of Wilson's Field.

The Clerk read out the letters received from Co Cllr A Stewart regarding the proposed work at the Cockett Lane/A617 junction and comments regarding communication from the recent survey undertaken by children of St Michael's Primary School, Farnsfield.

Parish Plan Reports

- **Planning** – The Clerk informed the meeting of the information received at the Parish Conference of the proposal to introduce a national planning process.
- **Education and sport** – No report
- **Environment and tourism** – No report
- **Public transport** – comment was made regarding the lack of timetables in the village for the bus routes
- **Communication** – The Clerk informed the meeting of the intention for him to meet with Cllr Elliott and review the publication process of the Parish Newsletter; an edition would be published and circulated in December. The web site was running and in the process of being developed further.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated the correspondence for noting.

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Class 2 of St Michael's School.

Financial matters

1. **Precept 2008-9** – The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for consideration following the discussion at the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 13th November 2007 and subsequent adjustments following the meeting. After discussion and questions Cllr Elliott proposed that the precept for 2008-9 should be set at £57,500, this was seconded by Cllr. Davis and agreed unanimously.
2. **Accounts** – a set of accounts, scrutinised by Cllr. Jepson, was circulated with the papers for the meeting. It included 15 cheques amounting to £10,894.90p. It was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Davis and approved.

Co Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that Cllr Stewart had access to increased funding to be allocated to local projects. He also gave an update regarding a meeting with the new proprietors of Wonderland and their proposed development scheme.

Planning applications

07/01600/FUL – erection of garage at Three Ways, Longland Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/01601/CAC – demolish part of boundary wall to allow for erection of new garage at Three Ways, Longland Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/01675/FUL – single storey pitched roof extension to front at 27 Ridgeway Close, Farnsfield

Application supported.

07/01623/RMA – erection of detached bungalow (revised application) building plot to rear of Fairholme, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Cllr Davis left the room having declared a prejudicial interest in the matter.

The documents were considered and compared with the previous application, the comments made by the Planning Inspectorate when allowing the appeal but it was unclear what the changes were to warrant a new application.

Standing Orders were suspended at 9.15pm and Mr Davis was asked to explain the changes in the application.

Having done so Standing Orders were re-instated at 9.35pm and Mr Davis left the room.

Having considered all of the information received it was agreed that the matter should be deferred until the next meeting and the Clerk should obtain more information to clarify the matter from the Planning Officer at Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Crime and disorder

It was noted that windows had been smashed at the Bus Stop Cottage, Main Street, the previous Saturday night.

The pointer on the sign post on Main Street had been turned around.

Bottles had been smashed on the footway to the Stackyard at the rear of the Village Centre.

Village Centre

Cllr Stafford enquired if a loop system could be fitted at the centre. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries.

Safer Neighbourhood Group

Cllr Elliott provided an update following the inaugural meeting of the group stating that actions had been agreed and these would be considered further at the next meeting.

Agenda items for the next meeting

None raised.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th December 2007 in the Lower Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, M Pritchett, FA Reynolds, L Selby, G Stafford.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. D Peet and R Reeves.

Declarations of interest

Cllr Davis declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 07/01623/RMA.

Planning applications

07/01623/RMA – erection of detached bungalow (revised application) on building plot, to rear of Fairholme, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield.

Cllr Davis left the room after declaring a prejudicial interest.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had discussed the matter with the Planning Officer and had received a document showing the original plan receiving planning consent and the new plan showing the changes made when building the dwelling. He explained that the footprint was enlarged and the building sited over 1 meter closer to the adjacent boundaries. The impact of this need to be considered and its effect upon neighbouring properties.

The matter was discussed at length and it was the general view that the movement of the footprint closer to adjacent properties did have a significant impact upon them. It was also considered that the increase in footprint also resulted in over-intensification of the site.

It was proposed by Cllr. Clarke that the planning application should be opposed on the grounds of impact upon neighbouring properties and over-intensification of the site. This was seconded by Cllr. Elliott and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Davis rejoined the meeting.

07/01702/FUL – conversion of outbuilding to existing dwelling (re-submission) at Jubilee House, Main Street, Farnsfield

Cllr McDowall proposed that the application be opposed on the grounds that it could be considered as back land development and on highway grounds; that the area was already congested and additional vehicles emerging on to Main Street; this was seconded by Cllr. Clarke and carried, with one vote against and one abstention.

07/01705/FUL – proposed conservatory at 37 Ridgeway Close, Farnsfield

Application supported.

07/01692/LBC – conversion of existing barn and car/tractor enclosure to dwelling, and alterations to existing garage at Church Farm, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported with one abstention.

07/01748/FUL – single storey rear extension and fire place (re-submission) at Springfields, Spring Lane, Farnsfield

Application supported.

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

The meeting closed at 8.16pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present – Councillors R Davis, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, FA Reynolds, L Selby, G Stafford.

Apologies for absence

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

The Chairman informed the meeting of the death of Cllr AD Peet and one minute's silence was observed.

The Chairman thanked the meeting and expressed his condolences and appreciation for a former Councillor who played a very active part in council matters and would be missed.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

07/01821/LBC – reposition and enlarge existing window opening in side elevation at The Old School House, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

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

Application supported. Concern expressed that any windows overlooking the Vicarage should have opaque glass fitted.

07/01779/FUL – proposed single storey side elevation extension, detached garage and replacement roofs (re-submission) at Gaywood, Station Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/01703/FUL – re-instating brick chimney stack to open up existing flue at Rose Cottage, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/01774/FUL – proposed conservatory at 8 Old School Court, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

07/01860/FUL – erection of 1 dormer bungalow on land adjacent to Middle Close, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

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

Cllr Davis commented that there was a need for the gutters on Main Street to be cleaned due to a build up of rubbish, mainly straw; two drains on Far Back Lane were blocked with weeds and litter appears to have been abandoned on Cocketts Lane.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present – Councillors KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, M Pritchett, G Stafford.
Co Cllr. B Laughton, Dist Cllr. N Armstrong
M Salt, Clerk

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. L Selby, FA Reynolds and R Reeves.
Apologies were also received from Co Cllr. A Stewart.

Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Davis and approved.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2007 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Davies and approved.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr McDowall and approved.

Declarations of interest

None raised.

Recreational areas

- 1. Memorial Recreation Ground** – No matters raised
- 2. The Acres** – Cllr Stafford informed the meeting that there had been an attempt to break into the pavilion by forcing the doors. Cllr Reeves had visited the pavilion and had repositioned the doors, no resultant damage. Concerns were expressed regarding the state of the road surface on Cotton Mill Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with Notts. County Council. The Clerk reported that Newark &

Sherwood DC Pest Control Dept had treated the field for moles.

3. Southwell Road – Nothing reported..

4. Wilson's Field – Cllr Stafford reported that the light near to footpath 1 had been vandalised again. The Clerk reported that the planting in the corner of the field had been agreed with the use of the Millennium funds.

Footpaths and Highways

Previous comments in relation to Cotton Mill Lane; Crabnook Lane is also in a similar state, but it was noted that both were bridleways. The Clerk informed the meeting of a conversation with Malcolm Tozer of MERRINS Farm, Mansfield Road who had raised concerns regarding speeding vehicles on Mansfield Road. Cllr Elliott agreed to visit Mr Tozer and refer the matter to the Safer Communities Group.

Parish Plan Reports

- **Planning** – nothing reported.
- **Education and sport** – No report
- **Environment and tourism** – Cllr McDowall suggested that Farnsfield should compete in the 'Best kept village' competition. Cllr. Elliott commented on the need to co-ordinate activities and potential problems regarding this.
- **Public transport** – comment was made regarding the lack of timetables in the village for the bus routes
- **Communication** – It was noted that the next edition of the newsletter would be circulated at the end of February

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.58pm.

Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that the County Council will be increasing the Council Tax by 3% as a decision had been made to use some of the Revenue Support Grant to reduce the increase from 4% to 3%.

The Police precept is likely to be set at 5% increase.

He have an update regarding the proposed recycling unit to be located at Rainworth. Whilst there were mixed views the general consensus was that the impact upon the public was small due to ash deposits and toxic fall out. Cllr Armstrong stated that she had visited a similar unit and was impressed with the way it was run and the minimal impact upon the local community.

Cllr Jepson expressed concerns regarding the impact traffic would make when servicing the unit. There was general concern that the volume of traffic on the A617 would increase with a resultant 'knock-on' effect in Farnsfield.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had made enquiries regarding the installation of an induction loop system in the Village Centre. Initial enquiries suggested that it would cost approximately £3500 for the two halls, for a fixed system. Co Cllr Stewart and sent a message that he would make £1000 available to support the system.

Cllr Elliott requested that enquiries be made of Sherbrook Sound, based at Bingham, before a decision was made to place the order.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.18pm.

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Financial matters

The Clerk presented the accounts to the meeting, previously circulated, containing 21 cheques amounting to £7608.42p. They had been scrutinised by Cllr Jepson.

Cllr Clarke proposed that they be accepted, seconded by Cllr. Davis and approved.

Planning applications

The meeting considered the proposals for the waste disposal site at Rainworth.

It had previously been discussed in the 'open' session and the proposals were considered in more detail.

Whilst it was considered that such a development would be essential and environmental issues have been considered the main concern was the amount of traffic servicing the site.

The concerns not only focussed upon volume but the times it was proposed to operate. It appeared that the bulk of the traffic movements would be within the working day whilst no efforts appear to have been made to service the site in the quieter periods of the day and night.

Parish Community Safety Group

Cllr Elliott reported that the next meeting of the group would take place on 29th January 2008.

A liaison group meeting had taken place on 9th January when it was agreed that Neighbourhood Watch schemes would be in existence to cover the east end of the village, (already up and running, managed by John Parfremment); to cover the Main Street and Church Side, to be managed by Elaine Holt.

Farnsfield Village Centre

The Clerk reported that following the electrical inspection some upgrading and remedial work was required throughout the centre. The detailed report from Comelec was considered and Cllr Davis proposed that the work be undertaken as proposed, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed.

The audio loop system was discussed further and it was agreed in principle to proceed with the installation of the system, the Clerk would contact Sherbrook Sound and would liaise with the Chairman and Cllr Davis before proceeding further.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present – Councillors KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, R Reeves, G Stafford.
M Salt, Clerk

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. L Selby, FA Reynolds and M Pritchett.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

08/00060/FUL – Demolish existing single storey extension and construction of two storey extension with conservatory at 6 Gregory Gardens, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

08/00024/FUL – New recreational building at Wonderland Pleasure Park, White Post, Farnsfield.
It was agreed that insufficient information had been received from Newark & Sherwood DC for a decision to be made, the Clerk to request site and detailed plans.

07/01635/FUL – Installation of ventilation flue, (retrospective), at 3 New Hill, Farnsfield.
Application support but should blend in with the conservation area requirements.

08/00070/FUL – Cosmetic refurbishment and minor alterations to pavilion at Farnsfield Cricket Club, Station Lane, Farnsfield.
Application supported.
Cllr Clarke abstained.

07/01691/FUL – Conversion of existing barn to dwelling at Church Farm, Main Street, Farnsfield.
Application supported.

The decisions of Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th February 2008 in the Upper Hall, Village Centre, New Hill, Farnsfield.

Present – Councillors KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, L Selby, AD Jepson (Chairman), B McDowall, M Pritchett
M Salt, Clerk

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. FA Reynolds, R Reeves and G Stafford.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Pritchett and approved.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February, 2008 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr McDowall and agreed.

Planning applications

07/01860/FUL – erection of 1 dormer bungalow on land adjacent to Middle Close, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr Booth to make comment regarding this application. He expressed concerns regarding the size of the proposed dwelling and the impact it would have upon his property due to loss of privacy.

Standing Orders were resumed and after a short discussion it was agreed that a site meeting was appropriate, to be held at 10am on Saturday, 1st March 2008, with the available Councillors.

Following the site meeting on 1st March, attended by Cllrs. Jepson, Elliott, Davis and McDowall it was agreed that the application should be opposed on the grounds of its impact upon neighbouring

properties and subsequent loss of privacy, mainly due to the inclines on the proposed building plot.

08/00163/FUL – extension to garage at 29 Alexander Road, Farnsfield.

Application supported

08/00171/FUL – alterations and extensions to existing dwelling at The Willows, Quaker Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/00175/FUL – proposed extension at The Hollies, 5 Birch Avenue, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/00201/FUL – new roof windows I existing roof at Wayside, Tippings Lane, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/00024/FUL – New recreational building at Wonderland Pleasure Park, White Post, Farnsfield.

No decision made due to insufficient information from Newark & Sherwood District Council; adjourned until the next meeting.

Recreation grounds

- 1. Wilson's Field** – Cllr Stafford had reported to the Chairman that the top of the light at Footpath 1 was missing and it would be difficult to repair without the use of a 'cherry picker'. It was agreed to refer the matter to County Council Footpaths.
- 2. Parfitt Drive** – reports of vandalism to the surface area, the Clerk reported that the matter was receiving attention.
- 3. The Acres** – a report has been received of damage to the swings, also receiving attention.
- 4. Memorial Recreation Ground** – no reports.

Footpaths and highways

The Clerk had previously circulated a letter received from Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding the enforcement of parking restrictions due to take effect in May 2008.

Parish Plan Reports

- **Planning** – nothing reported.

- **Education and sport** – The Clerk to obtain details regarding the proposed work required to upgrade the football pitches and the new field adjacent to the Acres.
- **Environment and tourism** – no report.
- **Public transport** – comment was made regarding the lack of timetables in the village for the bus routes
- **Communication** – It was noted that the next edition of the newsletter would be circulated at the end of February

Correspondence

The Clerk circulated various items of correspondence for noting.

Financial matters

The Clerk presented the accounts to the meeting, previously circulated, containing 20 cheques amounting to £6508.92p. They had been scrutinised by Cllr Davis.

Cllr Pritchett proposed that they were accepted, seconded by Cllr. Jepson and agreed.

Community Safety Liaison Group.

Nothing to report; Cllrs. Elliott and Selby were not notified by Newark & Sherwood District Council of the meeting which was held on 25th February 2008. Cllr Elliott to pursue.

Village Centre

The arson attack at the Village Centre on 25th February 2008 was briefly discussed.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the lower kitchen and Committee Room were fire damaged and the remainder of the building subject to smoke damage, Commercial cleaners had been brought in to deal with the smoke damage and instructions were awaited from the insurers. It was intended to operate as normally as possible making use of the Scout Room.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present – Councillors KJ Clarke, R Davis, PJ Elliott, M Hamilton, L Selby, AD Jepson (Chairman), M Pritchett, GD Stafford
M Salt, Clerk

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. R Reeves and B McDowall.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr M Hamilton to the Council, recently appointed in the un-contested election; declaration of acceptance of office and Code of Conduct completed earlier with the Clerk.

Declarations of interest

None declared.

Planning applications

08/00075/ADV – Display of 8 illuminated and non illuminated signs at The White Post Inn Public House, Farnsfield.

After some discussion the application was proposed by Cllr. Davis, seconded by Cllr. Pritchett, after a vote was carried with Cllr. Elliott voting against the proposal.

08/00241/FUL – Raising of ridge to form rooms in roof at 7 Birch Avenue, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

08/00226/FUL – Change of use of butchers shop to estate agents and financial services at Family Butchers, Main Street, Farnsfield.

Application supported.

The planning decisions of Newark & Sherwood District Council were noted.

The Chairman provided an update regarding the site visit at Middle Close on 1st March 2008.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a quote from Sherborn Sound to install the hearing loop system at the Village Centre and recommended acceptance. There was a requirement to pay 25% deposit in advance and as this was not the normal procedure adopted by the Council the Clerk sought approval. Cllr Pritchett proposed that the deposit was not Paid in advance, seconded by Cllr Selby and agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk seek to make alternative arrangements with Sherborn Sound.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.