

## DAVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 21 May 2007 at Davenham Methodist Church Hall commencing at 8.00pm

**Present:** Clrs: A Wood, Chairman; B Robinson, J Curran, C Colclough, D Ravenscroft, S Batten, J Hurst, A Bridge, B Coker and Jo Aldridge, Clerk

#### 1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies from S Grzonkowski who has work commitments. B Coker declared an interest in Planning Application number 07-1203-TEL

#### 2 The Minutes of the previous meetings

2.1 The minutes of the full Council on 30 March 2007 & were accepted as a true record and signed.

#### 2.2 Matters Arising

The April/May Action Log was noted:

30/04/07/3.3.1 Schedule of works – village keeper

It was reported that the Village Keeper has now planted the stone troughs. A draft schedule of works was given to members of Council for consideration at the next Parish Council Meeting

30/04/07/3.3.1 Regency Way, Moor Park, Monarch Drive and the pathway behind the school have been confirmed as having been adopted by CCC. Clerk to contact Redrow, VRBC and CCC to attempt to identify ownership/responsibility of other areas of Kingsmead. It was agreed that this item would remain on the agenda until the situation is resolved and that the Parish Council will attempt to obtain plans from VRBC showing the adopted and unadopted areas.

30/04/07/7.3 It was agreed to instruct Old Vicarage Tree Surgery to fell the dead elms on Butcher's Stile and remove all wood and woodchips from the site at a cost of £1,410.00 including VAT. The company has confirmed that it has Public Liability Insurance to the value of £5,000,000. Contractors to liaise with D Ravenscroft and Clerk to instruct.

#### 3 Finance and Administration

3.1 It was resolved that payments for May totalling £13806.51 as per the attached schedule be approved Following discussion it was agreed that the invoice from Groundwork Cheshire in the amount of £5,256.95 would now be paid.

3.2 The timetable of meetings for Vale Royal Area Meetings was given to B Coker, Council Representative. One member of the public has expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council. He has been asked to provide a brief CV to be circulated prior to the next meeting.

#### 4 Planning Matters

4.1 The schedules of Applications Received and Decisions made by VRBC were noted.

#### 5 Borough & County Matters

5.1 Highways matters

5.1.1 Safe Route to School - update

It was reported that there has still been no response from CCC regarding the Safe Route to School and that Moulton had received a response although it was not positive. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to

press for a response and also request a copy of the response received by Moulton. J Curran agreed to speak to Mark Green from Moulton Parish Council and see if a joint approach would be worthwhile.

5.1.2 It was agreed that there is an issue with overgrown hedges, particularly on London Road from The Rookery to the entrance to the Lodge at Davenham Hall – Clerk to contact VRBC in the first instance. It was further agreed that the Council should request the schedule for bin emptying and recycling – Clerk to action.

## **6 Ward Issues**

### **6.1 Newsletter update**

The newsletter is currently being printed and will be available for the Clerk to collect by Friday 25/05/07. Newsletter availability will be advertised on both noticeboards. D Ravenscroft to distribute 50 copies to local pensioners, B Coker to arrange distribution around the local shops.

## **7 Village Garden, Playing Fields & Footpaths**

### **7.1 Groundwork Cheshire – Laburnum Road**

A meeting has taken place between Groundwork Trust and members of the Council. It was reported that many issues have been resolved and it is hoped that the working relationship will now be greatly improved. It was agreed that a new robust draining system is required which it is anticipated will cost somewhere in the region of £70,000 and consequently consume all resources set aside for the project. J Curran reported that the Football Foundation may be prepared to help in the form of grants but that this would need to be tied in with another project such as the MUGA although it was acknowledged that the Council have concerns regarding the MUGA in relation to anti-social behaviour. The fact that the Kingsmead Ward has no playing fields could be used as a consideration in applying for the grant. It was agreed that a full programme of drainage works, together with full costings is required and that the sub-committee would meet prior to the next Council meeting to work out a strategy. (Provisional date of 18 June 2007).

## **8 Antisocial Behaviour & Neighbourhood Watch**

### **8.1 MADSAG meeting report**

B Coker reported that discussion had taken place regarding the importance of CCTV within Kingsmead and Leftwich and how it was essential that the quality of the pictures produced needs to be improved. B Coker and PCSO Forster had completed a CAT walk. The next CAT walk is 18 June at 7.30 and S Batten agreed to attend. There will be a series of organised Community Action Meetings to be attended by J Hurst. It was agreed that the Davenham sign which has been bent over requires attention – Clerk to action. D Ravenscroft reported that the lamp number 9 on Hartford Road was unlit – Clerk to action.

## **9 Other Business**

Members were reminded that submission of items under other business should be documented prior to the meeting as required under paragraph 15 (1) in Standing Orders which states: *“Any other business which is either specified in the summons, accepted by the Chairman or submitted in writing before commencement of the meeting.”*

Members were reminded that their election expenses returns must be completed and returned to VRBC by 31/05/07. Registration of interest forms were distributed to be returned to the Clerk as soon as possible

**Date of Next Meeting: June 25th 2007 at 7.00pm at Kingsmead Primary School**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**Minutes Approved:**

Jo Aldridge

Parish Clerk

Chairman

Date: