

SUTTON-cum-LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th May 2009.

Councillors present: Mr. Rees, Mr. Beare, Mr. Gough, Mr. Cody, Mrs. Dyson.

The Chairman declared the meeting quorate.

Mr. Cody proposed and Mrs. Dyson seconded a motion that the meeting be called – motion carried.

Apologies: Mr. McKernan, Mrs. Close, Mr. Hopkins (N. Watch)

Declarations of interest: Mrs. Dyson declared an interest in village hall business.

Guests present: Mrs. Liz Yates (BDC).

Mr. Cody proposed and Mr. Gough seconded a motion that the minutes of the last meeting held on 8th April 2009 be passed as a true record – motion carried.

Matters arising:

Mrs Liz Yates (BDC) referred to the following matters and left copies of correspondence with the Clerk.

1. Bollard at Portland Flats – this apparently was removed at the request of a tenant (Mr. Kevin Crumney) due to emergency services being unable to access the flats. John Mann M.P. has apparently asked for the bollard to be removed and also visited residents and promised to have a road built to the flats. Bearing in mind the time and effort it took to have the bollard installed in the first place, with the object of protecting the grass verges and underground services from vehicular damage, Mrs. Yates will pursue the matter in the hope of achieving a satisfactory conclusion. The Clerk was also instructed to continue correspondence with the same aim.
2. Signage to car boot – Mrs. Yates has determined that no licence is required to hold a car boot sale, but the signs of direction to the site are illegal. Notts CC has asked for further information to help in getting the signs removed.
3. Bottle banks – where BDC places these in pub grounds, they are for public use with the agreement of the pub landlord.

Mrs. Yates left the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Speed limit notices on wheelie bins – Notts CC has no objection to our proposals. Mr. Cody will look further into costing. Mr. Rees will explore with the Safer Neighbourhoods Group the possibility going forward with the involvement of other Parishes.

Old bowling green – the Clerk was instructed to write again to Mr. Herbert with an offer to either purchase or lease the land from his family should he be successful in contesting the possessory title held by Mr. Body.

Planned highways work – having received no response to our request for details, the Clerk was instructed to write again and copy to Mr. G. Brown of NALC.

Sutton Lane – Notts CC are to install 2 new marker posts to protect grass verges opposite number 37.

Bus services – our letter to Notts CC regarding the use of single or double decker buses has received no response.

Old bowling green – the Clerk was instructed to report to BDC Planning that a caravan is still on the site and ask whether this contravenes the original enforcement notice.

Tudor Roadstone planning application – Mr. Rees reported that the proposed silos are 10.5 metres high.

Speedwatch – Mr. Rees reported that assessment of sites is in progress and that on completion, training will follow.

Agenda Item 7 – Planning.

Notification has been received from Notts CC of a proposal by Composite Energy for drilling on land to the north of the village. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter of observations which may affect a decision. Details of the proposals are lodged with Mr. Beare for perusal.

Agenda Item 8 – Safer Neighbourhoods Group.

Mr. Rees reported that the group has not met since our last meeting. He did note that recently some young people had set up a temporary camp site in the region of Mire Lane for the purpose of drinking and smoking. Although the police were informed, the response was unsatisfactory and will be noted at the next group meeting. The same group of people has also been seen misbehaving in the village hall grounds.

Agenda Item 9 – Finance.

The Clerk distributed the income and expenditure summary for the year 2008/2009 which needs to be approved at the next meeting.

Receipts: the following monies have been received since the last meeting:

130509	VAT refund.	268.26
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Payments: the following payments since the last meeting were approved:

130509	Sutton village hall – hire fee	62.50
130509	G. Munton – grass cut x 4	480.00
130509	Zurich Insurance – annual premium	618.70

Agenda Item 10 – Neighbourhood Watch.

In the absence of Mr. Hopkins, the minutes of the March meeting are lodged with the Clerk for file.

Agenda Item 11 – Any Other Business.

Mr. Rees reported that the Annual Spring Clean held on 25th April was very poorly attended by volunteers, but many thanks to those who did turn up. The lack of response may lead to the event being discontinued.

At the Tarmac liaison meeting held in April it was noted that work to be done at a recycling site could affect drainage. Questions were raised about the Bailey bridge remaining in place after Tarmac cease operations on which no decision has yet been

made. The footbridge behind Bellmoor works has now been replaced with a new wooden structure. Sutton and Lound gravel pits have won a major award for site improvements. Plants and Planters – new plants to the value of £120 will be purchased. Two new planters will be purchased all in line with the approved budget 2009/2010.

Street cleaning – contact has been made with BDC regarding the last visit which did not make use of the “green machine”. This was due to the shortage of operatives and will be rectified.

Trees have been dumped in a ditch by footpath number 3 to the rear of Portland Place. The occupier of number 76 Portland Place has been asked to remove them and Notts CC, BDC and Tiln Farms Ltd have been notified.

Notts CC has been asked to put a weed killing programme in place and to cut back grass on Mattersey Road footpath.

The Clerk was instructed to investigate the possibility of acquiring land in the parish for use as allotments. Sites to be investigated are land on Sutton Lane, a paddock at Gate Cottage, a paddock at Corner Farm and land to the rear of St. Bartholomew’s Court.

Mr. Rees asked Mrs Dyson to report back from the next village hall committee meeting on its strategy towards providing outside facilities for children’s play.

Mrs. Dyson reported that there have been recent incidents of a car and 3 quad bikes dodging the barriers at the railway crossing. The car finished up in a field and one quad bike was damaged.

With regard to traffic incidents, the Clerk was instructed to write again to Notts CC about Sutton Cross Roads.

Mr. Beare noted that since repairing footpaths on Portland Place, Notts CC has left holes in the pavement. The Clerk to inform Notts CC.

Agenda Item 13 – Diary.

The next meeting will be on 10th June 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.