

**MINUTES OF WINCLE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 31 JULY 2002**  
**AT WINCLE SCHOOL**

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| <b><u>Present:</u></b> | Mr B Brunt (Chairman)    | Mr G Bloom          |
|                        | Mrs J E Clarkson (Clerk) | Mrs J Marsh         |
|                        | Councillor B Hardern     | Mr & Mrs J Weston   |
|                        | Councillor H Gaddum      | Mr A Brocklehurst   |
|                        | Mr B G Clarkson          | Mr D Chadwick       |
|                        | Mrs B Brunt              | Mr S Goodwin        |
|                        | Mr & Mrs A Forrester     | Mr & Mrs P Woodcock |

**Apologies:** Rev & Mrs D Moir

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 March 2000 were read and approved.

**Matters Arising**

The problem of leaf and grass debris on the roadside at the bottom of Barlow Hill was discussed. Councillor Gaddum agreed to ensure this matter was attended to. Councillor Gaddum commented on the siting of the 'Welcome to Macclesfield' sign situated on the A54 at the Dumbers, which is actually within, and not on, the actual Borough boundary. Placing it here meant the Council did not need permission from Peak Park. The Council are also looking for sponsorship for the sign. Brian Clarkson asked about the Macclesfield Farmers' Market - this had not taken off well in the town, mainly because of the siting and timing with the other general market.

**Correspondence**

*Delegation arrangements to officers on planning in the PDNP* - Peak Park have informed us of revised arrangements, introduced from 1 March 2002, in respect of decisions on minor and non-controversial planning applications being delegated to officers. Councillor Hardern expressed his concern about this and commented that this type of delegation was happening more often.

*Improving environmental planning at CCC* - A questionnaire sent by Cheshire CC.

*Macclesfield BC website* - Macclesfield BC have asked for the Parish to provide a half page write up about the village (history, particular items of interest), to be included on their website. John Weston will action this.

*PDNPA - Best value performance plan 2002/03* - Summary sent to the Parish Meeting for our information. For anyone interested, a full copy of the Plan is accessible on the Authority's website.

*PDNP Recreation Strategy* - The draft strategy was sent to us for comment by 27/9/02.

*Requests for donations* - Vision Support and Cheshire Landscape Trust have both requested donations. The meeting declined to support these requests.

#### **Traffic Accidents/Speeding on A54**

PC Andy Atherton from the Traffic Police attended the meeting to discuss our concerns regarding speeding motorbikes and accidents on the A54. Restrictions on the Cat and Fiddle road were felt to have added to motorbikes on A54. He presented the meeting with collision/injury statistics for both roads. A proposal was to have speed limit, accident blackspot and slow signs at the crossroads as well as chevrons at the corner a little further on. PC Atherton pointed out that most accidents were caused by inappropriate speeds rather than excess of speed limits. He would contact the Joint Highways Department to request a visit to the location along with some members of the Parish. Barrie Hardern (County Councillor) also said he would take up this matter at County level. In the meantime, we could collect our own statistics and forward these to PC Atherton.

Doug Chadwick commented on the poor vision when turning out of the Ryles Arms car park since a new wall had been built. Councillor Gaddum said she would look into this matter as she did not remember a wall on the planning application.

A bush by Little Chapter was obstructing the view when turning out by the Church. The Clerk will speak with the owner (Mr Clapham).

#### **Planning Application**

The planning application for a new outbuilding at Tolls Farm was discussed and no objections were raised. The Clerk would let Peak Park know this.

#### **Accounts and Auditor's Report**

Accounts for year ending March 2000 (balance £722.85), year ending March 2001 (balance £922.85) and year ending March 2002 (balance £837.08) were all approved by the meeting. It was agreed that an invoice for £126.90 could be paid, this represented the 2000/2001 audit fees. The meeting also endorsed the Chairman and Clerk's decision not to apply for a precept during the accounting years ending March 2002 and March 2003 due the high balance in the bank. As the Clerk was resigning, it was agreed to pay a sum of £80 to represent expenditure during the term of office.

The meeting discussed the matters arising from the 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 audit. These were read out and noted. It was appreciated that we had a significant sum of money in the bank and, dependent on the outcome of the traffic safety issues on the A54, the meeting felt some of the money could be earmarked for this project.

## Parish Plans

A Parish Plan is a statement drawn up by a community which sets out its vision for the future and how it intends to turn that into reality. After some discussion it was agreed to ask an appropriate person to come along and talk to the next meeting.

## Queen's Golden Jubilee Visit

Bernard Brunt was the Parish representative at the Queen's visit to the Kings School. Bernard commented on the hard work which had been put into the Rural Marquee which he considered exceptional and was very well done.

## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Doug Chadwick reported that we had a good system in the village. Both Staffordshire and Macclesfield policy were good at passing information to him - Derbyshire not quite so but he is working with them to improve this. Doug will put regular Homewatch reports in the Parish News.

## Any Other Business

As a Parish, we are regularly asked for our opinions on a wide-range of local, County and Peak Park consultation and strategy documents. The Clerk brought it to the attention of the meeting that it is difficult to respond to these requests as we have no formal way of gathering opinion. The meeting discussed the best way forward and considered the option of having a quorum of five people (Chairman, Clerk and three volunteer parishioners) to represent parish views. The Clerk will put a note in the Parish News to canvass volunteers.

The maintenance of the weed growth round the noticeboards was raised. The Clerk will speak to Ken and ask if he would be willing to maintain and trim around them.

## Election of New Chairman and Clerk

Bernard Brunt and Jane Clarkson made it known before the meeting that they wished to retire from their respective posts. New post holders were elected to take over their duties as follows -

**Paul Woodcock**  
Chairman

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**Mr John Weston**  
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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Bernard and Jane wished them well in their new roles.

The meeting ended at 10.40 pm.