

UNADOPTED

MONYASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7 September 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs J Frost; Cllrs: Mrs J Scoggins; M Leach.

Parish Clerk Mrs M Gee;

Dist. Cllr. A McCloy; County Cllr S Spencer

57	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr R Woolley; C Macdonald	
58	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared	
59	DISTRICT CLLR'S REPORT: Cllr McCloy reported that DDDC had agreed to provide 2 new litter-bins to be installed as soon as possible. As each bin costs £300 DDDC are unable to provide more at the moment but will review additional bins as funds become available. Cllr McCloy introduced the new County Member for Dovedale Division, Cllr Simon Spencer.	
60	COUNTY CLLR'S REPORT: Cllr Spencer described his role of Cabinet Member with responsibility for Regeneration. He stated that in the past the DCC emphasis had been on urban regeneration but it is his intention to bring rural regeneration to prominence. He suggested that a village plan would be a useful tool for the Parish Council when determining village requirements.	
61	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the held on 6 July 2009 were approved as a correct record with the amendment to Minute 56 on line 2 to read Rakes Road instead of Tagg Lane.	
62	MATTERS ARISING;	
62.1	<i>Signs for village lanes:</i> The new sign for Icky-Picky has been installed at the top of the lane. Cllr Mrs Scoggins agreed to liaise with Mr Wake about making the other signs.	
62.2	<i>New posts at War Memorial:</i> The new posts at the War Memorial have been installed and are a great improvement. Mr Wake and Mr Gee had carried out the work without charge and the Clerk was instructed to write to them expressing the Council's thanks.	
62.3	<i>Overhanging trees:</i> Due to the absence on sick leave of the PDNPA Tree Officer this matter is deferred to the next meeting.	
62.4	<i>Voluntary Parking Donations:</i> In progress.	
62.5	<i>Erection of 'No Parking' sign at small green:</i> It was noted that the problem of parked cars appeared to have eased so it was agreed to monitor the situation for the time being.	
62.6	<i>Safety at Crossroads/Removal of large bushes in school front garden:</i> The Chairman agreed to speak to the Chair of Governors on this matter.	
62.7	<i>Derelict Caravan on National Trust Land:</i> It was reported that the caravan had been set on fire. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Trust asking that the fire debris be removed forthwith.	
62.8	<i>Overgrown Sycamore Tree on Church Street:</i> Cllr Scoggins reported that the tree is on land owned by the Parish Church and as such does not concern the Parish Council.	
62.9	<i>Weed-killer damage to vegetation on Rakes Road:</i> The Clerk reported that she had consulted both DDDC and DCC who maintained that their operatives did not use weed-killer. They suggested that it may have been caused by accidental spillage from a spraying machine on a lorry or tractor. This explanation was not totally satisfactory but it was agreed that nothing more could be done.	
63	PLANNING MATTERS:	
63.1	<i>Applications for consideration:</i>	
	63.1.1 <i>Toll Bar Cottage, Horse Lane: Replacement of single story lean-to with 2 storey pitched roof extension to allow for a first floor bathroom:</i> The Parish Council has no objection to this proposal provided that the work is carried out exactly in accordance with the plans as presented to the Council and that all materials used will be appropriate to this heritage building.	
	63.1.2 <i>Manor Lodge, Rakes Road: Removal of local occupancy condition on NP/DDD/0991/436 for the erection of a dwelling:</i> The Parish Council has read the applicant's statement and understands his argument. This difficulty has arisen because the PDNPA in the past did not have a clear and concise forward-thinking policy on the subject of local needs housing. It is to be hoped that this situation will be rectified to avoid a situation such as this arising in the future.	
63.2	<i>Planning Authority decisions for notification:</i>	
	<i>Terragarra, Bay Horse Drive: Side extension to dwelling:</i>	Approved
	<i>2 Rose Cottages, Church Street: Conservatory extension to dwelling:</i>	Approved
	<i>The Barn, Tagg Lane: Conversion of barn to studio and workshop:</i>	Refused

63.3	<i>Rowson House Barn: Response re unauthorised work:</i> The Parish Council is not satisfied with the way this application has been progressed and the way Members complaints have been dealt with. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Chairman of the Authority, Mr. Narendra Bajaria, requesting a formal audit of the application at the earliest possible moment.
63.4	<i>Dates of forthcoming Planning Surgeries:</i> Noted
64	FINANCE: <i>Payment Approvals:</i> Central Windows – cleaning bus shelter windows Jan-Jun 2009 £51.75 Mrs M Gee £270 Clerk’s remuneration for July and August 2009 <i>Purchase of Filing Cabinet:</i> Deferred to next meeting
65	RETIREMENT OF PARISH CLERK AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECRUITMENT OF REPLACEMENT: The Chairman proposed that Mrs A Wales be appointed as Parish Clerk to replace Mrs Gee. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Leach and unanimously approved. Mrs Wales will commence duties in October for a probationary period ending in March 2010. Mrs Gee offered to assist Mrs Wales during her probationary period and this was accepted by the Council.
66	COMMON LAND REGISTRATION: It was agreed to defer this item indefinitely but to continue to monitor the situation.
67	MAY DAY MARKET AND WELLS DRESSING:
67.1	<i>Funds raised:</i> Cllr Leach reported that Mrs Renfree had advised that the Wells Dressing Funds had been donated to the Air Ambulance, the Methodist Chapel and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. The Clerk reported that she had not yet received a report on the other market stalls and it was agreed that a reminder be sent to the Secretary.
67.2	<i>Market Day Insurance:</i> It was agreed that this should be pursued with the Market Secretary.
68	REVIEW OF COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT WITH VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS: Deferred to next meeting
69	RENOVATION OF SCHOOL FIELD: Deferred to next meeting.
70	FERE MERE:
70.1	<i>Weed problem:</i> It was decided that the only way to deal with this is by dragging the weed out. It will then be left on the banks, close to the water, for a couple of days to allow the wildlife to return to the water. After that it can be dragged to the small copse. The Chairman agreed to organise a working party.
70.2	<i>Residents Fishing Permits:</i> The Chairman agreed to discuss this with Mr Harris.
71	DCC FOOTPATHS MINOR MAINTENANCE SCHEME: A questionnaire had been received seeking Council’s views on amendments to the scheme. It was agreed to send this to Cllr Macdonald.
72	POT HOLE ON CAR PARK: Cllr Woolley sent a message that he will repair the small pot hole on the car park.
73	BAGSHAW DALE FOOTPATH; Cllr Mrs Scoggins reported that the footpath at the entrance to the dale had been mowed.
	The meeting closed at 10.00pm.