

Sheriff Hutton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday, 13th June 2008 at 7.30 pm.

Councillors present: D Wooles (Vice Chairman, acting Chairman), Mrs P Bean, Mrs J Calvert,
B Parkinson and N Anfield

Apologies received from Councillors D Weston (Chairman) and I Read.

No members of the Public present.

1 Minutes

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting of 9th May 2008 and the Special Meeting of 3rd June 2008 were approved and signed and dated by the Chairman.

2 Matters For Report

2.1 Condition of Posts and Railings around the Village Green

Cllr Mrs Bean stated that the works required for painting and staining of the posts and railings had started and would extend around to Main Street. Certain rails and posts needed replacement and she is seeking a quote from Jock Fairclough to attend to these items and to include the posts and railings up to the bus shelter at the Green. It is envisaged that the works will take about one month to complete. The task is being carried out by a Student under the supervision of a Resident.

2.2 Relocation of Mono-pole from Daskett Hill: Up to Date Position

A letter to be sent to Ofcom requesting the testing for emissions from the Mono-Pole to ensure that they comply with international guidelines.

2.3 Complaint to Local Authority Ombudsman: Present position

Cllr Mrs Calvert raised points that she would like to include in her letter to the Ombudsman in reply to his decision on her Complaint. The decision did not in fact add anything to that already made by Ryedale DC and she felt that the Ombudsman had 'fudged' its decision and it was necessary to set out in what respect the Ombudsman had failed to address the main issues. Cllr Mrs Calvert will send a letter in reply and circulate it to Councillors and she will also complete and return the Audit Request Form. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Calvert on behalf of the Council for her efforts in the matter of the Complaint.

2.4 Accounts 2007/2008: Approval and Completion

The Accounts and accompanying papers had been circulated to Parish Councillors and no queries were raised on the contents. Councillors passed a Resolution unanimously to give authority to the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the Annual Return and for the Chairman to sign the Minute of the Resolution giving effect to these matters and the Risk Assessment Register.

2.5 Trees in the Village: Report

Cllr Parkinson reported that the Plan identifying the Trees in the Village was almost complete and the photographs of those trees had virtually all been taken. The Chairman suggested that the question of the trees should come off the regular Agenda for the time being and a Resolution was made and approved by all Councillors.

2.6 Village of the Year Competition

Cllr Mrs Bean announced that the Application had progressed to the next round and will involve an inspection on 30th June 2008. Residents will be involved to speak on various aspects of Village life and there will be particular emphasis placed on different age groups. Given the fact that inspectors have limited time there will be static displays in the Village Hall which they will be able to walk round and look at. Cllr Wooles will give a short address on the Parish Plan and future intentions and the inspectors will

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then leave for further deliberation and report.

2.7 Hand Rails in Calverts Garth

The hand rails have been installed and this fact has been noted by Councillors. There was however still the question of the hand rails on the other side of the road (outside Hillview House in East End) which the Clerk will pursue.

2.8 Trimming of the Growth in Ginnel next to the Primary School

The Clerk announced that NYCC was planning to resurface the passageway during the School Summer Holidays. The Councillors agreed that the ginnel had now been tidied up and made safer but there was still a tree overhanging the passage way which the owners of the land on which it was situated had not dealt with. It will become a problem again when the evenings become darker and the Clerk will pursue the matter with the owners.

2.9 Parish Liaison Meeting

Cllr Parkinson attended this meeting and reported that the position over rights of affordable housing may possibly result in claims in the courts and that this is something that will have to be watched in the future. It was proposed that there would be new titles for the Heads of Department dealing with matters such as affordable housing although there seemed little point in this unless such officers were both given powers and the necessary authority to take concerns forward. The arrangements for refuse collections now seem to be working satisfactorily. Other matters are planned for discussion in the future which will be of interest and concern to Parish Councillors and certainly this Meeting was well attended.

2.10 Insurance Claim: Seat in Square

Councillors noted a letter from the driver of the car causing the damage in the village and a further update was awaited.

2.11 Grass Cutting

The Clerk stated that final details have now been agreed with Contractors with regard to the areas to be cut. The next cut will be during the week commencing Monday 16th June 2008 and it is hoped that a cut will be completed immediately before the inspection for the Village of the Year Competition.

2.12 Quality Councils: Future Agenda

In view of shortage of time and with two Councillors being absent the Chairman felt that this was a matter that either should be discussed at a later date or put over to a Special Meeting. Parish Councillors agreed.

2.13 Walk Around the Village: Report

Cllr Mrs Bean said that she would ask Philip Barber to attend to the remaining items from the list prepared after the walk round pending the appointment of a new Handyman. Parish Councillors agreed.

2.14 Highways: Matrix Letter 15/5/08

The letter from NYCC circulated to Parish Councillors was noted. Further updates are awaited.

3 Correspondence

3.1 Letter from Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau

Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau are inviting applications for the appointment of Trustees. Anyone interested must arrange for a Proposer and Seconder whose permission has been obtained. A nomination form must be completed and submitted in time before the AGM which takes place on Thursday 3rd July, 2008 at 6.30pm in Ryedale Community House, Wentworth Street, Malton YO17 7BN. The Clerk is to place an advertisement in the Village News and to provide nomination forms for any interested parties.

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3.2 Speed Restriction Notice NYCC dated 7/5/08

NYCC have confirmed that a speed restriction of 20mph is to be installed around the perimeter of the Primary School from West End Lane into Castle View. A schedule of dates for installation will be provided as soon as it is to hand.

4 Planning Applications

4.1 Application 08/00074/FUL: Erection of two storey extension to front of existing two storey extension (retrospective application) at 21 Old Mill View, Sheriff Hutton dated 20/5/08. Approval granted by Ryedale DC noted by Councillors.

4.2 Application 08/00532/FUL: Ms Linda Harris: Erection of a conservatory at The Oaks, High Stittenham, York YO60 7TL. Parish Councillors agreed to support the application in its present form.

4.3 Application 08/00515/FUL: Mr J Cleather: Erection of a 4-bedroom detached dwelling with attached single garage at land adjacent to Halfway House, Main Street, Sheriff Hutton. Parish Councillors agreed to support this application in its present form provided that the proposed works do not extend beyond the Development Line.

5 Payments & Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

5.1 Clerk's salary (May quarter)	
5.2 Tax on Clerk's salary (May quarter)	
5.3 Copying of Grass Cutting Plan	£20.00
5.4 Printing Expenses Parish Plan (Express Printing UK Ltd)	£231.48 (Vat £34.48)
5.5 Fee for 3 persons to attend Regional Conference, Harrogate	£135.12 (Vat £20.12)
5.6 Street Lighting Repair Ryedale DC (ref 127581/2738)	£27.28 (Vat £4.06)
5.7 Grass Cutting April & May 2008 (ISS)	£1,200.00 (Vat £210.00)
5.8 Street Lighting 1/4/2007 to 31/3/2008 (AccNo J2720002)	£1,482.95 (Vat £259.52)
5.9 Light Meters 1/4/2007 to 31/3/2008 (AccNo J2720001)	£32.21 (Vat £5.64)

6 Parish Plan

Cllr Wooles announced that to date 150 questionnaires had been returned by residents. Most of them were from the more elderly. A further report will be given at the next meeting.

7 Parish Website

Cllr Mrs Calvert said that the meeting previously arranged had been cancelled but arrangements were in hand to fix another date.

8 Exchange of Information

Cllr Mrs Bean stated that certain litter bins needed replacing throughout the village. Councillors agreed that both a discussion and decision of these matters should be put on the agenda for the July Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.13 pm.

The next Meeting will take place on Friday 11th July 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed:Chairman

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