

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday, 11th July 2008 at 7.30 pm.

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

No apologies were received.

One member of the Public present.

1 Minutes

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting of 13th June 2008 were approved subject to one minor amendment describing the handrails to be repaired as being outside Hillview House, East End. They were signed and dated by the Chairman.

2 Matters For Report

Condition of Posts and Railings around the Village Green

There are still some posts and rails to be repaired down Main Street. In addition a contractor has been asked by Cllr Mrs Bean to supply a quotation for extending the posts and rails around the Village Green. There is some further work still to be done in repairing and painting the existing posts and rails around the Village Green and this will be carried out by the student, after his holiday, under the supervision of Mr Barber. The Clerk stated that the student had been paid for the work completed to date being some 50 hours at £6.00 per hour (a total of £300.00 authorised by the Council under the terms of Employment entered into). **Action: Cllr Mrs Bean**

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

In support of the application to test the level of emissions Ofcom require monitoring to be carried out on at least six sites within the Village. The Parish Council has nominated eight sites at The Croft, the end of Old Mill View, Laurels Garth, the Post Office, the Primary School, the Play Area at the Village Hall, Coble Lane and the corner of Cornborough Road at the junction of the roundabout. The results will be sent to the Parish Council who will publish them in the Village News.

Complaint to Local Authority Ombudsman: Present position

A reply had been sent to the Ombudsman on 19th June 2008. A response was now to hand which will be circulated to Councillors. The one important matter that Ryedale had not dealt with was providing an apology on behalf of Ryedale DC for its failures as directed by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman had accepted this oversight and would write to Ryedale requesting such an apology. The letter received direct from Ryedale DC would be answered by the Clerk also pointing to this omission.

Action: Cllr Mrs Calvert to monitor

Litter Bins

Four Litter Bins have been identified in need of replacement. These are in West End, Main Street, East End and near the seat outside York Wines. The type of Litter Bin was identified by Councillors from the Glasdon brochure and the Clerk will order the items and arrange for them to be put up.

Action: Clerk

Children's Fair: 24th to 26th July 2008 inclusive

The Children's Fun Fair on the Village Green will take place between 24th and 26th July 2008 inclusive. The fee for this year will be £65.00 but the Organisers will be told that from next year it will be £75.00. The Clerk will write to the Organisers offering them the usual terms and conditions for occupying the Green and request sight of their Public Liability Policy.

Action: Clerk

Village of the Year Competition

On 30th June three Judges/Co-ordinators attended at the Village Hall to listen to presentations on life within the Village. Everybody worked well and the Visitors were briefly shown round the Village by Cllr Parkinson. They will report back once a decision has been made.

Signed:Chairman
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YLCA: Joint Annual Meeting on 19th July 2008

A Notice had been circulated to Councillors but it was felt that none of the topics mentioned had any relevance to Sheriff Hutton. No-one therefore wished to attend.

Action: Clerk to monitor

Insurance Claim: Seat in Square

The Clerk announced that he had made contact with the Insurers of the Driver of the offending car and had faxed a letter to them. The letter confirmed the telephone message the Clerk had been given that liability on behalf of the Insured had been admitted. The Clerk had sought details from the Insurance Company as to the information and documentation required from the Council to substantiate the loss. It usually takes 14-21 days to get a response and the Clerk will monitor progress.

Action: Clerk to monitor

Grass Cutting Contract: Report

The Clerk stated that the next month's cut would be carried out the following week. It was agreed that the grass was now looking much better and the Chairman suggested that there should be built into next year's contract a provision for a tidying up of cuttings when the areas containing daffodils were cut for the first time as it had made quite a difference this year. Such a proposal was agreed unanimously.

Quality Councils: Future Agenda

The Clerk had circulated the letter from Clare Slater with the documents she had downloaded from the Internet on the future of Parish Councils. There is possibly further information that can be supplied and the Clerk will undertake to provide this information in plenty of time for the next Meeting. It was then generally agreed that a separate Meeting would be arranged to discuss the question of whether or not Sheriff Hutton would apply for Quality Council Status.

Action: Clerk

Walk Around the Village: Report

There are still some items remaining to be pruned and trimmed such as the Laurel Bush in the Open Space at The Croft and the Holly Bush in Main Street. Cllr Mrs Bean will ask Philip Barber to undertake these tasks. Cllr Mrs Bean also said that someone in the Village wanted to instal a seat in the Open Space. It had been suggested that the person involved should write in with a formal request.

Action: Cllr Mrs Bean

Handyman: Terms of Employment

Councillors decided to advertise the Post again in the Village News offering an improved hourly rate for the job. After a short discussion Councillors agreed that a Handyman should be offered £10.00 per hour as payment for his work. It was also agreed that during negotiations with interested candidates it should be confirmed that they were covered for Public Liability Insurance and would provide their own tools.

Action: Clerk to Monitor

3 Correspondence

3.1 Notice of Closure of Public Footpaths: 27/6/08

Noted. No action to be taken.

4 Planning Applications

08/00561/FUL: Woodhouse Barry: Erection of single industrial unit (revised details to previously approved units 27-30 on application no 07/00572/MREM dated 26/9/07) at 24-30 Alan Farnaby Way Sheriff Hutton York YO60 6PG

Councillors supported the Application in its present form.

08/00600/FUL: Mr James Barrit: Erection of conservatory to rear and attached garage to replace existing detached garage at 5 Terrington View Sheriff Hutton York YO60 6QS

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Councillors supported the Application in its present form.

Hedgerow notice number 04/2004: Notice to remove hedgerow within the Parish of Westow at OS grid Reference SE 7083-7183 Seven Oaks Farm, Salton Road, Great Eddstone, Kirkbymoorside This Application was mistakenly directed to Sheriff Hutton when it referred to the Parish of Westow and was therefore not relevant for discussion.

Hedgerow notice number 03/2008: Notice to remove hedgerow within the Parish of Westow at OS Grid Reference SE 6473 Stittenham Farms, New House Farm, Sheriff Hutton This Application was mistakenly directed to Sheriff Hutton when it referred to the Parish of Westow and was therefore not relevant for discussion.

08/00436/FUL: Oak Tree House, 10 Alan Farnaby Way, Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6PG: Approved by Ryedale DC subject to conditions. Noted by Councillors.

08/00376/FUL: 1 Woodend Cottages, Ashbank lane, High Stittenham, YO60 7TW: Approved by Ryedale DC subject to conditions. Noted by Councillors.

5 Payments and Accounts

The following account was passed for payment
Grass Cutting June 2008 (ISS) £540.00 (Vat £94.50)

6 Parish Plan

Cllr Wooles stated that 380 questionnaires had been returned by residents. The Parish Plan Progress Group would give the first results of analysis of these by the end of July. It was hoped to give the final results in September.

7 Parish Website

The previous Meeting of the Sub-Committee had been cancelled but the next Meeting will take place on 23rd July 2008 at Jubilee House. Cllr Mrs Bean stated that the Judges/Coordinators of the Village of the Year Competition had been impressed by the standard of operational quality of the Website.

8 Exchange of Information

8.1 Cllr Read announced that the next Area Meeting at Ryedale will take place from 28th July 2008 at Ryedale House starting at 7.30pm.

8.2 Cllr Mrs Calvert stated that she and Cllr Anfield would like to attend a Councillor Skills Seminar in July and she will complete the Application Form and return to the Clerk to book places and pay requisite fee. Councillors agreed that both parties should attend this seminar.

The Meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

The next Meeting will take place on Friday 8th August 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed:Chairman
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