

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday, 8th August 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

One member of the Public was present.

1. Minutes

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting of 11th July 2008 were approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.

2. Matters For Report

Item 3.3 on the Agenda was dealt with first as the one of the Trustees of the Playing Fields was present and a letter from a user of the football pitch facilities had already been circulated to Councillors.

A general conversation took place when the Trustee stated that the football pitch had always been recognized as being used for organized sport. Matters had become difficult since the Village Football Club had moved and the Trustees had no funds to pay for the use and maintenance of the pitch itself. It cost £25 to cut the grass. The Trustee present stated that he had used his own funds and equipment to cut the grass. The mower was presently broken but would be repaired shortly whereupon the grass will be cut again.

The complaint about regular cutting raised in the letter of 20/7/2008 was made on behalf of a club 'Zombey Woof' who had used the pitch in the past but had not been prepared to contribute to the cutting expenses or for the use of changing rooms. The Trustee said that contact had been made with them in the past but there had not been any willingness to pay up front.

Parish Councillors stated that the complaint needs to be taken up with the Trustees and not the Parish Council although a letter had been received. Cllr Anfield stated that he knows the writer of the letter and agreed to take up the matter with 'Zombey Woof' and report back at the September Meeting.

Action: Cllr Anfield to liaise and report

2.1. Condition of Posts and Railings around the Village Green

It was agreed in advance that additional work carried out by the student could be paid when an account was submitted on the same terms and conditions as before.

Mr Fairclough's quotation as presented to Councillors for work to be carried out to the posts around the Village Green was accepted to enable the work to commence. Cllr Mrs Bean will inform him.

Action: Cllr Mrs Bean to inform Mr Fairclough

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

Cllr Mrs Calvert informed Councillors that the emissions of radio waves had been measured at the various sites in the Village on 6th August 2008. The results will be circulated to Councillors when they are received.

Action: Cllr Mrs Calvert to monitor

2.3. Complaint to Local Authority Ombudsman: Present position

Cllr Mrs Calvert stated that the letter that had been received from Ryedale DC did not contain a proper apology as directed by the Ombudsman. She has made an appointment to see the Chief Executive at the end of August to discuss this fact and secure the apology in a proper form.

With regard to the offer of a payment of £2000 in compensation Parish Councillors agreed that even though they felt that the payment was somewhat derisory no better offer could be obtained and at least something could be done with the sum in question. It was proposed and seconded to accept the sum offered and the Clerk will write to the Chief Executive accepting the payment.

Action: Cllr Mrs Calvert to monitor. Clerk to write to Chief Executive regarding payment of £2,000

2.4. Litter Bins

The Clerk stated that there had been some confusion as to whether or not retractable poles and fixtures were required for the type of bin selected. The cost of poles and fixtures is £60, with the poles representing the major expense. Cllr Parkinson said that he had some metallic poles that would probably suit the situation which could be cut down to meet the requirements. It was agreed therefore that the bins plus fixtures was all that needed to be ordered.

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Action: Clerk to order

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

The Clerk reported that the Organizers of the fair were not happy to see an increase in charges for use of the Village Green to £75 from 2009 onwards. They had said that their overheads could not justify this expense and they could not pass it on to their customers. The Clerk suggested compromising by an increase to £70 from 2009 which Councillors accepted and this was passed unanimously. The Clerk to write to the Organizers.

Action: Clerk

2.6. Village of the Year Competition

Cllr Mrs Bean stated that there would be no further news regarding the Application until October or November this year.

Action: Cllr Mrs Bean to monitor

2.7. YLCA: Joint Annual Meeting on 19th July 2008

Details of the Meeting had been circulated to Councillors and it was agreed that no action was required.

2.8. CE Electric UK: Priority Services Register

The Clerk stated that he had been approached by a resident to have her name placed on the Priority Services Register. This had now been completed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to review this matter occasionally in the future to ensure that all residents were kept aware of the services available to them. This will be done by regular insertions in the Village News.

Action: Clerk to monitor every quarter

2.9. Trees: Maps & Photographs

Cllrs Parkinson and Anfield continue to photograph and process the numbering of the trees. A further report will be given at the September Meeting.

Action: Cllrs Parkinson and Anfield to report

2.10. Quality Councils: Future Agenda

Councillors agreed that a separate meeting other than the ordinary Parish Council Meeting should be arranged to discuss the way forward. It would be helpful to have one of the full time officers from YLCA to be in attendance. The Clerk will discuss dates of availability of the Village Hall and of YLCA Officers and arrange for such a Meeting.

Action: Clerk

2.11. Walk Around the Village: Report on Outstanding Items

Cllr Mrs Bean stated that the only item outstanding from the list prepared from the walkabout was the Laurel Tree in the Open Space on The Croft. She said that one of the neighbours had enquired about having it removed as it was getting bigger and needed more attention. Councillors agreed that if the neighbours in The Croft were in agreement then this could be done but neighbours had to be consulted in the first instance.

Action: Cllr Mrs Bean

2.12. Handyman: Terms of Employment

Councillors agreed that having read the letter from the individual interested in the position that he should be offered it on a three months' trial and subject to the provisions referred to in the job advertisement in the Village News.

Action: Clerk

3. Correspondence

3.1 Bus shelter at Junction Church End/Coble Lane (2/7/08)

Councillors had read the letter received from a resident and circulated to them. They took the view that in the first instance a Meeting should be sought with Police Constable Glen Goodwill who had met with the Resident and discover what he had advised in the circumstances. The Clerk will write to the Resident to advise him of this

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proposed course of action.

Action: Clerk

3.2 Grants from John Hodgson Charitable Trust (14/7/08)

Cllr Mrs Calvert will let Councillors know as and when any Applications are made for Grants to the John Hodgson Charitable Trust. There has been no response to the letter of 14/07/08 circulated to Councillors.

Action: Cllr Mrs Calvert to monitor

3.3 Grass Cutting: Football Pitch

See Section 2 above.

3.4 Bus Stop Improvements: Scotchman Lane A64 (30/7/08)

Councillors had read the letter received from NYCC indicating that funds for the current financial year did not allow for the improvement works to be undertaken. This matter will have to be reviewed in the next financial year.

3.5 Street Signs (30/7/08)

The Clerk informed Councillors that Ryedale DC has agreed to replace the cul-de-sac sign (not nameplate as referred to in the letter) at Old Mill View. The Village Sign on the Bulmer Road will be replaced at the expense of the Parish Council although Ryedale DC will order it and pass on the expense. Councillors asked the Clerk to speak to Richard Marr at NYCC to see if this is an expense that can be passed on to NYCC.

Action: Clerk

4. Planning Applications

4.1. Approval by Ryedale DC of Application 08/00532/FUL: Ms Linda Harris: Erection of conservatory at The Oaks, Stittenham, YO60 7TL.

Noted

4.2. Approval by Ryedale DC of Application 08/00561/FUL: Woodhouse Barry Construction: Erection of a single Industrial Unit (revised details on approved Application 07/00572/REM) at 27-30 Alan Farnaby Way, Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6PG.

Noted

4.3. 08/00707/FUL: Mr I Newman: Erection of single storey extension to rear of 3 Castle Side, Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6RF.

Councillors supported this Application in its present form.

4.4. 08/00685/FUL: Mr Peter Simmons: Erection of a three bedroom dwelling with attached garage (revision of Approval 07/01012/FUL) at Land adjacent to Holly Tree Cottage, Coble Lane, Sheriff Hutton.

Councillors supported this Application in its present form.

4.5. 08/00665: Mr D Unsworth: Erection of extension to existing garage, lean-to extension to west elevation and sunroom to south elevation at Dudley Hill Farm, Whenby Lane, Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6RU

Councillors supported this Application in its present form.

4.6. 08/00688/MREM: Woodhouse Barry Construction: Erection of 9no Industrial Units (Outline Approval 05/00214/MOUNT dated 16/8/05) at Industrial Estate, York Road, Sheriff Hutton.

Councillors supported this Application in its present form although the letter attached to the Application refers to a second floor at the Unit which is quite clearly incorrect as it a single floor construction.

4.7. 08/00723/FUL: Mr C Massey: Erection of detached building, farming agricultural vehicle store, garage and tack room (refused 07/00943/FUL dated 13/12/07) at Long Acre, The Green, Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6SB.

Parish Councillors decided to object to the proposed development as it was to be sited outside the

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Building Development Line. Earlier objections to proposed developments in July and November 2007 were also made for the same reason.

- 4.8. 08/00750/FUL: Mr C Lockwood: Erection of a conservatory at Field House, Finkle Street, Sheriff Hutton YO60 6RQ.
Supported by Parish Councillors in its present form.

5. Payments and Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

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| 5.1. Grass Cutting July 2008 (ISS) | £634.50 (Vat £94.50) |
| 5.2. Grass Cutting: Removal of Grass June 2008 | £1057.50 (Vat £157.50) |
| 5.3. Grass Cutting: Additional Work at Village Hall | £94.00 (Vat £14.00) |
| 5.4. Viking Direct: Stationery | £183.32 (Vat £27.30) |
| 5.5. Expenses for Parish Plan Progress Group | £40.00, £35.32, £24.44, £20.00, £72.83
(total £192.29) |
| 5.6. Clerk's Quarterly salary | |
| 5.7. Tax for Clerk's Quarterly salary | |

6. Parish Plan

Cllr Wooles stated that there was nothing to report.

7. Parish Website

Cllr Mrs Calvert stated that action was proposed to set up a Village Blog and Parish Council Minutes were already being placed on the Website. The next Meeting of the Committee will be in October 2008.

8. Exchange of Information

- 8.1 Councillors were concerned as to the standard of work for patching up the ginnel off West End Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact Ryedale DC to communicate this view as the present works left both an uneven surface and unsightly patching.

Action: Clerk

- 8.2 A concern was expressed about the grass verges in York Road where Woodhouse Barry had put in a pathway from the Industrial Estate. Residents had had difficulty cutting the grass outside their properties as the path is not at the same level as the grass. If Woodhouse Barry will not do anything then Mr Richard Marr of NYCC could be contacted as this is a Highway matter.

Action: Clerk

- 8.3 It was stated that deep wheel ruts are a danger in the grass verge at the Mini-Roundabout on the Farlington Road. NYCC will be asked to attend a site meeting with a view to making good.

Action: Clerk

- 8.4 It appears that a Jewson van or lorry delivering to Castlegarth Cottage Finkle Street has knocked off one of the direction posts to a path sign near to the Village Hall. The Resident of the Cottage should have this fact pointed out to her in the hope that her builder can replace the sign while he is on site.

Action: Clerk

- 8.5 There appeared to have been no news for some time regarding the Application to NYCC to convert the Coach Road into a public right of way. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

Action: Clerk

The Meeting closed at 9.33pm.

The next Meeting will take place on Friday 12th September 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed:Chairman

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