

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday, 14th November 2008 at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologies were received from: Cllr N Anfield

Three Youth Leaders from the Village were also present.

1 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last Meeting were approved subject to 2 amendments. Apologies should be adjusted to indicate that Cllr Mrs Bean was absent on Council business. Paragraph 4.4 should be adjusted to 'all the trees had now been numbered but only one third have been photographed so far'.

The Minutes were duly amended and signed and dated by the Chairman.

2 Matters for Report

2.1 Young People Participation: Discussion

The three Youth Leaders, Mark Jackson, Tim Hunt and Melanie Hunt were invited to join in the discussion.

The Council has previously agreed that it is necessary to make an effort to integrate the young into Village Life, so that they can, in liaison with the Council, put forward proposals for projects which could involve themselves.

It is understood that there are 25 members of the Village Youth Club but approximately 150 young people in the Village travel to school by bus every day.

The Youth Leaders were asked their opinions on how integration could best be achieved. They stated that parents and children were willing to assist in the raising of funds for projects, and the main problem is to identify a group who are able to work together. They were asked to identify interested parties and possible projects and to return to the Council to discuss the results and take the matter on from there. Council agreed that they would put forward a Member to participate in the group and that an agenda to layout future plans would ultimately be required.

It was suggested that a possible way forward could be to identify Youth Councils in the area who could provide knowledge of the way to start. The Area Representative of YLCA may be able to provide a contact and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary enquiries.

The Youth Leaders also stated that they understood a bus was touring certain areas giving advice on Clubs to the youngsters. It is in effect a Mobile Youth Club. The Clerk was asked to find out which areas were covered by this service.

On 4th December the Youth Club is expecting a visit from a Community Representative to give advice on all matters of interest.

2.2 Daffodils: Further Planting: Report

A number of daffodils have been planted with the help of certain residents and children near the hedge at the mini-roundabout. They will plant further bulbs during the course of the next 12 months at the appropriate planting time.

Action: Cllr Mrs Calvert

2.3 Christmas Tree in the Square: Switching on Lights/Unmetered Electricity Supply

It was agreed that the Christmas Lights will be switched on in a ceremony on 6th December 2008 and switched off on 3rd January 2009. The lights will be put up by Cllr Weston, with assistance, on 30th November 2008.

Cllr Weston will look into the setting up of a form of timer for the lights to switch on/off automatically. They will normally be on daily between 3.30pm and midnight, but it was agreed that they should remain on until at 1am on Christmas Day morning and New Years Day morning.

It was agreed that Cllr Weston will purchase new lights on behalf of the Parish to replace breakages.

Action: Cllr Weston

2.4 Trees: Maps and Photographs: Pruning Plan

It was agreed to put this over to the next Meeting as Cllr Anfield was not present. A discussion then

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took place about pruning. This had last taken place in 2005. It was agreed to reconsider the need for this when the next Village Walk About takes place.

2.5 Bus Shelter: Report

The bus shelter at the Village Green has been painted with anti burglar paint on the roof to prevent the possibility of accidents caused by persons attempting to climb on to it. The wooden fascia has been tidied up and repainted.

2.6 Precept 2009/2010

A discussion took place regarding the fixing of a precept for 2009/2010 and consideration of the Budget for Income and Expenditure anticipated for the coming Financial Year. A number of views were expressed and it was agreed by a majority vote, proposed by Cllr Wooles and seconded by Cllr Mrs Bean, to increase the figure by 7% from that fixed last year.

Action: Clerk to complete form and submit request

Cllr Mrs Calvert wished it to be recorded that she disagreed with the figure resolved and thought the increase should only be 5%. It was quite clear that all councillors believed that Projects for next year will have to be considered carefully to keep them in line with the funding available.

2.7 John Hodgson Charities: Report of Last Meeting

Cllr Mrs Calvert said that it was the view of the Trustees that a number of persons were not receiving adequate benefit with maximum funds available for distribution amounting to under £1,000 per annum. Consideration is being given to a merger with other Charities in the York area. Much consideration will be given to these matters and Cllr Mrs Calvert will report back to the Council.

Action: Cllr Mrs Calvert

2.8 Road Verge Conservation: Discussion

Councillors felt that there was a need to get the views of residents in the Village. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Calvert will put a notice in the Village News asking residents to say how they feel about this topic and make recommendations.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact NYCC to find out why the ruts in the verge on York Road and at the mini-roundabout have not yet been dealt with despite promises to do so.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Mrs Calvert.

2.9 Parking on and Damage to Village Green: Action to be Taken

It was agreed that the owner of the house at the north end of the Village Green who had dug out the green to park his vehicle should be requested to reinstate it. It was both a Civil and Criminal Offence to act as he had done. The Clerk will provide 20 Bye-Laws notices to Cllr Weston who will deliver them to houses around the Village Green. A letter will be sent to the agent of the purchaser in respect of the sale of the property. Cllr Parkinson made a comment at this juncture to say that the Village Green sign is hanging off and it was agreed that the Handyman will be asked to repair it.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Weston

2.10 Open Space in Croft: Archiving of Deeds

The Clerk stated that he had the deeds to the Open Space as registration at the Land Registry of the Council's Title had now been concluded. It was agreed that the deeds should go to the Council's Bank, HSBC in Malton, for safe keeping.

Action: Clerk

2.11 Grass Cutting 2009/2010: Discussion

It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries for quotes for next year. He will talk to other Parish Clerks who use grass cutting contractors.

Action: Clerk

2.12 Maintenance of Trees and Hedges: Castle View/Old Mill Lane/Outside Village Hall

The Clerk stated that the matters referred to in the agenda in Castle View, Old Mill Lane and outside

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the Village Hall had been attended to.

The hedge outside the Village Hall was the responsibility of the Village Hall Trustees and not the Parish Council.

Ryedale Housing Association had dealt with the trees in Old Mill Lane and Sam Dickson had been asked to look at the tree in Castle View.

2.13 Village Sign: Report

The Clerk stated that he had now picked up the Village Sign and has spoken to the Handyman about fixing it. This will be dealt with along with the other jobs which are to be referred to him.

Action: Clerk

2.14 Handyman: Authority for work including additional work on seats

It was agreed that the Handyman should have authority to carry out the additional work referred to in these minutes including the two seats in Main Street near the Post Office and at the top of the hill as they required treating. Cllr Mrs Bean said that the work carried out on the seat in Coble Lane had been incorrectly done as it should have been treated with a Stain rather than the Varnish which was used. She will put matters in hand with Jean Farnaby to correct the work done.

Action: Cllr Mrs Bean

2.15 Compensation from RDC: Project discussion

It was agreed that the £2,000 recovered from RDEC over the Monopole issue should be the subject for further discussion at the December Meeting. Projects will need to be considered then. It was suggested that one issue might be the costing of electricity charges for streetlights. An investigation would need to be carried out regarding the costing of replacement with low energy bulbs. The Clerk will contact Mr David Summers of the Property Department at RDC to provide information and costings.

Action: Clerk

2.16 Installation of Seat in Old Mill Lane

Cllr Mrs Bean said that the installation of the seat which had been acquired for Old Mill Lane and which she has in her possession will be carried out in the New Year

Action: Cllr Mrs Bean

2.17 Sheriff Hutton Parish Council won both the categories for 'Business' and 'Communication' in the Calor Village of the Year Competition 2008. It was agreed, after discussion, that the prizes of £100 won in each category should be passed to the Village News and the Village Hall respectively as contributions towards their costs.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Mrs Bean said that it transpired at the Winners Presentation Ceremony that another Village had come up with the idea of a Welcome Pack to be given to all new people coming to the Village. A Pack had been designed by Husthwaite, who won this category, and it was agreed that it could be a good idea to hand a similar one out in Sheriff Hutton with the co-operation of the Post Office.

Cllr Mrs Bean said that the winners' certificates awarded to Sheriff Hutton Parish Council could be put up in the Doctors' Room in the Village Hall. It was agreed that she would ask the Trustees to agree to this at their next Meeting on 18th November 2008.

Action: Cllr Mrs Bean

It was agreed that further consideration of publishing these awards on Council Notepaper is required.

3 Correspondence

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- 3.1 Letter from RDC 3/11/08: Parish Liaison Meeting
Councillors indicated that there was no interest to attend the Meeting.
- 3.2 SLCA Questionnaire
Councillors agreed that the Clerk should complete the questionnaire and return it
Action: Clerk
- 3.3 YRCC: Conference & AGM for 29/11/08
Councillors did not express any interest in attending.
- 3.4 White Rose Update: October 2008
Councillors had no comments to make on this update
- 3.5 Letter from Resident (13th November 2008): Re Industrial Site
The letter was a complaint regarding the continued expansion of the Industrial Site. Councillors pointed out that outline planning permission for the Industrial Site with the relevant sewage works had been granted some years ago.
There was a belief that additional planting of trees etc would improve the situation. There had been no increase in the overall area covered by the original outline permission. It is not possible to legislate as to who is employed from local residents and that is up to the proprietors of the businesses concerned. Councillors would oppose building outside the outline of the original plan.
Action: Clerk to write to Ryedale re further planting of trees and to inform the resident
- 3.6 Letter re planting of additional Daffodil bulbs
Cllr Weston said he had received a letter from a young resident suggesting that further bulbs could be planted in front of the Village Signs at the entrance to the Village. Cllr Weston will phone to confirm Council agreement to the proposal on the proviso that the flowers do not obstruct the signs.
Action: Cllr Weston
- 3.7 Potholes
Councillors advised that there were two potholes which were in Warwick Close on the junction of Back Lane. The Clerk will notify NYCC
Action: Clerk
- 3.8 Streetlights
The Clerk stated that he had received reports that the streetlights were out by the Lodge in York Road, outside the Old School House and outside Mrs Farnaby's house in North Garth Lane. He has reported these matters to Ryedale DC and repairs are in hand.
- 4 Planning Applications
- 4.1 08/00983/FUL: Mr & Mrs Jeffrey: Erection of part two-storey/part single-storey extension to include dormer window and single-storey extension to form an orangery at Holly Tree Cottage, Main Street, Sheriff Hutton YO60 6SS
Councillors supported this Application in its present form.
- 4.2 08/00948/FUL: Mr I Downing: Erection of single storey extension to side and conservatory to rear at 12 Laurels Garth, Sheriff Hutton YO60 6SE
Councillors supported this Application in its present form.
- 4.3 08/00964/FUL: Image Playground (Mr J Musker): Erection of extension to existing industrial unit at 4-6 Alan Farnaby Way, Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6PG
Councillors supported this Application in its present form.
- 4.4 08/00831/FUL: Mr N Marwood: Erection of two storey extension to north elevation at Glebe Farm, Coble Lane, Sheriff Hutton YO60 6SAU

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Application approved by Ryedale DC subject to conditions. Noted.

- 4.5 08/00836/LBC: Dismantling and rebuilding of tomb at Tomb of the Atlay Family, Church of St Helen and The Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton
Consent granted by Ryedale DC subject to conditions. Noted.

5 Receipts and Payments

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| 5.1 | Receipt: NYCC Grass Cutting Grant | £2,431.45 |
| 5.2 | Receipt: Second half of 2008/9 Precept from RDC | £6,500 |

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| 5.3 | Clerk's Salary (November Quarter) | |
| 5.4 | PAYE on above | |
| 5.5 | ISS Grass cutting (July extra work) | £117.50 (incl VAT £17.50) |
| 5.6 | ISS Grass cutting (Sept/October) | £634.50 (incl VAT £94.50) |
| 5.7 | ISS Grass cutting (November) | £634.50 (incl VAT £94.50) |
| 5.8 | D Weston: Anti-Burglary Paint | £23.98 |
| 5.9 | D Weston: Warning Signs – bus shelter | £47.97 |
| 5.10 | Parish Plan Progress Group Expenses | |
| | R Haste | £75.43 |
| | Mrs S Rhodes | £13.44 |
| | Mrs M Thompson | £115.00 |
| | Mrs M Hunt | £45.24 |
| | D Pomfret | £22.00 |
| | Print Solutions | £35.54 (incl VAT £5.29) |

The following account was presented at the Meeting and approved for payment

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| 5.11 | Handyman charges for work carried out to bus shelter and seat | £133.10 |
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6 Parish Plan

Cllr Wooles announced that the Exhibition of the Plan was a success. The draft of the proposals is now completed and the Parish Plan Progress Group are proceeding to the Editorial stage.

7 Parish Website

Cllr Mrs Calvert had nothing to report

8 Exchange of Information

- 8.1 It was agreed that the Clerk would chase Richard Marr at NYCC regarding production of the proposals for parking in Main Street.

Action: Clerk

- 8.2 Cllr Mrs Calvert will speak to the Head of the Primary School with the proposal that they should go back to the old arrangement of collecting children inside the school grounds at the end of school each day.

Action: Cllr Mrs Calvert

- 8.3 The Clerk stated that the quote for the Notice Board to be made for Church End had been received and was for £449.92. Councillors approved this amount and the Clerk will apply for a Grant from NYCC.

Action: Clerk

The Meeting ended at 9.56 pm.

The Next Meeting will take place on 12th December 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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