

Sheriff Hutton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday, 8th May 2009.

Councillors present: D Wooles (Vice Chairman acting as Chairman), Mrs J Calvert, B Parkinson, N Anfield and I Read.

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Weston (Chairman) and Mrs P Bean.

1 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last Meeting were approved without alteration and signed and dated by the Acting Chairman.

2 Election of Officers

It is the Policy of the Council that the Chairman serves for two years at any one time. Our present Chairman, Cllr Dave Weston, has now served two years. Replacement officers were sought for the following:

2.1 Chairman: The appointment of Cllr Wooles was proposed by Cllr Read and seconded by Cllr Parkinson and approved unanimously. There were no other nominations.

2.2 Vice Chairman: The appointment of Cllr Mrs Calvert was proposed by Cllr Read and seconded by Cllr Anfield and approved unanimously. There were no other nominations.

2.3 It was proposed by Cllr Read and seconded by Cllr Parkinson that the existing Representatives for the Village Charities, Cllr Mrs Penny Bean and Cllr Dave Weston and Substitute Cllr Douglas Wooles should continue in their roles.

2.4 It was proposed by Cllr Read and seconded by Cllr Anfield that Cllr Mrs Calvert should continue as the Representative for the John Hodgson Charity.

2.5 It was proposed by Cllr Parkinson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Calvert that Cllr Mrs Bean and Cllr Read should continue as the two Representatives for the Ryedale Branch of the Local Councils' Association and Substitute should be the Clerk, Mr Taylor as before.

3 Matters for Report

3.1 Parking in the Main Street: to consider Site Meeting with NYCC

The Clerk confirmed to Councillors that a Meeting would be undertaken with a Representative of NYCC on Tuesday 12th May 2009 with Cllrs Wooles and Parkinson in attendance with the Clerk. A report will be made at the June Council Meeting.

3.2 Village Green: Various Matters affecting Bye-Laws

It had been agreed at a Meeting with the resident who required access from her property to the pathway around the Village Green that she could lay Coir Matting or the like. This provision compared with previous consents given to the Castle Inn and other houses around the Green.

3.3 Councillors' Training and Development Program 2009

see 3.4 below.

3.4 Joining the Council & Councillor Skills Training

Considered with 3.3 above. It was agreed that, Councillors having seen a copy of the training program, a number of the proposed seminars had already passed. It was felt that a more up to date program was required. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the July/August Meetings.

3.5 Verge Conservation: to agree Program

Cllr Mrs Calvert informed the Meeting that this program was to be carried out under the Parish Council umbrella and would be supervised by a resident. Grants had been applied for to obtain tools. There will need to be prepared a risk assessment and this will have to be put to the Insurers who cover the local Council.

Cllr Mrs Calvert then went on to deal with low energy lighting. As a result of the Meeting she had attended at NYCC Offices it was clear that there were more streetlights in the Village

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which were the responsibility of NYCC than were the responsibility of the Parish Council. Historically the Parish Council had wanted it this way. A contract had been entered into between the Parish Council and Ryedale DC to repair the lights. For identification purposes the black boxes with yellow markers belong to the Parish Council. Before low energy equipment can be considered the Parish Council must carry out an assessment of requirements. NYCC informed Mrs Calvert that there is a recommended life of 2-4 years for sodium lights. She was also informed that the supplier of Electricity could be changed to Scottish and Southern Energy who supply electricity to NYCC and have a lower tariff of charge. Cllr Mrs Calvert with the help of two residents will undertake the required assessment.

4 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss

5 Planning Applications

5.1 09/00188/FUL: WH Lockwood & Co: Erection of agricultural building for the housing of livestock at Golden Flatts Farm Buildings Daskett Hill Sheriff Hutton
Cllrs agreed to support this Application in its present form.

5.2 09/00269/HOUSE: Mrs E Grout: Erection of conservatory at Lavender Cottage Sheriff Hutton York YO60 6SX
Cllrs agreed to support this Application in its present form.

5.3 09/00294/HOUSE: Dr Robert Glover: Erection of a two-storey linking extension between dwelling and pool building at Cottage Farm Cottage Lane Sheriff Hutton York YO60 6SD
Cllrs agreed to support this Application in its present form.

5.4 09/00337/ADV: Sheriff Hutton Cricket Club (Mr E Taylor): Display of 1 no. non-illuminated post mounted 'V' name/sponsors sign at Sheriff Hutton Cricket Club, Finkle Street, Sheriff Hutton.
Cllrs agreed to support this Application in its present form.

6 Receipts & Payments

6.1 Receipt of first instalment of Parish Precept 09/10 £6,955

Payments:

Councillors agreed to pay the following accounts:

6.2 Clerks Salary (May Quarter)

6.3 PAYE Tax Clerk's Salary (May Quarter)

6.4 Grass Cutting April : ISS Waterers £654.84 (incl VAT £84.24)

6.5 Council Insurance 2009/10: Allianz £305.64

7 Parish Website

No report

8 Parish Plan

The Acting Chairman had approached Mr Haste who as a result has undertaken to Chair an Open Meeting to invite new residents to help take the provisions of the Parish Plan forward. The Acting Chairman will report back in due course.

9 Exchange of Information

9.1 The Acting Chairman asked the Clerk to contact NYCC about trimming back the pathway alongside the highway of York Road (more particularly the straight section down to the Lodge).

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- 9.2 The Acting Chairman asked the Clerk to request the Handyman to trim the Holly bush outside the Post Office and to be savage with trimming the nettles around the base.
- 9.3 Cllr Mrs Calvert announced that visitors to the Primary School from abroad were coming back for a final celebration of the Commensius on 19th May 2009 from 1 pm to 4 pm. She asked that the Chairman together with any other Councillors be present although the Chairman would be more particularly welcome. If this date is inconvenient then an alternative for 18th May 2009 at 9.30am would be acceptable. The Chairman will attend on one of the dates.
- 9.4 Cllr Mrs Calvert announced that the John Hodgson Charity was proposing to merge with another Charity. The difficulty at the moment is that the proposed Charities are in the York area and therefore out of the Ryedale 'Constituency'. Sheriff Hutton money has to be identified if this merger takes place and Cllr Mrs Calvert is concerned that the interests of Sheriff Hutton are not overlooked. Cllr Mrs Calvert will report back when progress is made.
- 9.5 The Clerk announced that bins have to be ordered and a Dog Litter bin costs £234.92 + Vat and a hooded Litter bin costs £178.11 + Vat. These bins are to be installed at the top of Coble Lane and on Back Lane. Councillors approved the costs and the Clerk will order them.
- 9.6 Cllr Parkinson asked if Archiving could be placed on the June agenda and the Clerk was so instructed.
- 9.7 The Acting Chairman said he had heard a rumour that two farmers in the Parish had been asked if they would consider having Wind Farms on their properties. Given the adverse publicity an eye will have to be kept open for developments but it was suggested that the Clerk should speak to Ryedale DC to see if Planning Permission or License has to be obtained from them or another body before the installation can proceed.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The next Meeting will be held on Friday 12th June 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.