

Sheriff Hutton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday, 11th December 2009.

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

Apologies were received from Councillors: B Parkinson and N Anfield.

- 1 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Were approved subject to two minor amendments:
3.3 'PARISH Clerk'
3.6 'tree could NOT stand the weight of the lights'
The Chairman signed and dated the minutes.
- 2 Matters for Report
 - 2.1 Report on Drains in Main Street
Cllr Weston said that he had spoken to the Resident most affected by this problem and he was happy now that the pipes had been moved to another drain. It was agreed that the parties would wait and see what happens in the future.
 - 2.2 Progress on Matrix in Hovingham: Report
Richard Marr of NYCC had responded to the query and said that whilst Hovingham was a separate matter for which the Matrix there had been made permanent he will contact the Clerk to discuss dates of availability for the travelling Matrix to be put in place in the village in the New Year.
 - 2.3 Budget/Fixing of Precept for 2010/2011
Councillors considered the Budget Report prepared by the Clerk and after discussion it was agreed that there should be an increase in the Precept for the coming Financial Year. It was decided by a vote to increase the Precept by 2% to £14,188. The Resolution was proposed by Cllr Mrs Calvert and seconded by Cllr Read. The form was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk.
 - 2.4 Archiving: Report on Seminar on 23/11/2009
Councillors were informed by the Chairman about the Seminar he had attended with Cllr Weston and the Clerk on 23/11/2009.
It was agreed that the Parish Council needed to consider the documents that it wished to keep. It was further agreed that a Policy Document needed to be prepared to structure the Archiving System and to enable the Parish Council to comply with the Freedom of Information Act and that a sub-committee should meet comprising the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Weston to agree the form of this Policy Document.
 - 2.5 Pathway between Village Hall and The Lodge
The Clerk reported to Councillors the complaint he had received from a Resident concerning the state of the path along York Road between the 30mph sign at the York end of the Village and the Lodge. The Handyman had quoted for 4 days work at a cost of approximately £200. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Richard Marr asking for NYCC to undertake the work as it is a Highway matter. County Cllr Clare Wood should receive a copy of the letter which should cite the Health and Safety aspect of the problem as Carers and Elderly and Disabled persons are severely affected by the condition of the footpath.
 - 2.6 Grass Cutting: Contract for 2010/2011
Councillors considered the 3 estimates that had been obtained for Grass-Cutting next year. After due consideration it was agreed that the quotation of Mr Ian Wood should be accepted subject to the 2 referees he had provided giving satisfactory references. The Clerk was instructed to pursue this matter and, if references were acceptable, with

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delegated authority, to offer Mr Wood the contract on the terms he had quoted for.

- 2.7 Christmas Lights: Report
Cllr Mrs Bean confirmed that the opening ceremony went well but in view of the new display no bucket collection was taken. It was agreed that the tree and the lights were very satisfactory and a credit to all involved. As usual Father Christmas attended.
- 2.8 Report on Police Meeting at Village Hall on 19/11/2009
The Chairman reported on the Meeting.
He had raised the issue of speeding traffic through the village.
The question of employing volunteers using speed guns gained no support from either those attending the Meeting or Officers of the Police who were present. Training is an issue and there are no resources available at the moment.
The question of a White Van seen selling fish in the Village was raised. The Police were aware of this fact and it had been seen in other villages.
It was stated that the arrangement regarding installation of the Travelling Matrix was not affected by anything discussed at the Meeting.
- 2.9 Parish Council Dinner: Fixing Dates and Venue
It was generally agreed that the dinner would take place at the Durham Ox on 26/2/2010 subject to availability of the restaurant. The Clerk is to organize.
- 2.10 Telephone Pole in West End: Discussion
Cllr Mrs Calvert informed Councillors that there had been a problem with regard to the telephone service to 6 houses in West End. Without consultation BT had erected a telegraph pole rather than lay a cable in the ground. This was unsightly and one resident in particular had a justifiable cause for complaint as it was in direct line of sight from his living room window. It was agreed that nothing could be done now but that the Clerk should write on behalf of the Parish Council to BT to request consultation and alternatives if such events occurred again.
- 2.11 Service Provider for Electricity: Discussion
Cllr Mrs Calvert had distributed a Report of the 'Present Status of Street Lighting in the Village'.
It was agreed that it was necessary to organize some cleaning and maintenance of the lights in question with Ryedale DC. As far as the Service Provider was concerned it was agreed that the Parish Council should secure from NPower a repayment of the VAT reduction for the period between the time it was reduced to 15% and 31st December 2009 and also it should consult with North Yorkshire Electricity about changing Service Provider.
The Clerk will deal with these three requests and report back to the Council. County Cllr Mrs Wood should be copied into the correspondence.
The Chairman offered thanks to the Residents Chris Calvert and Don Pomfret who had compiled the report.
- 3 Correspondence
None
- 4 Planning Applications
- 4.1 Refusal by Ryedale DC of application 09/00965/HOUSE: Mr R Ruddy
Noted by Councillors.
- 4.2 Appeal APP0Y2736/A/09/2116551 to Application 09/00634/FUL: Mr R Masfield
Noted by Councillors.

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- 5 Receipts
Councillors noted the following:
- 5.1 Vat Repayment £1,633.57
- 6 Payments
The following were authorized to be paid.
- 6.1 Street Light Fault £102.84 (Vat £13.41)
6.2 Street Light Fault £71.68 (Vat £9.35)
6.3 SLCC Subscription 2010/2011 £95.00
- 7 Parish Website
Cllr Mrs Calvert stated that there was no further report to be made at the present time.
- 8 Parish Plan
The Chairman said that a further meeting to discuss viability of the All-Weather pitch was planned.
He also informed Councillors that a new Local History Group was to be formed.
Further questions will be raised about the Bus Service and in particular the poor state of the Coaches.
The question of Affordable Homes for the Village has been raised with Ryedale DC but Sheriff Hutton is of low priority.
- 9 Exchange of Information
- 9.1 The Chairman informed Councillors that the road markings for Restricted Parking were in place around the Post Office in Main Street.
- 9.2 The Chairman raised the issue of the Youth Group being disappointed in their efforts to find a home for their Meetings in the Village Hall as a result of indecision by another Group. At the moment the matter is somewhat inconclusive and requires monitoring and a progress report is hoped to be available at the next Meeting.
- 9.3 Egg throwing at houses has been reported. No further information is available at the present time.
- 9.4 The lack of proper screening on the Industrial Estate is causing an eyesore to some Residents. The Clerk will check with the Planning Department at Ryedale DC to establish the extent of screening required to be undertaken by Woodhouse Barry in their Outline Planning Permission which it is believed was made in 2006.
- 9.5 The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Philip Barker, in the absence of the Handyman, to sweep the steps in the Main Street as they were slippery with grass and leaves.
- 9.6 A Notice should be inserted in the Village News to invite Villagers to put forward ideas for improving the Bus Shelter at Coble Lane to prevent the entry of wind and rain.

The Meeting ended at 9.07 pm.

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