

ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th MAY 2006 @ 7.30 p.m.

Present: T. Braithwaite (Chair)

J. Tomlinson

W. Lill

S. York

M. Howe

P. Thorndyke (Clerk to the Council)

4 members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting it was agreed unanimously by the Parish Councillors that T. Braithwaite would act as chairman.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 25th May 2005, having been previously circulated, were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRS ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman listed the major events relating to the Parish Council that had occurred since the last AGM Those were: -

3.1 The sad death, in January 2006, of the then chairman, Peter Hollis.

3.2 The appointment of a new co-opted councillor to replace Peter, Malcolm Howe.

3.3 The continuing investigation into the lack of water in the village Mar, leading to the confirmation of greater crested newts on the site. The Ponds Conservation Trust is currently preparing a report on the situation, with recommendations as to the way forward.

3.4 Following pressure from the Parish Council, the police had set up a speed measurement camera in Arkendale in March 2006, which, it is believed, will help to curb the speed of motorists using the village roads as short cuts. It was not known whether any prosecutions had resulted from the exercise.

3.5 The millennium pump seat in Arkendale had been repaired and refurbished at the Parish Council's expense.

3.6 The Parish Council had organised a village clean up weekend, which had resulted in 8 sacks of rubbish being collected from the roadside verges.

3.7 Following representations from the Parish Council, The local ballooning company had agreed to make every effort to avoid flying low over the villages in the future.

3.8 It was noted that the new trees supplied and planted by CE Electric (following a long campaign led by the Parish Council) along the road leading south from Arkendale church were thriving and adding to the attractiveness of the village.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CHAIRS ANNUAL REPORT

It was noted that the Arkendale did look more attractive following the clean up.

5. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.3.07

These were confirmed as: -

Chair: T. Braithwaite,

Vice Chair: W. Lill,

Planning: W. Lill,

Police Liaison: T. Braithwaite,

YLCA: S. York

Village Hall: M. Howe

Financial Officer: P. Thorndyke.

All the above were agreed unanimously.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31. MARCH 2004

The Parish Clerk produced the Annual Return for the year ending 31.3.06, which had been audited and agreed by C. Clarke, a local A.C.A. This showed that the balance available in the accounts of the Parishes had been £2,721 at the commencement of the year, and had grown to £3,926 at the end of the year.

The forms were to be sent to the external auditors (following formal approval by the Parish Council) then displayed on notice boards and made

available for inspection. He agreed that this would be completed by the statutory deadline of the 30th September 2006.

The Annual Return was approved unanimously by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman, as was the Statement Of Assurance (which forms part of the Annual Return).

The re-appointment of Christine Clark A.C. A. as Internal Auditor was agreed unanimously.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

These were provisionally agreed for 2006 - 2007 as July 26th 2005, September 27th 2005, November 15th 2005, January 24th 2006, March 28th 2006, May 16th 2006 (AGM). All meetings are to be held in Arkendale Parish Church on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm. Notices to be sent out confirming the date and time at least three days prior to the meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.44 pm.