

# *ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON PARISH COUNCIL.*

## *MINUTES OF A MEETING IN ARKENDALE PARISH CHURCH, WED. 17th MAY. 2006 @ 7.45 p.m.*

Present: T. Braithwaite (Chair)

W. Lill (Vice Chair)

S. York

Malcolm Howe

Peter Thorndyke (Clerk / Financial Officer to the Council)

There were four member of the public in attendance.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday March 29th 2006, as previously circulated, were approved unanimously and duly signed by the Chairman.

### **3 MATTERS ARISING**

The Chairman confirmed the finding of a major colony of greater crested newts at Arkendale village mar. Hugh Roberts of the Pond Conservation Trust would present a report at the next Parish Council meeting. No action could be taken until then.

### **4 CORRESPONDENCE**

PT listed the correspondence received since the last meeting. These would be circulated to the Parish Councillors after the meeting:

4.1 A letter from St. Bartholomew's PCC requesting financial assistance with the cost of the extended graveyard in Arkendale. This would be considered under item 5.

4.2 A letter from NYCC about tendering procedures for subsidised bus services in North Yorkshire in 2007.

4.3 A letter from HBC extending the planning permission on the Maize Maze through to 30.9.08.

4.4 A notice of a local access forum to be held in Pately Bridge on the 18th May 2006.

4.5 A letter from HBC about the Harrogate and District conservation grant scheme.

4.6 A letter from NYCC about a request by NYCC to extend the operating hours of the Allerton Park landfill site.

4.7 Minutes of the meeting of the joint executive committee of the YLCA held on the 22.4.06.

4.8 A letter from a charity - 'Vitalise' - requesting a financial contribution. It was agreed that the Parish Council were not in a position to make such contributions to non-local charities, however worthwhile.

4.9 A letter from YLCA explaining the operation of the 'Clean Neighbourhoods And Environment Act 2005'. It was decided that the Parish Council would not seek powers to prosecute or hand out fixed penalty notices for the offences referred to in the act.

4.10 Various newsletters from public organisations.

4.11 Acknowledgement of a letter sent by the Parish Council to NYCC regarding the provision of village signs.

## 5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM ARKENDALE PCC FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE FUNDING OF THE EXTENDED GRAVEYARD.

See 4.1 above. After discussion, WL proposed that the Parish Council should contribute £400. This was seconded by SY and carried unanimously.

## 6 FINANCE

The following expenditure was approved unanimously:

Peter Barker Joinery (for the repair / refurbishment of the pump seat)  
£113.98

Arkendale Parish Church (St Bartholomew's PCC), see item 5 £400.00

## 7 THE MAR

This had been discussed under item 3 'Matters arising'.

## 8. SIGNS

PT reported that he had obtained information from a resident of Flaxby concerning the village signs that they had recently erected. These had been obtained from a stone mason in Knaresborough and PT was asked to obtain a quote from that company for similar signs for Arkendale and Coneythorpe incorporating the existing metal signs currently standing on

metal posts by the roadside.

**ACTION: PT**

## 9. POLICE LIAISON

TB reported on the activity in the villages since the last meeting by the police checking the speed of motorists through Arkendale. The results of the exercise were not known. He also reported on the changes in the organisation of police coverage whereby policing areas were now allied to ward boundaries. As a result of these changes this council's area was now policed from Knaresborough instead of Boroughbridge.

## 10. PLANNING MATTERS

Four planning applications had been submitted to HBC since the last meeting:

10.1 Mr. J Alderson applied to renew unimplemented permission to convert a stable block into living accommodation at Holgate Bank Farm.

10.2 Mr Burton applied to erect a detached garage at Broom House Farm, Wincup Lane.

10.3 Mr McKenna applied to erect a first floor extension at the Granary, Coneythorpe.

10.4 Mr Bradshaw applied to erect a first floor extension at The Bothy, Coneythorpe.

The Parish Council raised no objections to any of the above. TB declared an interest on 9.1 and did not comment.

## 11. ADDITIONAL NOTICE BOARD IN ARKENDALE FOR PARISH COUNCIL USE

TB stated that the current notice board, opposite the Bluebell, was always full and untidy. It was used for community purposes such as job adverts, local attractions, theatre adverts, lost pets etc., as well as for posting notices from the Parish Council, HBC, NYCC and other public sector bodies. It was agreed that another notice board would benefit the village, and could be lockable, and reserved for official notices only. PT was asked to check whether planning permission would be required, and TB agreed to investigate from where a suitable board could be obtained.

**ACTION: PT & TB**

## 12. REPORT ON VILLAGE CLEAN UP WEEKEND

Although only six persons had attended the clean up weekend, it was considered a success since 8 bags of rubbish had been removed from the roadside. It was agreed that a similar exercise should be considered in 2007.

## 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26th in Arkendale Parish Church.

There being no further business TB closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.