

ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY HELD IN ARKENDALE PARISH CHURCH, ON WEDNESDAY. 17th MAY. 2006 @ 8.10 p.m.

Present: Ten parishioners

Tim Braithwaite agreed to act as chairman and Peter Thorndyke agreed to act as clerk to the assembly.

1. OPENING REMARKS

TB began with a few opening remarks, apologising for the delayed start and expressing a hope that more people could be persuaded to attend in future years. He emphasised that, although an agenda had been prepared, the meeting was open to anybody to 'have his or her say'.

2 VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS

The issue of rubbish falling out of waste removal lorries travelling through the village was raised. This was allied to the recent proposal from NYCC that the opening hours at the Allerton Park Landfill site are extended. PT was asked to write to NYCC expressing the concerns.

3. POLICING

It was noted that there was little evidence of police patrols in any part of the parish, however the response times when incidents were reported was considered good, therefore no action was deemed necessary.

4. THE MAR

The agenda item about the Mar in Arkendale had been overtaken by the discovery of the greater crested newts, such that all action to tidy or improve the site was now on hold pending the report from the Ponds Conservation Trust.

5. VILLAGE HALL

Discussion took place regarding the Arkendale Village Hall that, it was confirmed, had been deemed by a firm of consultant surveyors to be potentially dangerous to occupy and not worth repairing. The Village Hall Committee had commissioned an architect to design a replacement to

occupy the same site as the existing building and had distributed copies of the drawings round the village asking for comments. If no objections were raised it was intended to apply for planning permission and then seek sources of finance.

6. SPEED CHECKS IN ARKENDALE

It was noted that the speed checks had been carried out but no information as to their success was known. The parking of cars on the brow of the hill opposite the church in Arkendale was raised as a safety issue, and it was agreed that the best way forward was for individuals to point out the danger politely to anybody seen parking in that location.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the villages had been offered free daffodil and crocus bulbs by HBC. It was agreed that both should be requested with a view to planting crocuses on the grass triangle next to the church graveyard in Arkendale. Wendy Lill agreed to make the arrangements to ensure that the order was submitted in time.

Complaints were raised about the unfinished development of the old reading room and PT was asked to find out who was the owner and write to ask him what his plans were for the site.

There being no further business TB declared the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.