

ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WED. 16th MAY 2007 @ 7.30 p.m.

Present: T. Braithwaite (chairman)  
S. York  
P. Topham  
S. Shipman  
P. Thorndyke (Clerk / Financial Officer)

There were 12 members of the public in attendance, and John Watson, our local County Councillor.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

W. Lill sent her apologies

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006, 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: -

The Mar - Greater Crested Newts - TB reported that, next autumn it was intended to carry out a clearing up exercise at the Mar, supervised by a Ranger from the Ponds Conservation Trust. The presence of the newts made it difficult to undertake more extensive action.

Grant given to Arkendale PCC (£400) for the graveyard extension in Arkendale

There had been a number of changes to Parish Councillors during the year

Signs for Arkendale - a grant had been applied for and approved by HBC, but waiting for confirmation

An additional notice board in Arkendale had been procured due to the generosity of R. Bailey, for PC use only

A new notice board had been obtained for Coneythorpe, financed mainly by a grant.

Water pressure in Arkendale - remedial work had been undertaken after representations from the PC

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, the PC had applied, successfully, for planning permission for a new hall

The PC had, again, granted £50 to the Village Hall Committee to help pay for the village web site.

After testing the views of constituents, the PC had successfully resisted plans to build a joiners shop in the village.

Fly tipping and diesel spillage had been reported to NYCC by the PC on a number of occasions, and dealt with quickly and effectively.

The PC had organised another successful village clean up weekend in Arkendale, in April 2007.

The PC had made representations to HBC re parking of cars on Coneythorpe village green - the matter was ongoing.

NYCC repaired potholes in road after reports from the PC

NYCC undertook hedge clipping following the reporting of dangerous overhangs by the PC. It was noted that the area of greatest concern, i.e. on the road to Stavely near the old vicarage, had not been clipped. PTh agreed to look into this.

**ACTION: PTh**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CHAIRS ANNUAL REPORT

None.

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

These were confirmed as: -

Chair: T. Braithwaite, Vice Chair: P. Topham, Planning: S. Shipman, Police Liaison: T. Braithwaite, YLCA: S. York, Village Hall: P. Thorndyke, 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 31.3.07, 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 £3,926 at the commencement of the year, and had grown to £4,452 at the end of the year.

The forms were to be sent to the external auditors (following formal approval by the Parish Council at this AGM) then displayed on notice boards and made available for inspection. The Annual Return was approved unanimously by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman, as was the Annual Governance Statement (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 agreed for 2007 - 2008 as July 11th 2007, September 5th 2007, November 21st 2007, February 6th 2008, March 26th 2008, May 21st 2008 (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.

..... (signed)  
Chair