

ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN ARKENDALE PARISH CHURCH, TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2008 @ 7.30 p.m.

Present: T. Braithwaite (Chair)
 P. Topham
 S. Shipman
 A. Briggs
 P. Houseman
 Peter Thorndyke (Clerk / Financial Officer to the Council)
 There was one member of the public in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday December 5th 2007, as previously circulated, were approved unanimously and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Response from J. Watson re A59 junction
- 3.2 NYCC letter and CD – Minerals and Waste Strategies – submission for independent examination.
- 3.3 NYCC Winter service leaflets (please take one as blue folder is passed round).
- 3.4 YLCA Harrogate Branch meeting agenda and minutes.
- 3.5 Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the conduct of LA members in England.
- 3.6 HBC – letter re cancellation of Parish Consultation meeting.
- 3.7 HBC Local Development Framework – Public Consultation Document
- 3.8 HBC A-Z guide to services.
- 3.9 Harrogate CVS Feb 2008 newsletter.
- 3.10 HBC notes on forthcoming parish council elections.

4. FINANCE

The Parish Councillors unanimously approved the following cheque payment:

A cheque for £85.00 to Greg Johnston being the fee for repairing the Arkendale village notice board. (Paid under section 137).

It was noted that a new bank mandate was required to include AB and PH. PTh agreed to put the necessary proposal on the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTION: PTh

5. PLANNING MATTERS

It was noted that planning decisions from HBC had been received re Mr Corne's application (granted) and Ms Green's application (rejected).

SS proposed a new form (copy attached) that would be circulated with future planning applications. It was believed this would assist in tracking the forms and ensure return to HBC on time. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

ACTION: SS

6. POLICE MATTERS (SPEEDING ETC.) (INCLUDING PROPOSAL FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES)

PTh announced that he had submitted the application for a grant for traffic calming measures in Arkendale but no response had been received. It was also noted that the village sign that had been obtained from the 2006 grant for road safety improvements had still not been installed.

The problem of speeding traffic was referred to again and it was proposed that the Parish Councillors should undertake their own monitoring of traffic on the road to Ferrensby. This was agreed but dates and times would be agreed at the next meeting. In the meantime PTh was asked to tell the police what was proposed, and invite them to send a representative to the village meeting in May. He was also asked to invite a leader of the neighborhood watch scheme to the same village meeting.

ACTION: PTh

7. FLY TIPPING, VANDALISM, VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

As a result of a decision at the last meeting, PTh has contacted HBC re the provision of public waste paper bins in Arkendale, but had not received a response. He would contact them again.

ACTION: PTh

8. SECTION 137 SPENDING AND THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

A letter had been received informing the Parish Council that the amount, per elector that could be spent under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 per annum had been increased. PTh explained that this was the amount that the Parish Council could authorise for spending for any purpose, which, in its opinion, is in the interests or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants. It should only be used when the Parish Council has no other specific power to authorise the expenditure.

TB advised that he had been unable to contact Sean Jones re the problems with the village website. It was agreed that the website was only worth having if it was kept up to date.

TB agreed to pursue Sean Jones and AB agreed to contact a colleague who was an expert on these sites.

ACTION: TB & AB

9. THE MAR

TB reported that he had been in touch with the Ranger who had organised the young soldiers to clean up the Mar in 2007. He had intended a further clean up in March 2008 but there had been so much rain, it was impractical and it had been agreed to delay it until Autumn.

10 HOLES IN ROADS

SS had been trying to have the road at the bottom of the hill leading to Ferrensby repaired since last autumn. She had been given assurances that this would take place 'soon'.

PTo reported that there had been a water leak in Coneythorpe since September 2007. Yorkshire Water had been unable to trace or repair the leak. PTh was asked to contact Yorkshire Water and chase them for a definite a date of repair.

ACTION: PTh

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

The proposed dates for meetings, as shown on the agenda were considered and the dates agreed were Wednesday 26th March 2008, and Wednesday 14th May 2008 (AGM and Village Assembly). The dates for 2008 – 2009, (all Wednesdays), are July 16th, September 24th, November 19th, January 28th, March 25th and May 27th (Village Assembly and AGM).

.....(Signed) Chairman