

ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON WED. 14th MAY 2008 @ 7.30 p.m.

Present:
P. Topham (Acting Chairman until the conclusion of item 1)
S. Shipman
M. Howe
P. Thorndyke (Clerk / Financial Officer)

There were 7 members of the public in attendance, and John Watson, our local County Councillor.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

PTo was proposed, seconded and elected as chairman, unanimously.

2. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS

PT reported that he had received DOA00's from all the Parish Councillors before commencement of the meeting and that MH, as the only new member, needed to complete a ROI form and submit it direct to HBC within 14 days of the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

AB and PH both sent their apologies. PTh confirmed that a quorum was present.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 16th May 2007, having been previously circulated, were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

5. CHAIRS ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman, being newly appointed, asked Mr T. Braithwaite, who had recently resigned as chairman and Parish Councillor, to give the annual report. Mr Braithwaite listed the major events relating to the Parish Council that had occurred since the last Annual Meeting Those were: -

- 5.1. Made representations to HBC that resulted in dangerously high growth of hedgerows being cut back.
- 5.2. Obtained a grant from HBC for a new Arkendale sign (incorporating a safety message), on the road from the A168
- 5.3. Persuaded the Fire Service to monitor the speed of traffic in the village.
- 5.4. Lobbied HBC successfully to take action on the issue of illegal parking on the village green in Coneythorpe.
- 5.5. Reported many potholes in the roads around Arkendale and Coneythorpe to HBC, who had then arranged to repair them.
- 5.6. Applied for a further £5,000 grant for traffic calming measures around Arkendale. No response as to the success or otherwise of the application as yet.
- 5.7. Pressed NYCC on action to alleviate the problems of the dangerous junction of the A59 and Flaxby Road. Not yet resolved.
- 5.8. Lobbied against the Waste Disposal Incinerator and Waste Transfer Station proposed to be sited in the area.
- 5.9. Communicated with Yorkshire Water about the long standing water leak in Coneythorpe. Now successfully resolved.
- 5.10. Requested public waste disposal bins to be sited in Arkendale.
- 5.11. Negotiated with the Ponds Conservation Trust and the Army Cadets in order to clean up and weed the area around the Mar without harming the greater crested newts.
- 5.12. Organised another successful village clean up campaign.
- 5.13. Dealt with 10 planning applications during the year.
- 5.14. Arranged for both Arkendale and Coneythorpe to receive free daffodil bulbs from HBC.
- 5.15. Taken responsibility for trying to restart the village web site.

TB went on to say that the PC had 2 resignations in the year from Wendy Houseman and Simon York. They were both thanked for the work they had undertaken whilst councillors. The meeting then recorded their thanks to TB for the efforts he had made during his tenure as a councillor, and , more recently as chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CHAIRS ANNUAL REPORT

None.

7. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.3.09

These were confirmed as: -

Chair: P. Topham, Vice Chair: left vacant, Planning: S. Shipman, Police Liaison: A. Cuthbert, Village Hall: P. Thorndyke, Financial Officer: P. Thorndyke.

All the above were agreed unanimously.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31. MARCH 2008

The Parish Clerk produced the Annual Return for the year ending 31.3.08, 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 £4,452 at the commencement of the year, and had grown to £5421 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 2008 – 2009 as July 16th 2008, September 24th 2008, November 19th 2008, January 28th 2009, March 25th 2009 and May 27th 2009 (Annual Meeting). All meetings are to be held in Arkendale Parish Church on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm. unless otherwise advised. 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 7.45 pm.

.....(signed)
Chair