

ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN ARKENDALE PARISH CHURCH, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27th 2008 @ 730 p.m.

Present: P. Topham (Chair)
 M. Howe
 S. Shipman
 A. Cuthbert.
 Peter Thorndyke (Clerk / Financial Officer to the Council)
 There were 2 member of the public in attendance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from P. Houseman.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday, July 16th 2008, as previously circulated, were approved unanimously and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Questionnaire from HBC

Letter from HBC re Affordable housing coach tour.

Letter from HBC re Rural Safety bids 2008 / 2009. (Awarded £3,000). PTh was asked to contact J Watson re the cost of LED Speed monitoring signs. **ACTION: PTh**

Letter from HBC re proposed changes to bus stops in Arkendale & Coneythorpe.

4. FINANCE

Nothing to report.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

The following decisions on planning have been received:

5.1 Conversion of loft at Grange Cottage, Arkendale – planning permission granted.

5.2 Installation of ATM on the side of the Bluebell Inn – planning permission granted

5.3 Illuminated signage for ATM at Bluebell Inn – planning permission granted granted.

5.4 Erection of single storey extension at 3 South View Arkendale – planning permission granted.

Mrs Cole of Clareton Barn has made an appeal in respect of a proposed barn conversion Refused planning permission by HBC.

PTo reported that the application to English Heritage to retain Arkendale's red telephone box had been acknowledged.

SS reported that the status of 'Conservation Area' for Arkendale would mean that the whole environment would be conserved – not just buildings, but trees, road furniture, verges, hedges etc. It was not known how long an application would take to be resolved. It was felt that the advantages were not as great as hoped – but Arkendale did have features worth preserving. PTh was asked to e-mail those residents on the village e-mail list and ask for their views. The Parish Council has no views on the matter. **ACTION: PTh.**

PTh was also asked to consult J. Watson to discover if their had been any further progress on the Waste Transfer Stations. It was noted that Boroughbridge Town Council had not objected to a proposed WTS in the Minskip area. **ACTION: PTh.**

6. POLICE MATTERS – SPEEDING ETC.

Nothing to report

7. FLY TIPPING, VANDALISM, VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

MH circulated a document showing the street cleaning schedule in the Harrogate area that indicated that in the rural areas

only principal road verges would be cleaned. PTh was asked to contact HBC and ask if it would be possible to provide street cleaning in our parishes once a year in autumn to complement the street cleaning undertaken by volunteers in Arkendale in spring. ACTION: PTh

8. ARKENDALE WEB SITE

Nothing to report, however PTh was asked to write to BT to see if they had any plans to update the telephone exchanges in the region so that broadband speeds could be increased to the levels enjoyed by the urban areas. ACTION: PTh.

9. STORAGE OF PLANS

A discussion took place on the need to retain planning documentation etc. It was noted that copies of all such documents were held by HBC and could be viewed on their web site. It was therefore decided that all planning documentation could be disposed of immediately after resolution of the application or appeal. ACTION: PTh

10. DOG FOULING

This issue had become a problem throughout the parishes, but particularly on Lidgett Lane in Coneythorpe. PTo had been in touch with a lady called Lucy at HBC, who had confirmed that dog fouling was an offence. PTh was asked to write to HBC, confirm PTo's telecom, ask for a leaflet distribution about the problem, and request the provision of bins for dog waste to be emptied by refuse disposal staff during their rounds. ACTION PTh.

11. PARKING ON GREEN IN CONEYTHORPE

Following discussions with PTo, a Susan Beaumont of HBC Environmental Department had visited Coneythorpe to view the problem. She had agreed to order some heavier stones to be placed around the areas where the problem occurred

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.
The dates for future meetings are, in 2008, November 19th, and, in 2009, February 4th, March 25th and May 27th (Village Assembly and AGM).

.....(Signed) Chairman