

**ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING IN ARKENDALE PARISH CHURCH, WED. FEBRUARY 4th 2009 @ 8.00 p.m.**

Present: P. Topham (Chair)

S. Shipman

A. Cuthbert

Peter Thorndyke (Clerk / Financial Officer to the Council)

There were 5 members of the public in attendance plus Anthony Alton our Harrogate Councillor and John Watson, our North Yorkshire County Councillor.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from P. Houseman and Malcolm Howe, who also tendered his resignation from the Parish Council, due to pressure of work. PTh agreed to put an advertisement on the village notice board for a replacement councillor and send it to each of his list of village e-mail addresses.

**ACTION: PTh**

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 (Wednesday), as previously circulated, were approved unanimously and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 HBC letter re Commuted sums.

3.2 Winter service leaflets from NYCC.

3.3 The Funding Bulletin from HVS.

3.4 Leaflets from HBC re dog fouling.

3.5 Consultation document from 'Communities and Local Govt.' on Local Authority Publicity.

3.6 NYCC letter re food waste.

3.7 NYCC letter about Waste Development Framework and Strategies.

3.8 HBC letter re cancellation of the Parish Consultation meeting.

3.9 HBC letter re electoral cycles.

3.10 Letter from HBC re Local Development Framework.

3.11 Letter from York University re burial provision in this area.

3.12 HBC sent a planning enforcement notice regarding parking on Coneythorpe village green and unsociable use of a property in Coneythorpe.

3.13 NYCC had sent notice of closure of the road between Coneythorpe and Arkendale from 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February

3.14 A letter had been received from a company called Eskdalenet offering improved broadband services in the area. PTh was asked to investigate this matter further.

**ACTION: PTh**

4. FINANCE

It was noted that the precept for 2009 – 2010 had been submitted to and acknowledged by HBC. There were no payments or income to report since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 The following decisions on planning have been received: -

Application to erect an agricultural building in field west of Long Acre from R. Milner – refused by HBC.

5.2 Other Planning Matters: Planning enforcement notices received from HBC, relating to the condition of the old reading room in Arkendale and to the parking of cars and boats at Treelaw Cottage, in Coneythorpe.

5.3 New Planning Applications – Mrs K. Cole no. 6.87.16. FUL 08/04319/FUL. The conversion of a barn to form one dwelling, plus a new package treatment plant (revised scheme), at Clareton Farm. To be returned by 17<sup>th</sup> February.

5.4 JW then reported on the energy for waste scheme proposed for North Yorkshire. He said that an EEC directive made it essential to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill from 65% to 10%. Accordingly NYCC had received bids from various companies to build and run a central incineration plant in the county. Two bidders were still in the running and three sites were being considered – Thirsk, Selby and Allerton Park quarry. The latter falls within this parish and was very likely to become the preferred site. JW estimated that they would need a building about 100 foot tall and a chimney 200 foot tall, however they would be built at the bottom of the quarry so it was not possible to determine how much of an eyesore they would be, but they would be visible from the Coneythorpe to Arkendale road. There were also concerns about increases in road traffic around the site, especially along the A59, thereby exacerbating the problem at the junction with the Flaxby turn. Concern was also expressed about the possibility of noxious emissions from the chimney although assurances had been given that modern technology had overcome this potential problem. It was likely to be 2012 before such an incinerator could be fully commissioned. JW agreed to keep the parish council informed of further developments.

**ACTION: JW**

5. POLICE MATTERS – SPEEDING ETC.

PTh was asked to follow up the possible VED positioning on Moor Lane with the successor to Ken Major who had left the council' employment. It was believed that a replacement had recently started work.

**ACTION: PTh**

6. FLY TIPPING, VANDALISM, DOG FOULING, VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

PTo reported that he had spoken to a ranger employed by HBC, who had said that the clear up of the Mar needed completion in spring. T. Braithwaite, the ex-chairman of the parish council had agreed to pursue this matter, liaising with the army cadets and the ranger.

The issue of dog fouling in Coneythorpe was raised again and PTh was asked to obtain sufficient leaflets from HBC to enable one to be given to all households in Coneythorpe and Arkendale. It was, however, emphasized that the best way to alleviate this problem was for residents to report any fouling they witnessed to the dog warden service in Harrogate (01423 556633).

7. PARKING ON GREEN IN CONEYTHORPE

It was noted that a planning enforcement notice had been served on the residents of Treelaw Cottage in Coneythorpe, regarding the use of their property for storing boats etc.

8. RODENT INFESTATION AT CLARETON

The situation had improved due to the intervention of Tim Canaver of HBC, but NYCC still needed to sort out the problem of roadside rats in the area.

8. VILLAGE WEBSITE

PTh was asked to talk to HBC about this matter and look into the cost of commercially prepared and maintained websites.

**ACTION: PTh**

13.DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The dates proposed for future meetings of the Parish Council, as shown on the agenda, were all agreed. These were March 25<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup> **NOTE: UNCHANGED FOLLOWING DISCUSSION** (incorporating the Annual Meeting and the village meeting) July 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> 2010, March 31<sup>st</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> (incorporating the Annual Meeting and the village meeting).

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

.....(Signed) Chairman

Following the meeting the parish council was asked to put an item on the agenda for the next meeting, to consider giving a donation to the church to help pay for the electrical wiring etc. This was agreed.