

## ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING IN ARKENDALE PARISH CHURCH, WED. MARCH 18th 2009 @ 7.30 p.m.

Present: P. Topham (Chair)

P. Houseman

A. Cuthbert

Peter Thorndyke (Clerk / Financial Officer to the Council)

There was 1 member of the public in attendance plus Anthony Alton our Harrogate Councillor

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

S. Shipman sent her apologies.

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meetings held on 4th February 2009 (Wednesday), as previously circulated, were approved unanimously and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Letter from YLCA giving notice of a meeting in June at which the head of Harrogate planning would be present to answer questions.

3.2 Letter from HBC re adoption of the Local Development Framework.

3.3 Letter from HBC and leaflets about a new benefit fraud campaign.

3.4 Letter and questionnaire re: Local Development Framework – Parish Database.

3.5 PTh showed the meeting a print out from the NYCC web site that detailed a report of a pothole on Moor Lane Arkendale. He recommended the system to be used whenever a fault in the local road network was identified

#### 4. FINANCE

4.1 Cheques signed at the meeting: To Arkendale Church - £84 for the use of the church for meetings during the year. To P.Thorndyke - £538 being the salary due for the second half of the year. To Arkendale Village Hall - £50 grant for maintaining the village web address. To YLCA - £102 being the annual membership fee for that organisation (cheque dated April 2009).

4.2 A request had been received for a grant to be given to the Arkendale church. It was decided to provide a grant of £500.00 as a one off, to be used to pay for the maintenance and running costs of the external lights that were of benefit to the whole area. A cheque was duly raised and signed at the meeting.

#### 5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 The following planning applications have been received:

NO. 6.5000.220.E.FUL 09/00865/FUL Conversion of outbuildings to form garage and office at Limebar Hill House, Wincup Lane, by Mr S. Buckle. This was passed to HBC with no objections from the Parish Council

5.2 The following planning applications have been determined:

The application from Mrs K. Cole to convert a barn at Clareton farm has been withdrawn.

5.3 The proposed incinerator / waste disposal site at Allerton was discussed. PTo and AC had attended a meeting of local Parish Councils at Whixley where the latest information about the proposed incinerator had been disseminated. The meeting had considered the possibility of raising £10,000 to pay for a consultant to advise the local constituents of the implications of the project. Our PC might be asked for up to £2,000 contribution but this would not be requested until Allerton became the designated site and an appointed contractor applied for planning permission. It was agreed in principle that this PC would help with the funding of a consultant, but in the meantime efforts would be made to determine the attitude of parishioners. It was noted that NYCC will make the final decision but HBC would be consulted. It was believed that the main local problem would be an increase in traffic along the A59 and A168, though more information was required about discharges from the incinerator. PTo and AC were planning to attend a further meeting at Whixley on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

5. POLICE MATTERS – SPEEDING ETC.

Nothing to report

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

PTH was asked to obtain more leaflets from HBC concerning the penalties for dog fouling, for distribution around Arkendale and Coneythorpe.

PTo reported some fly tipping near Clareton but HBC had reacted quickly when it was reported and cleared it. PTh was asked to arrange another village 'clean-up day in Arkendale via HBC.

**ACTION: PTh**

7. PARKING ON GREEN IN CONEYTHORPE

The HBC Enforcement officer has said that he cannot pursue the matter further because the various infringements have been ongoing for over 10 years. AA said that HBC were looking at other ways of bringing the matter to a successful conclusion.

8. RODENT INFESTATION AT CLARETON

HBC have dealt with this but NYCC still needed to improve the roads, because poor drainage was encouraging the rats.

9. VILLAGE WEBSITE

Gavin Holman had recently moved back into the village and was still happy to look after the village web site. He had prepared a draft site and was talking to Sean Jones about transferring it to the previous web address to maintain continuity. PTh was asked to maintain contact with him and progress the matter.

**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, 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).

PTh was asked to ensure that AA and JW received copies of the minutes and agendas.

**ACTION: PTh**

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

.....(Signed) Chairman