

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 22nd July 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in St Bartholomew's Church, Arkendale.

Present: Mr P Topham (Chairman), Mrs A Cuthbert, Mrs S Shipman, and Mr D Smith.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were three members of the public.

- 2009.1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr P Houseman. Councillor Anthony Alton (Harrogate Borough Council) and County Councillor John Watson also sent their apologies.
- 2009.2. **Minutes of the previous meetings** held on Wednesday 27th May 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 2009.3. **Resignation of Clerk.** Mr Peter Thorndyke was thanked by the Chairman for all his hard work over the last five years.
- 2009.4. **Appointment of New Parish Clerk.** The Chairman recommended that Mrs Zillah Hopps be appointed as the new Clerk and this was approved by the Council.
- 2009.5. **Correspondence.**
- 2009.5.1. **NYCC – Gully emptying.** The Highways Authority have written to say that in future they will only be emptying gullies on roads lower than Category 3b once a year.
- 2009.5.2. **HBC – Planning Decision.** Conversion of detached outbuildings to form garage and office, Limebar Hill House, Wincup Lane, Marton Cum Grafton. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2009.6. **Finance.** The following payment was approved:
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| P2/09 | Zurich Municipal – insurance | £205.00 |
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- 2009.7. **Planning.**
- 2009.7.1. No new planning applications had been received.
- 2009.7.2. An email had been received from County Councillor John Watson, saying that the timescale for the incinerator planning application has slipped by about three months. A decision upon the "preferred" partner (i.e. the successful bidder) will not be made until at least September, because the discussions with the two finalists are taking much longer than expected. This should not be seen as a precursor to the cancellation of the whole project. A planning application will probably be submitted in March 2010 and a planning decision made in March 2011
- 2009.8. **Police Matters.** There is still a problem with speeding through the villages. Funds have been allocated from the Harrogate Rural Safety Scheme budget for a vehicle-activated speed sign, but further funds are needed.
- 2009.9. **Fly Tipping, vandalism, dog fouling and village maintenance.** A length of carpet has apparently been flytipped – Harrogate Borough Council to be contacted to remove it.
A new leaflet has been issued by Harrogate regarding dog fouling and the law – it was agreed that this should be delivered to every property in Coneythorpe and Arkendale.
There are some potholes to be reported to the Highways Authority.
- 2009.10. **Parking on Green in Coneythorpe.** No further developments on this matter.
- 2009.11. **Rodent infestation at Clareton.** The Chairman reported that one of the causes of this problem was a blocked drain in the road – this has been reported to NYCC.
- 2009.12. **Website.** The Chairman advised members that the new logo on the website is also going to be used for the Village Hall
- 2009.13. **Dates of future meetings.** It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 15th September, with further meetings on Tuesday 17th November 2009, Tuesday 16th February 2010 and Tuesday 18th May 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.