

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th November 2009 at 7.30 p.m.
in Arkendale Community Hall

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were four members of the public.

2009.41. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr D Smith. County Councillor John Watson and Harrogate Borough Councillor Anthony Alton also sent their apologies.

2009.42. **Declarations of Interest.** None.

2009.43. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** held on Monday 28th September 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2009.44. **Public Participation.** Local Police officers, Paul Haydon and Neil Waite, gave a brief update on local issues (ref. 2009.49 and 2009.56.2 below). Crime in the area is thankfully very low, but thieves are always on the lookout for opportunities, so residents are asked to remember to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuable property unsecured. Concerns were raised over traffic speeds through the area, and the Police were asked to conduct regular speed checks.

2009.45. **Progress Reports.**

2009.45.1. Waste Recycling facilities at Allerton Quarry (minute 2009.19.2 refers). There has been no change to the timetable for these proposals.

2009.45.2. Condition of Roads (minute 2009.24 refers). Cllr Shipman agreed to file a report on the NYCC website regarding potholes. The Chairman confirmed that he had discussed the issue of flooding on the roads with the Highways Authority, and that they have the matter in hand, but the Clerk was asked to remind them to clear the drainage grips on the A168.

2009.45.3. New Bench Seats (minute 2009.26(i) refers). It was agreed that the Parish Council is minded to install a new bench seat on The Mar, with the positioning to be agreed at the next meeting. Quotes received were noted and it was agreed to accept the quote from Burrells.

2009.45.4. Grasscutting (minute 2009.26(v) refers). It was noted that the Highways Authority is cutting the entrance to Arkendale and it was agreed to write to the Highways Authority asking them to quote for grasscutting at the entrances to Coneythorpe and at Shortshill Lane. Other quotes to be obtained as well.

2009.45.5. Installation of convex mirror at Shortshill Lane/Clareton Lane junction (minute 2009.26(vi) refers). It was noted that following discussions with the Highways Authority, they have agreed that a mirror can be installed on private land at this junction. The landowner has agreed to this and it was noted that the installation/purchase will cost in the region of £150. The Clerk to arrange for this to be installed as soon as possible.

2009.45.6. Restoration of the pump at Coneythorpe (minute 2006.26(vii) refers). A further breakdown of costs received was noted and it was agreed to proceed with this work.

2009.46. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

46.1.1. Clareton Farm, Clareton Lane, Coneythorpe HG5 0SA. Conversion of barn to form 1 dwelling and home office with erection of glazed link extension to northern corner, formation of new vehicular access and installation of package treatment plant (revised scheme). Refused. There was some surprise at this decision and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact the applicant to enquire about any future plans for the site.

46.1.2. Grange Cottage. Notification of a possible breach of planning control regarding the use of matching materials. *(Cllr Cuthbert declared a prejudicial interest in this item).*

2009.47. **Planning applications.**

2009.47.1. Pumpkin Cottage, 2 Shortshill Lane, Coneythorpe, HG5 0RL. Erection of single storey side extension. No objections.

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

- 2009.47.2. Tiger Inn, Shortshill Lane, Coneythorpe, HG5 0RY. Erection of replacement section of roof and single storey side extension to provide boiler house and oil storage tank with 1.6m high enclosure. No objections. (Cllr Topham declared a personal interest in this item).
- 2009.47.3. Allerton Park Landfill, Knaresborough. Proposed leachate treatment facility and application to enable a revised restoration scheme involving short rotation coppice. No objections.
- 2009.48. **Parish Council Records.** It was agreed to send the minute book covering the period 1894 to 1990 to the County Archives at Northallerton. Before that, Gavin Holman (the village website manager) kindly agreed to scan the pages of the book so that they could be made available on the website.
- 2009.49. **Traffic Speeds.** Dealt with above.
- 2009.50. **Request for Refurbishment of Seats.** It was noted that a request has been made from a local resident to repaint the bench seat in Arkendale, and members of the Council kindly offered to do this work.
- 2009.51. **Harrogate Borough Council – Consultation Meetings with Parish Councils 2009/10.**
It was noted that the consultation meeting will be on 26th January 2010, with items for the agenda to be submitted by 8th January. The issue of the A59 Flaxby junction was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should be advised of any further agenda items to be submitted, before 8th January. The letter of 12th October regarding the future arrangements for these meetings was noted.
- 2009.52. **Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit.** The effectiveness of the present system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, was reviewed and found to be acceptable. The requirement to appoint a new Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2010 was noted, and it was agreed to appoint Mr James Mackman to this position, at his usual fee of £80..
- 2009.53. **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2009 – 15th November 2009.** The statement of accounts for the current year was noted and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes):
- | | | |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| P8/09 | Hire of Hall (November meeting) | 18.00 |
| P9/09 | ICO registration fee | 35.00 |
- 2009.54. **Parish Precept 2010/11.** The budget proposals for the precept to be demanded for 2010/11 were considered and it was agreed that the precept to be demanded should remain unchanged at £2,600.
- 2009.55. **Correspondence received.**
- 2009.55.1. Harrogate and Area CVS – October mailing. To be circulated.
- 2009.55.2. Harrogate and Area CVS – November mailing. To be circulated.
- 2009.55.3. YLCA – minutes for June and July meetings. To be circulated.
- 2009.55.4. Vitalise – letter requesting donations. To be circulated.
- 2009.55.5. NYCC – elections to County Area Committee for the Harrogate District. To be circulated.
- 2009.55.6. NYCC – budget and Council Plan consultation. To be circulated.
- 2009.55.7. North Yorkshire Police – Neighbourhood Profile Guides. To be circulated.
- 2009.55.8. NYCC – Winter Service, salt bins and heaps. To be circulated.
- 2009.55.9. Letter from Tockwith Residents' Association regarding the proposals for an incinerator at Tockwith. To be circulated.
- 2009.56. **Reports from representatives.**
- 2009.56.1. **Village Hall Committee.** North Yorkshire County Council has approved a grant for £600 towards the cost of kitchen equipment. The application for the Premises Licence to be extended to 11.30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays has been turned down.

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

2009.56.2. **Police Liaison Group.** Dealt with above.

2009.57. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** The condition of signs in the village.

2009.58. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 16th February 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Hall, Arkendale.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.