

# Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7.30 p.m.  
in Arkendale Memorial Hall

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr John Watson (NYCC), Cllr Anthony Alton (HBC), Mr James Malcolm from the Highways Department (NYCC) and four members of the public.

2010.1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr A Cuthbert and Cllr P Houseman.

2010.2. **Declarations of Interest** – none.

2010.3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2010.4. **Public Participation.** Cllr Anthony Alton (Harrogate Borough Council) confirmed that there would be no increase in the Council Tax demanded by Harrogate Borough Council next year. Recycling collections of garden waste are being extended.

Cllr John Watson (North Yorkshire County Council) informed members that the Council Tax set by NYCC is going up by 2.9% next year – 0.4% of this is because there is a legacy of £20 million in costs for repairs to the roads after the very bad winter. There will have to be some cost-cutting measures next year as well, in order to balance the budget. Cllr Watson advised that the timetable on the Waste Incinerator plans at Allerton Quarry is slightly delayed again, and that if the final preferred bidder is not confirmed soon then in view of the imminent General Election the announcement will have to wait until after the Election. The final planning decisions will not be taken by NYCC until next year (2011). Mr James Malcolm (Highways) discussed the problems caused to the road system by the winter weather. In particular potholes are a problem, but he said that there will be further funding in the next year for strengthening and improving the roads. He was asked about the Harrogate Rural Safety Scheme and confirmed that £3,000 has been allocated to the Parish for traffic calming measures. There was some discussion about the problems with the A59/Flaxby junction, and Mr Malcolm took note of local issues. He confirmed that expansion plans at the golf course would require improvements to the road.

2010.5. **Progress Reports.**

2010.5.1. Condition of Roads/Speeding Traffic (minute 2009.46.2 refers). This subject had been covered by Mr Malcolm (2010.4 above) and it was agreed that the subject of what traffic calming measures could be funded by the Harrogate Rural Safety Scheme should be discussed at a future meeting.

2010.5.2. Grasscutting (minute 2009.46.4 refers). No further progress.

2010.5.3. New Bench Seats (minute 2009.46.3 refers). Two letters of objection had been received from residents. It was agreed that the subject should be opened to discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting, before deciding whether or not to go ahead.

2010.5.4. Convex mirror at Shortshill Lane/Clareton Lane junction (minute 2009.46.5 refers). The Chairman confirmed that the mirror will be erected within the next week or so.

2010.5.5. Clareton Farm, Clareton Lane (minute 2009.47.7.1 refers). This matter has gone to appeal.

2010.5.6. Harrogate Borough Council consultation meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January (minute 2009.51 refers). The Chairman advised that he had attended this meeting, along with the Clerk, and that he had found it a useful and informative meeting. The Parish Council had asked about the A59/Flaxby junction (see 2010.4 above). The minutes to be circulated for information.

2010.6. **Planning applications dealt with between meetings.** It was noted that the following applications had been dealt with under the provisions of Council Standing Order No 32(c):

2010.6.1. Black Barn, South of Dale House Farm, Arkendale, North Yorkshire. Erection of replacement barn. No objections.

2010.6.2. Pay Phone, Arkendale. BT consultation on the proposed removal of public payphones. Objection on the grounds that the payphone is still used, and if it were removed the nearest

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payphone would be at least 3 miles away. In the event of the Planning Authority consenting to the removal of the phone, the Parish Council would like to adopt the kiosk.

2010.7. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:

2010.7.1. Pumpkin Cottage, 2 Shortshill Lane, Coneythorpe HG5 0RL. Erection of single storey side extension. Granted subject to conditions.

2010.7.2. Grange Cottage. Planning control issue regarding the use of matching materials. The materials that have been used are considered to be acceptable. No further action.

2010.7.3. 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. Granted subject to conditions.

2010.7.4. Black Barn, South of Dale House Farm, Arkendale, North Yorkshire. Erection of replacement barn. Granted subject to conditions.

2010.8. **Planning applications.**

2010.8.1. Moor House Farm, Moor Lane, Arkendale, HG5 0RQ. Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form 2 holiday cottages and attached annexe for house. There were no objections.

2010.9. **Condition of signs in the village.** The poor condition of some signs was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should request that the sign opposite The Bluebell public house should be replaced, and that the 'children crossing' sign opposite the church gate should be moved to the other side of the road, where it would be more helpful..

2010.10. **Proposed Waste Transfer & Recycling Station at Walshford Bridge.** The Clerk read out a circular received from the Parish Councils of North Deighton, Kirk Deighton, Little Ribston and Hunsingore, Great Ribston with Walshford & Cattal regarding a proposed Waste Transfer & Recycling Station at Walshford Bridge. After some discussion it was agreed that in view of the fact that it is some distance from this Parish it was not something that the Parish Council wished to be involved with. The Clerk to write.

2010.11. **Honours System.** It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Cabinet Office to propose Mr Alan Stokes for an honour, in recognition of his achievement in getting the new Village Hall built. It was agreed that the Chairman and other councillors should talk with other local residents to gain further background information to support the application.

2010.12. **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010.** The commuted sums currently available were noted and the new map of open spaces was reviewed. The statement of accounts for the current year was noted and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes):

P10/09	Grant to Arkendale Memorial Hall	600.00
P11/09	Clerk's salary and expenses to 31st Dec 2009	336.92

2010.13. **Correspondence received.**

2010.13.1. Great North Air Ambulance. Letter asking for a donation. Noted.

2010.13.2. YLCA – subscriptions 2010/11. It was noted that there would be a larger than normal increase this year.

2010.13.3. North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service. Summary of accounts & corporate plan 2009-12. To be circulated.

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2010.14. **Reports from representatives.** Reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations:

2010.14.1. **Village Hall Committee.** It was noted that the quotes for the landscaping works had not yet been received.

2010.14.2. **Police Liaison Group.** It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be sending a representative to this group.

2010.15. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** An agreement on dates for future meetings, and a request for Arkendale residents to train to use a defibrillator.

2010.16. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting, in the Village Hall, Arkendale.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

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