

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th September 2010 at 7.30 p.m.
in St Bartholemew's Church, Arkendale.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr Anthony Alton (Harrogate Borough Council) and five members of the public.

2010.51 **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr John Watson (North Yorkshire County Council)

2010.52 **Declarations of Interest.** None.

2010.53 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Monday 26th July 2010, having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2010.54 **Public Participation.** Mr Jon West, a local resident, reported on his recent visit to the Energy from Waste facility in Sheffield. He reported he was impressed that the facility was clean and well managed, with no noticeable odour either inside or outside the plant, and that the noise levels were low as well. The plant incinerates all the material it receives. Since the PFI contract was awarded in 2002, the contractors have had to apply for additional planning permission to increase the volumes of waste they collect from outside the Sheffield area on two occasions. They have also had to reduce their gate fees to nil on occasion, in order to ensure that sufficient waste is received. The priority of this plant is to produce heat, with electricity generation a secondary priority.

Cllr Anthony Alton informed members that the site-specific plans for the Local Development Framework would be published very shortly. He also said that Harrogate Borough Council is looking to change its waste collection service to a fortnightly wheelie-bin collection of domestic waste, with recyclables collection in the alternate week, to include cardboard and plastics.

2010.55 **Progress Reports.**

2010.55.1 Harrogate Rural Safety Scheme fund (minute 2010.28.2 refers). The Highways Authority is looking at the accident data for the village in order to assess whether or not the Vehicle Activated Sign protocol is met. A VAS should only be installed where there is an injury accident problem associated with inappropriate/excessive speed.

2010.55.2 Grasscutting (minute 2010.5.2 refers). The quotation received for this work was approved.

2010.55.3 Honours System (minute 2010.28.5 refers). The Clerk to look into local awards schemes and other alternatives.

2010.55.4 Participatory Budgeting (minute refers). The Chairman advised that this scheme may have fallen victim to recent spending cuts. To be confirmed.

2010.56 **Planning applications dealt with between meetings.** It was noted that the following application had been considered under the provisions of Council Standing Order No 32(c):

2010.56.1 Dale Farm, Arkendale, Knaresborough, HG5 0QU. Erection of single storey extension, conversion of roof space to form additional living accommodation with 2 dormer windows and installation of 2 roof lights. Parish Council response – no objections.

2010.56.2 Park View Cottage, Arkendale, Knaresborough, HG5 0QU. Replacement planning permission for 6.78.87.A.FUL (expiry date 18/10/2010) for the erection of single storey workshop. Parish Council response – no change to the original response, which was to object with concerns about the potential increase in noise, the restricted access and egress to/from the proposed site, and the change of use from agricultural to light industrial, which might be seen as a precedent for future development in the village

2010.57 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

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- 2010.57.1 Field House, Arkendale, Knaresborough, HG5 0QU. Erection of two storey side extension and front porch. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2010.57.2 Dale Farm, Arkendale, Knaresborough, HG5 0QU. Erection of single storey extension, conversion of roof space to form additional living accommodation with 2 dormer windows and installation of 2 roof lights. Granted subject to conditions.
- 2010.58 **Planning applications.** None.
- 2010.59 **Allerton Waste Recovery Park.**
It was noted that the NYCC Council meeting at which the decision on whether or not to award the contract for this proposal will be made has been delayed to 15th December.
The Chairman reported on issues raised at various public meetings held in Coneythorpe, Goldsborough and at The Bridge at Walshford. The Chairman reported on a meeting with NYCC and other local Parish Councils, at which local concerns over this proposal were strongly made. It was noted that a Community Liaison Committee has been set up by AmeyCespa (the report from Mr Jon West was received earlier)
A request from Marton cum Grafton Parish Council for a donation towards the cost of leafleting was noted, and it was agreed that £50 should be given towards the costs, with the leaflet being sent to the Chairman for approval before it was distributed.
Councillors have asked local residents for their views on the proposal, and a questionnaire has been sent to all local households. The results have been mixed – although most of those who responded were against the proposals, there were quite a few households that did not respond. Concerns were raised about the way that this project would be financed, and it was agreed that this was a matter that should be examined in more detail.
It was agreed that the local European Member of Parliament should be contacted.
- 2010.60 **Matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th May.**
- 2010.60.1 A request for a Village Sign. It was agreed in principle that the installation of a Village Sign was a good idea, and it was agreed that further information should be sought regarding costs, designs, etc.
- 2010.60.2 Unfinished building works. It was noted that there are no planning regulations with regard to the length of time in which works under an approved planning application are completed. The Clerk to contact Harrogate Borough Council regarding the safety of the site.
- 2010.60.3 The condition of roads. The Clerk to contact Highways to advise them of various issues including the white lines which have not been repainted and damaged signs in the village.
- 2010.60.4 Re-routing electricity cables underground. This request was noted, and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact NEDL to see what the original wayleave stated.
- 2010.61 **Talk from Harrogate Borough Council's Dogwardens.** It was noted that this talk has been booked for Tuesday 23rd November, immediately before the Parish Council meeting.
- 2010.62 **Standing Orders.** It was noted that NALC have issued an update to the model standing orders for local councils, and it was agreed to update the Parish Council's standing orders in line with this.
- 2010.63 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2010 – 20th September 2010.**
Recommendations from the internal auditor regarding an assets register were noted, and it was also noted that the external audit has been approved.
Quotations received for landscaping works around the Village Hall were noted and the quotation from Scriven Landscapes was approved. It was noted that there are presently no further funds available in commuted sums.
The statement of accounts for the current year was noted and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes):
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| P3/10 | William Burrell & Son (bench seat) | 510.64 |
| P6/10 | Arkendale Village Hall (hire charge) | 28.00 |

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P7/10	Scriven Landscapes (bench seat base)	150.00
P8/10	Mazars (external audit)	50.00
P9/10	Clerk's salary and expenses (qtr 1 and qtr 2)	584.83

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2010.64 **Correspondence received.**

- 2010.64.1 Harrogate Borough Council – Community Chest grants. Forwarded to the Village Hall.
- 2010.64.2 Other correspondence included the Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Report – to be circulated.

2010.65 **Reports from representatives.**

- 2010.65.1 **Village Hall Committee.** Coffee mornings are being held on Wednesdays. Other future events include a wine tasting, a play night and a possible film night.
 - 2010.65.2 **Police Liaison Group.** No report. The police to be invited to future PC meetings/
- 2010.66 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda** include clearing The Mar (the Clerk to contact HBC regarding responsibility of maintenance).
- 2010.67 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Arkendale.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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