

# Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

*Before the start of the meeting, there was a short talk from Harrogate Borough Council's Dog Wardens.*

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

**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 three members of the public.

2010.68 **Apologies for absence** were given by Cllr John Watson (North Yorkshire County Council) and Cllr Anthony Alton (Harrogate Borough Council).

2010.69 **Declarations of Interest.** None.

2010.70 **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010, having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2010.71 **Public Participation.** No items were raised at this point.

2010.72 **Progress Reports.**

2010.72.1 Highways – flooding in Clareton (minute 2009.45.2 refers). Highways have confirmed that this is on their list of works, and that as there is no positive water course to connect to, they believe that a soakaway may have been cut off. The Chairman confirmed that there is still a problem with rats – the Clerk to advise Highways about this and ask them if they can deal with it more urgently.

2010.72.2 Highways – ‘pedestrians in road’ sign and white lines (minute 2010.60.3 refers). The Highways department have confirmed that the sign is there to warn motorists that they might encounter pedestrians walking on a section of road where there is no footpath, and that it will not therefore be possible to relocate it to the other side of the road. It was agreed that at the February 2011 meeting there should be a short adjournment so that members can look at the signs and make a decision on whether or not they should be changed in some way. The white lining work has now been completed.

2010.72.3 Highways – Village Sign (minute 2010.60.1 refers). Highways have advised that there is currently a review of the County Council's Passive Safety Protocol, which covers the issue of ‘Village Gateway Signs’ constructed as walls or other substantial structures. Such sign are, for the moment, no longer allowed unless they are placed at least 4.5metres from the edge of the carriageway. It is hoped that the review will be completed by the end of the year. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department to voice the Parish Council's disappointment with this.

2010.72.4 Highways – Harrogate Rural Safety Scheme fund (minute 2010.55.1 refers). Highways have confirmed that according to their records there have been no accidents involving personal injury collisions within the village within the last five years, and therefore the Department cannot approve the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign as the criteria have not been met. An enquiry to be made regarding the creation of a stretch of footpath from the bungalows towards the Church, to be paid for from the HRSS fund.

2010.72.5 Honours System (minute 2010.55.3 refers). The Clerk to investigate Harrogate Borough Council's award scheme.

2010.72.6 Participatory Budgeting (minute 2010.55.4 refers). The Chairman confirmed that no further action is being taken with regard to this scheme.

2010.73 **Planning applications dealt with between meetings.** It was noted that the following application had been considered under the provisions of Council Standing Order No 30(c):

2010.73.1 Clareton Farm, Clareton Lane, Coneythorpe, HG5 0SA. Conversion and partial demolition of barn to form dwelling, formation of vehicular access and installation of package treatment plant. Parish Council response: no objections.

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## 2010.74 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2010.74.1 Park View Cottage, Arkendale, HG5 0QU. Replacement planning permission for the erection of a single storey workshop. Granted subject to conditions, which were extensive and related in main to the control of noise emanating from the site

## 2010.75 **Planning applications.** None.

## 2010.76 **Allerton Waste Recovery Park.**

The current timetable for the decision-making process on this matter remains the same, with North Yorkshire County Council due to decide on December 15<sup>th</sup> whether or not to award the contract to AmeyCespa.

Reports and updates were received from various meetings, including the Community Liaison Group and the Parishes Working Group organised by Marton-cum-Grafton Parish Council. The Chairman and the Clerk confirmed that they are keeping in close contact with all parties, and it was agreed that no further action was required from the Parish Council at this stage.

2010.77 **The Mar.** The Clerk advised that according to the Land Registry there is no registered owner of this land. This does not mean that nobody owns it, but simply that the Land Registry holds no records. The Clerk also advised that Harrogate Borough Council have said they cannot give any help directly. Various options regarding volunteer labour were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Houseman would make further enquiries and that Mr Tim Braithwaite would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to advise on the issue.

2010.78 **Harrogate Borough Council – Consultation Meetings with Parish Councils 2010/11.** It was noted that the consultation meeting this year will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, with items for the agenda to be submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011. It was agreed that an agenda item should be submitted asking HBC what their attitude was towards the plans for Allerton Waste Recovery Park. It was agreed that if councillors had any other items they wanted to submit then they should let the Clerk know before 24<sup>th</sup> January.

2010.79 **Harrogate Borough Council – Sites & Policies DPD.** It was noted that a consultation newspaper has been distributed to local residents, and that there are no developments planned for the villages of Arkendale, Coneythorpe and Clareton. It was agreed that no response was required to this consultation (closing date 26<sup>th</sup> November).

2010.80 **Parish Precept 2011/12.** The budget proposals were considered and it was agreed that the level of precept to be demanded for 2011/12 should remain unchanged.

2010.81 **Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit.** The Council reviewed the effectiveness of the present system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and it was agreed that measures in place were satisfactory.

## 2010.82 **Statement of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010.**

The statement of accounts for the current year was noted and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes):

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| P10/10 | Marton cum Grafton PC                | 50.00  |
| P11/10 | Scriven Landscapes (Village Hall)    | 750.00 |
| P12/10 | C L Tesseyman (grasscutting)         | 50.00  |
| P13/10 | Information Commissioner             | 35.00  |
| P14/10 | Arkendale Village Hall (hire charge) | 18.00  |

## 2010.83 **Correspondence received.**

2010.83.1 NYCC – Winter Maintenance Service. Noted

2010.83.2 NYCC – Consultation Workshop: Minerals Core Strategy. Now delayed.

2010.83.3 HBC – Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Noted

2010.83.4 Rural Action Yorkshire – The Big Society – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Noted.

## 2010.84 **Reports from representatives.**

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- 2010.84.1 **Village Hall Committee.** There are quite a lot of regular bookings now, and this is covering general running costs. The floor is not withstanding the general wear and tear it is receiving and will have to be replaced with a harder-wearing surface in due course. The AGM is on 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- 2010.84.2 **Police Liaison Group.** No report.
- 2010.85 **Matters for the next Agenda** include a proposal to run a 'bag and flag' dog fouling publicity event, the 'pedestrians in road' sign near the church, Allerton Waste Recovery Park.
- 2010.86 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Arkendale.
- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.