

# ARKENDALE, CONEYTHORPE & CLARETON

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.30 p.m.  
in Arkendale Memorial Hall.

**Present:** Mr P Topham (Chairman of the Parish Council), Cllr Anthony Alton (Harrogate Borough Council) and 24 local electors.

**In Attendance:** Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk to the Parish Council).

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr John Watson (North Yorkshire County Council) sent his apologies, along with local residents Sue Bramham, Brian Shipman and Gavin Holman.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 having previously been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council as a correct record
3. **Annual Report of the Parish Council:**
  - 3.1. The Chairman presented his report detailing the work of the Council during the year and outlining the issues that face the community (*copy appended to the minutes*).
  - 3.2. Finance. The Clerk to the Parish Council presented an unaudited summary of the Council's Annual Accounts for 2010/11.
4. **Questions and comments arising from agenda items 2 and 3.**
  - 4.1. Jon West presented a short podcast prepared by Antony Long, the Chairman of Marton cum Grafton Parish Council, outlining the arguments against the proposals for the waste incinerator at Allerton Park. Questions from the floor were asked about the funding needed by NYWAG (the North Yorkshire Waste Action Group) in order to fight the proposal and it is estimated that about £100,000 will be needed to cover legal fees and consultants fees. Fundraising is starting across the whole county and it is hoped that this target can be reached. A resident raised concerns about the fact that the 7.5 tonne weight limit on the road is regularly being breached by skip/recycling operators and the Parish Council was asked to follow this up.
  - 4.2. It was noted that Harrogate Borough Council have offered the Parish Council a choice of either daffodil bulbs or crocus corms this year, and the Chairman asked those present which they would prefer. By a show of hands the overwhelming preference was for the crocuses.
  - 4.3. The Mar. Several residents offered useful information about the possible identity and whereabouts of the landowner, and the Parish Council will follow this up.
5. **Any other items to be raised by any elector.**
  - 5.1. A request was made that the road sign on the A168 junction, which was knocked down some months ago, should be replaced.
  - 5.2. Mr Alan Stokes, chairman of the Village Hall committee, spoke about the way that the new Hall is drawing in local residents for community activities. In the 18 months since it was built about 6,500 people have attended events in the Hall and attendances are continuing to grow.
  - 5.3. Cllr Anthony Alton (Harrogate Borough Council) spoke briefly about current issues at Harrogate. Following the local elections earlier in the month there will be the Mayor-making ceremony next week. Work to improve the finances at the International Conference Centre is continuing.
  - 5.4. A local resident suggested that maybe next year the Annual Parish Meeting should start a little earlier, to allow more time for people to raise issues.
6. **Date and Time of next meeting.** The next Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m