

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 27th September 2011 at 7.30 p.m.
in Arkendale Memorial Hall.

Present: Mr P Topham (Chairman), 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 six members of the public

2011.47. **Apologies for absence** were noted from County Councillor John Watson.

2011.48. **Declarations of Interest.** None.

2011.49. **Minutes of the previous meetings** held on 10th May 2011 having previously been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.50. **Public Participation.** Cllr Anthony Alton (HBC) informed members about the proposals to consolidate Harrogate Borough Council's offices from five sites down to one site in Harrogate. It is hoped that this will result in considerable savings in running costs and in efficiency improvements.

2011.51. **Co-option of new Councillor.** The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the outgoing Councillor, Amanda Cuthbert, for all her very hard work in her time as a Parish Councillor. It was noted that following her resignation, the Returning Officer at Harrogate had advised that as he had not received requests from ten electors for an election to take place, it was in order to co-opt a replacement Member.
It was resolved to co-opt a suitable person qualified to serve, and two local residents, Mr Deane Bailey and Mr Mark Robertshaw, made it known that they wished to be considered for co-option. The Chairman asked each of them to make a brief statement, following which members of the Parish Council voted to co-opt Mr Deane Bailey. He signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took his place on the Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Robertshaw for his interest and hoped that he would continue to take an interest in Parish Council affairs.

2011.52. **Progress Reports.**

2011.52.1. Appointment of new Parish Council Clerk (minute 2011.40 refers). It was noted that there had not been many responses to adverts placed and it was agreed that it would be beneficial to have a local resident as Clerk. It was agreed that leaflets should be distributed to all the houses in the parish to advertise the position. It was agreed that a working group should be formed, consisting of Cllr Topham, Cllr Shipman and other members of the Parish Council who were available, to conduct interviews and make recommendations to the Parish Council.

2011.52.2. Highways – Village Gateway Sign (minute 2011.32.2 refers). The Clerk advised that the Village Gateway Protocol had still not been approved by NYCC.

2011.53. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.**

2011.53.1. 1 Poplars Farm Cottages, Ferrensby. Erection of stables. Granted subject to conditions.

2011.53.2. West View, Barn Reins, Arkendale. Listed building application for formation of door opening and installation of 2 glazed panels to entrance door. Granted subject to conditions.

2011.54. **Planning applications dealt with between meetings.** It was noted that the following applications had been considered under the provisions of Council Standing Order 30(c):

2011.54.1. West View, Barn Reins, Arkendale. Listed building application for formation of door opening and installation of 2 glazed panels to entrance door. No objections.

2011.54.2. Poplars Farm, Hay a Park, Knaresborough. Formation of slurry lagoon and erection of 2.4m high fence. No objections.

2011.55. **Planning applications.** None.

2011.56. **NYCC Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Consultation.** It was noted that the first consultation document has been published with a deadline for responses of the end of September. The

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suggested responses from Marton cum Grafton PC were noted and it was agreed that these suggested responses should be used as the basis for the response from this Parish Council.

2011.57. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park.**

It was noted that the planning application had now been submitted to the planning authority and was going through a process of validation before being published.

After some discussion it was agreed that before including any provision towards the PC Group/NYWAG's future costs in the Parish Council's budget for 2012/13 (being prepared in November/December 2011), local residents should be asked whether they would support this idea. The Chairman suggested that money could also be raised through fund-raising events. It was agreed that councillors should make efforts to canvas local opinion on the matter, and that it should be discussed again at the next meeting.

2011.58. **The Mar.** After some discussion regarding this, including a report that the land was gifted to the village from the old Estate at some point in the past, it was agreed Cllr Houseman would attempt to find out some more details.

2011.59. **Dog Fouling** (minute 2011.38 refers). The Chairman advised members that he had canvassed the views of residents in Coneythorpe and they did not support the proposal to install a litter bin near the pub in Coneythorpe. No further action required.

2011.60. **BT phone kiosk, Moor Lane, Arkendale** (minute 2010.6.2 refers). It was noted that BT had confirmed that this telephone kiosk will be going out of service due to low usage. It was further noted that an agreement has been made with BT under the 'adopt a kiosk' scheme, in accordance with previously agreed policy. It was agreed that the question of what would be a suitable future use for the kiosk should be discussed at a future meeting.

2011.29 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2010 – 26th September 2011.**

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

P3/11	Zurich Municipal (insurance)	225.00
P4/11	Arkendale Village Hall (hire charge 10th May)	28.00
P5/11	Tesseyman (grasscutting)	55.00
P6/11	James Mackman (internal audit)	80.00
P7/11	Arkendale Village Hall (hire charge 19th July)	18.00
P8/11	Arkendale Village Hall (hire charge 27th Sept)	28.00
P9/11	Mazars (external audit)	50.00

2011.61. **Correspondence received.**

2011.61.1. Harrogate & District Volunteering Oscars. It was agreed to make nominations, closing date 17th October.

2011.61.2. Harrogate Borough Council – Sites and Development Plan Document consultation – ending 4th November 2011. It was noted that the proposals would mean extra traffic on the A59, which together with the golf club development and the Allerton Waste Recovery Park proposals would mean that the road would be very busy indeed.

2011.61.3. Mayor's Autumn Ball – Friday 11th November. Noted.

2011.61.4. North Yorkshire Youth Club support services. Noted.

2011.62. **Reports from representatives.**

2011.62.1. **Village Hall Committee.** Bookings are good and the Hall is making a small profit.

2011.62.2. **Police Liaison Group.** Cllr Smith attended the last Liaison Group meeting and took the view that it was not a very useful meeting.

2011.63. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** The method of circulating reading material/correspondence between meetings.

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2011.64. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Arkendale.

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

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