

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at 7.30 p.m.
in Arkendale Memorial Hall.

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

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps (Clerk).

Also present were Cllr John Watson (North Yorkshire County Council) and twelve members of the public

2011.66. **Apologies for absence** were noted from HBC Councillor Anthony Alton.

2011.67. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Topham declared a prejudicial interest in item 2011.72.2
and Cllr Bailey declared a prejudicial interest in item 2011.72.1

2011.68. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** held on Tuesday 27th September 2011 having
previously been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2011.69. **Public Participation.** Contributions from the floor were taken regarding the Allerton
Waste Recovery Park, covering issues of PFI reviews, the development of Ferrybridge, and questions
over the possible costs of objecting to the plans.

2011.70. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** None.

2011.71. **Planning applications dealt with between meetings.** None.

2011.72. **Planning applications.**

2011.72.1. Moor House Farm, Moor Lane, Arkendale. Erection of 1 wind turbine on 15m high mast.
There were no objections.

2011.72.2. Hill Bank House, 1 Shortsill Lane, Coneythorpe, HG5 0RL. Erection of single storey rear
extension. There were no objections.

2011.73. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park** (minute 2011.57 refers).

It was noted that the planning application has now been validated by the planning authority and has
been sent out to statutory consultees for responses within 21 days.

It was further noted that a request has been submitted to the planning authority for an extension to the
21 day time limit, in view of the nature of the proposal, and that no response has been received yet.

The planning application, which is available to view on North Yorkshire County Council's website by
going to www.northyorks.gov.uk and following the links to environment and planning, was considered
as follows:

Planning ref NY/2011/0328/ENV

Development of a Waste Recovery Park (Allerton Waste Recovery Park - AWRP) at Allerton Park
Quarry, near Knaresborough comprising the erection and operation of a Tipping Hall (TH); a
Mechanical Treatment (MT) facility; an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility; an Incinerator Bottom Ash
(IBA) Processing, Production and Storage facility; a unit housing six Air-Cooled Condensers and an
Energy from Waste (EfW) facility to generate electricity. Includes for the redevelopment, refurbishment
and extension of the existing property known as Claro House to provide a visitor, education and office
facility; connection to the National Electricity Grid System and associated infrastructure; welfare
facilities; parking; surface water management system; hardstandings; internal roads; earthworks,
landscaping; fencing and gates; weighbridge; lighting and other associated ancillary development.

The Chairman asked Mr Anthony Long, Chairman of Marton cum Grafton Parish Council, to speak
about the estimates of the costs of instructing lawyers and other professionals to act on behalf of
those opposing the plans, in the event of a public enquiry, and he confirmed that costs would be in the
order of £80,000 - £100,000. A cap on each separate item of expenditure would be agreed so that
costs did not go out of control, and he confirmed that funding of about £20,000 is already in place,
which will enable present needs to be met. Mr Long answered questions from councillors and from
the floor about the Parish Councils Group's work.

The Chairman then asked County Councillor John Watson to speak on the subject, and he confirmed

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that the Government is reviewing PFIs in general, but he advised that it would be wrong to expect too much from that review. He advised that the planning decision might be taken by NYCC at the March meeting, or at the May meeting, or that a special meeting might be held.

After some further discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council would utilise the Parish Council Group's expertise to investigate all aspects of the planning application and that a suitable response opposing the application would be prepared, based on the Group's recommendations. It was agreed that this does not at this stage authorise any expenditure from the Precept on this matter.

- 2011.74. **Appointment of new Parish Council Clerk** (minute 2011.52.1 refers). A report was received from the interviews carried out by the working group, and it was agreed to accept their recommendation to appoint Miss Caroline Brown as the new Clerk, commencing 1st December 2011. The outgoing Clerk, Mrs Hopps, was thanked for her work during her time in office and was presented with some flowers.
- 2011.75. **The Mar.** It was noted that a lot of the willow trash has now been burnt, and that the stumps have been treated so that they will not re-sprout. The Chairman advised that the matter of the ownership was still being looked into. The Clerk advised that if the current owners (if any) could not be traced then it might be possible to register a possessory Title at the Land Registry.
- 2011.76. **BT phone kiosk, Moor Lane, Arkendale** (minute 2011.60 refers). Several possible ideas for the future use for the kiosk were suggested, and it was agreed that this matter should be put on the agenda again for a decision at the next meeting.
- 2011.77. **Parish Precept 2012/13.** The budget proposals were considered and it was agreed that the level of precept to be demanded for 2012/13 should remain the same as this year.
- 2011.78. **Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit.** The effectiveness of the present system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, was reviewed and it was agreed that the present system was sufficient.
- 2011.29 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2010 – 22nd November 2011.**
The statement of accounts for the current year was noted and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes):
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| P10/11 | Kall-Kwik photocopying charge | 32.50 |
| P11/11 | Arkendale Village Hall (hire 14th May MPs) | 18.00 |
| P12/11 | Arkendale Village Hall (hire charge 22nd Nov) | 18.00 |
| P13/11 | ICO (data protection registration) | 35.00 |
| P14/11 | Arkendale Village Hall (hire 8th Nov interviews) | 9.00 |
| P15/11 | Clerk's salary and expenses to 31st November | 782.05 |
- 2011.79. **Correspondence received.**
- 2011.79.1. HBC – Coneythorpe Conservation Area – approval of appraisal document. Noted.
- 2011.79.2. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – taking part. Cllr Houseman to talk to Goldsborough PC and Marton cum Grafton PC about their plans.
- 2011.79.3. Hope Africa – request for donation. Noted.
- 2011.79.4. South Cleveland Heart Fund – request for donation. Noted.
- 2011.80. **Reports from representatives.**
- 2011.80.1. **Village Hall Committee.** Bookings continue to be healthy, with a Zumba exercise class on Wednesdays and a variety of community groups using the Hall for regular meetings.
- 2011.80.2. **Police Liaison Group.** No report.
- 2011.81. **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.** The use of the phone box.
- 2011.82. **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Arkendale.

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It was also confirmed that further meetings will be held in 2012 on 20th March and 15th May, and that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting will also be held on 15th May.

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

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