

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 January 2012 at 7.30 p.m.
in Arkendale Memorial Hall.

Present: Mr P Topham (Chairman), Mr D Bailey, Mr P Houseman, Mrs S Shipman
and Mr D Smith.
In Attendance: Miss C Brown (Clerk)

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

2011.83. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor John Watson (North Yorkshire County Council).

2011.84. **Declarations of interest:** There were none.

2011.85. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 November 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2011.86. **Public Participation:** Mr Shipman referred to the signpost at the St Bartholomew's Church junction with Moor Lane, Arkendale, which had been turned round. It was agreed that the clerk would report the issue to NYCC Highways for rectification.

Councillor Anthony Alton gave an update on various matters from Harrogate Borough Council. There would be no increase in council tax levels charged by HBC or NYCC for 2012/13 and HBC had delivered a balanced budget for the year. The Harrogate Theatre Board had recently accepted a deal to take over the management of the Royal Hall and the rollout of the extended recycling scheme was expected to start in June 2012 and include a further 10,000 homes. The Planning Committee was expected to determine the HBC response to the NYCC application for the incinerator at Allerton Park during February 2012, and it was expected that a final decision as to the Office Accommodation Strategy and specifically any office moves would be known by the next Parish Council meeting in March 2012.

2011.87. **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council:** Decisions in relation to the following applications were noted:

1. Moor House Farm, Moor Lane, Arkendale, HG5 0RQ – Erection of one wind turbine on a 15m high mast – approved subject to conditions.
2. Hillbank House, 1 Shortsill Lane, Coneythorpe, HG5 0RL – Erection of single storey rear extension – approved subject to conditions.

2011.88. **Planning applications dealt with between meetings:** None.

2011.89. **Planning applications:** None.

2011.90. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park:** The Chairman referred to the submission put together by the Parish Council Group in objection to the NYCC application for the Waste Recovery Park at Allerton which had been circulated previously by email. Members of the Parish Council agreed that the Chairman should sign the submission on behalf of the Council and noted the dedication and expertise of the Parish Council Group who have completed the submission on behalf of the local Parish Councils. It was noted that an additional appendix would follow in due course which would provide detail on the Environmental Traffic Study and the entire submission would also be passed to Harrogate Borough Council as consultees to the application.

The Chairman advised that Parish Council Group representatives would be making a presentation on the issue to members of the NYCC Finance Committee on 15 February 2012. It was further agreed that all Harrogate Borough Councillors would be contacted in advance of the Planning Committee decision on the consultation response, with detail of the Parish Council Group's objections. Members of the Planning Committee would then be contacted again once the agenda papers were released.

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2011.91. **Harrogate Borough Council – Parish Consultation meeting:** The following questions were agreed for submission to HBC for the consultation meeting at Conyngham Hall on 2 February 2012:

In view of the proposed Allerton Park incinerator, if the proposed development goes ahead, how are HBC going to resist the piecemeal development of the surrounding land? Applications will be made to use the heat generated from the plant which the contractor Amey Cespa currently says will not be used.

The Harrogate district has Landscape Character Assessment Areas. In the South East Quadrant document, specifically areas 68 and 91, it is resolved to resist any large development in the area of Allerton. Considering the major environmental impact the proposed Allerton incinerator will have in what is a rural area of the district, are HBC going to object to the development as one of the consultees to the planning application?

The Flaxby / A59 junction is becoming more and more dangerous, and in light of the proposed hotel and incinerator developments, what plans are in place to make this junction safe for its users? Will the proposed roundabout at the junction go ahead?

The road between Ferrensby, Arkendale and Coneythorpe is full of potholes and on the corners the problem is particularly bad. Can NYCC give some indication as to the methodology for prioritising road repairs and the time it may take to fix these?

2011.92. **Proposed Roundabout at Donnelly's Junction with A59:** It was noted that as yet it appeared that no finances had been exchanged for the Flaxby Hotel site and apparently negotiations were ongoing as to the conditions requiring £3.2m worth of road improvements.

2011.93. **Empty Properties in Coneythorpe:** Discussions referred to the long term unoccupied white house next to Treelow Cottage and the Old Forge site in Coneythorpe and specifically what, if anything, the Parish Council could do about them. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek advice from the Planning Enforcement and Legal sections of Harrogate Borough Council and report back at the next meeting.

2011.94. **The Mar:** Discussions centred around what could be done next in terms of attempting to establish ownership of the Mar. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Methodist and Anglican churches in Arkendale to see if any records were lodged with them or their national records offices. The Clerk would also seek advice from colleagues at Harrogate Borough Council as to any further searches that could be undertaken and whether the Parish Council could register ownership of the site and report back.

2011.95. **BT Phone Kiosk, Moor Lane, Arkendale:** Following previous discussions on this subject it was agreed that with a view to keeping and maintaining the kiosk as a village point of interest, Councillor Bailey would secure it and that the Clerk would obtain quotes for its refurbishment and report back. The Chairman would also contact Marton cum Grafton Parish Council to ascertain what they did in order to protect the books which were stored in their kiosk as part of the book exchange. The possibility of using the kiosk as a display point for old photos of the village or the winning pictures from a picture competition was also noted.

2011.96. **Statement of accounts for the period 1 April 2011 – 17 January 2012:** The statement of accounts for the current year was noted and the following payments approved (copy appended to the minutes):

P16/11	Arkendale Village Hall (Hire charge 17 Jan 2012)	18.00
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2011.97. **Correspondence received:**

1. HBC Planning Enforcement – Rowan Lodge, Coneythorpe, HG5 0RY: No enforcement issue as solar panels installed at the property do not require planning permission – Noted.
2. Update on highway drainage works at Arkendale Road, Ferrensby – Noted.

