

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2013 At 7.30pm. in Arkendale Community Hall

Present: Cllr P Topham (Chairman), Cllr P Houseman, Cllr S Shipman, Cllr D Smith, Cllr D Bailey

In Attendance: Mrs G Bartle (Clerk), Cllr Anthony Alton
2 members of the Public

2012.101 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. John Watson, Gavin Holman

2012.102 **Declarations of Interest** – There were none

2012.103 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2012.104 **Public Participation** – nothing was raised

2012.105 **Planning Decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council**

1. Application 12/04717/FUL – Field House, Coneythorpe – Permission Granted subject to Conditions

2012.106 **Planning Applications dealt with between meetings**

There were none

2012.107 **Planning Applications**

1. Application 13/00779/REP – Updated version of 12/04718/FUL – No Objections.

2012.108 **Allerton Waste Recovery Park:** (minute 2011.73 refers)

Councillor Watson had sent an email regarding this matter and the Chairman updated those present on the content of the email and also reported the latest news from the Parish Council Group. The funding for the project has been withdrawn by central government but NYCC and Amey Cespa are continuing to try and find funding elsewhere. The Parish Council Group is therefore continuing to push for a judicial review of the planning application process.

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2012.109 **Reports from Other Councillors**

Councillor Alton addressed the meeting and notified those present that Harrogate Borough Council had balanced their books and that Council Tax for the next financial year would not be increasing. He also advised that the funding for free home improvements to improve energy efficiency had now stopped but that there was to be a new 'Green Energy Deal' whereby people could borrow the money, through Harrogate Borough Council Green Fund, to do these home improvements as long as the benefit in efficiency was to be more than the cost of the improvements.

2012.110 **Reports from Other Meetings Attended:**

Councillor Topham had attended a meeting of HBC on 6th March when a Notice of Motion was received in support of opposing the Incinerator Project.

2012.111 **Asset Register**

The Clerk asked for confirmation of the list of assets, their dates of purchase and approximate value. It was agreed to contact James Mackman (Internal Auditor) to ask exactly how these should be handled in the audit.

2012.112 **BT Phone Kiosk, Moor Lane, Arkendale:** (minute 2011.76 refers)

It was confirmed that subject to weather conditions being suitable that the phone box would be cleaned as part of the Village Spring Cleans. It was noted that Cllr Bailey held the key for the phone box.

2012.113 **Village Spring Cleans**

The arrangements for these were confirmed and it was agreed to circulate an email advising all parishioners of the dates, times and meeting places etc.

2012.114 **Noticeboard**

Cllr. Houseman had taken delivery of the new noticeboard and advised that it would be erected when time and weather conditions allowed.

2012.115 **Village Signs**

The Council had been advised that some new signs had been ordered and would be erected as soon as they arrived and that some signs would be repaired.

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2012.116 Potholes

Cllr. Topham had emailed the Parish Meeting Ferrensby about the severe potholes in their village but had not received a response to date. NYCC had advised that the roads and potholes were examined every 3 months and repaired as necessary. The money donated by the Parish Council towards the cost of road repairs had not been used due to severe weather conditions and could be returned if the Council wished. It was agreed to leave the money with NYCC.

2012.117 Flaxby Junction

There had been no further news or progress on this matter.

2012.118 The Bluebell

Cllr Topham had been in touch with Richard Sykes, the new owner, who had advised that there had been some issues with the drainage on the site which had caused a delay in the commencement of the works. These issues had now been sorted and it was hoped that work would start on the Bluebell in Three weeks' time.

2012.119 Bridge Wall

The bridge wall concerned was Holgate Bridge on Marton Lane. This had been reported to NYCC Area 6 who had advised that the repairs would be carried out in late Spring.

2012.120 Correspondence

- a). Email from Richard Inman Re 'A Call for Evidence'.
 - b). Letter from Police & Crime Commissioner re'Police & Crime Plan Consultation'.
 - c). Letter from Bob Curry re North Yorkshire Homeless Group
 - d). Poster re Local Family & History Day
- All relevant posters would be placed on the Noticeboards.

2012.121 Finance

- a) Review of Current Financial Position & Preparation for Audit.
The current financial position was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk would seek advice on the audit as necessary from James Mackman
- b) Payment of Village Hall Rental – agreed
- c). Payment of Clerks Salary – agreed
- d). Review of Clerks salary – it was agreed to increase the Clerks salary in accordance with NALC Pay scales to SCP18 - £8.919p per hour.

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e). Other Financial Matters

(i) It was minuted that Tesseyman (Grasscutting) and Greenbarnes (Noticeboard) had been paid since the last meeting.

(ii). During June & July 2012 when there were no meetings and there was a change of Clerk, Six payments were made but not minuted. It was agreed to minute these at this time:

Payment to T. Kettlewell for Cupboard in Arkendale Community Hall	£542.00
Payment to Hire of Arkendale Community Hall	£ 9.00
Payment to Zurich Municipal – Insurance	£225.00
Payment to James Mackman – Internal Audit	£ 88.00
Payment to C.G.Hudson – Clerks Salary & Expenses	£394.23
Payment to Hire of Arkendale Community Hall	£ 18.00

2012.122 **Reports from Representatives of Other Organisations**

There were none

2012.123 **Matters for Inclusion on the Next Agenda**

Finance

Planning

Village Signs

Notice board

Potholes

Phone Box

Village Spring Cleans

Flaxby Junction

Junction in Lower Arkendale, where it exits 'The Reins' on to Moor Lane.

Change of night for PC meetings from Tuesday to Wednesday

2012.100 **Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14th 2013 at 7.00 pm which will include the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.45pm.