

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2013 At 7.30pm. in Arkendale Community Hall

Present: Cllr P Topham , Cllr P Houseman, Cllr S Shipman, Cllr D Smith, Cllr D Bailey, Cllr M Robertshaw

In Attendance: Mrs G Bartle (Clerk), Cllr Anthony Alton
10 members of the Public / and 60 at the Parish Meeting

2013.01 **Apologies for absence** – There were none

2013.02 **Declarations of Interest** – There were none

2013.03 **Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

Resigning Councillor Mr D. Smith was thanked by the Chairman for his service to the Parish Council.

Mr. Mark Robertshaw was co-opted on to the Council.

2013.04 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** –

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2013.05 **Public Participation** – nothing was raised at this time.

2013.06 **Planning Decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council**

There were none

2013.07 **Planning Applications dealt with between meetings**

Application 13/01156/FUL – Demolition of link extension and conversion of commercial premises to form one dwelling.

Notice of 'No Objection's sent to HBC.

2013.08 **Planning Applications**

There were none

2013.09 **Allerton Waste Recovery Park:** (minute 2011.73 refers)

The meeting was addressed by Mr. Anthony Long of NYWAG. He outlined the conclusions that had been reached about the project being a waste of public money costing 125 million over 25 years. He also said that it had been proved that the installation was not necessary. However NYCC are still seeking a way to continue so NYWAG is pressing for a judicial review which can challenge the way in which the planning application was handled. In order to achieve this step funding is required.

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2013.10 **Reports from Other Councillors**

Councillor Alton addressed the meeting and updated those present on any matters relating to Harrogate Borough Council. He advised that a final decision on the future main offices for HBC had yet to be reached. He advised that Cllr. Robert Windass was the new County Councillor but would also remain on HBC. and Cllr. Michael Newby was the new Mayor of Harrogate. He advised that the responsibility for roads in the area lies with North Yorkshire County Council. Central Government is giving £10 million to make preparations for the Tour de France and it is hoped HBC may receive some funding.

2013.11 **BT Phone Kiosk, Moor Lane, Arkendale:** (minute 2011.76 refers)

Cllr. Topham had been in touch with Yorkshire Ambulance Service regarding defibrillator training. The service will provide training and so it was agreed to ask them to come to the next meeting and inform the Council of what is available.

2013.12 **Village Spring Cleans**

These had been carried out on the last weekend in April and all had gone well.

2013.14 **Village Signs & Signpost Repair**

Cllr. Topham had been in touch with Area 6 regarding these matters. It was not known why these works had not been carried out but Area 6 advised that this would be done as soon as possible. The Council asked the clerk to contact Area 6 to put signs up warning "Children Playing"

2013.15 **Potholes**

There has been some 'temporary' repairs in Ferrensby. An inspector had confirmed that the £3000 donated by the Parish Council would be spent on repairs which would hopefully be carried out without any road closures. The inspector would confirm where this money would be spent. The Chairman encouraged parishioners to write to NYCC and complain about the state of the roads and it was agreed to send a strongly worded letter from the Parish Council. There is also a useful web-site 'Fix my Street'. It was agreed that The Clerk would write to Area 6 regarding the state of the roads in the villages.

2013.16 **Flaxby Junction**

The PC had received communication from the Skelwith Group who are building the new resort that work on the junction would start on 27th May 2013 and was expected to last about a year. Anyone with any queries should contact the Skelwith Group directly.

2013.17 **The Bluebell**

Mr Richard Sykes, the owner of the Bluebell addressed the meeting and explained the reasons for the delay in starting the refurbishment and confirmed that their passion and commitment for the project has not changed. The planning department were insisting on extensive works regarding

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the drainage and water from the site and this had caused both a delay and also an increase in costs of circa £40k. It was hoped that work would start within the next 4 weeks and would take 9 – 10 months, hopefully opening in early Spring 2014.

2013.18 **Bridge Wall**

The Council had been advised that the condition of this wall was being monitored.

2013.19 **Junction on Lower Arkendale**

There were concerns about this junction where it exits 'The Reins' on to Moor Lane. It was agreed to ask for a Traffic Inspector to visit and advise a course of action. It was also agreed to ask for a traffic counter to be placed on Moor Lane as concern had been expressed about cars speeding through the village.

2013.20 **Bulb Planting Scheme**

It was agreed to opt for Crocus bulbs.

It was also agreed to contact Harrogate Arboreal about the replacement for the Cherry Tree on the Green by the Bungalows.

2013.21 **Change of Meeting Nights for PC Meetings**

It was agreed to change the meeting nights to a Wednesday with effect from September 2013. The Clerk to confirm the schedule of meetings with the Community Hall.

2013.22 **Correspondence**

1. Letter from Mike Middleton of HBC re Bulb Scheme
2. Letter from HBC confirming no requests received for an election
3. Letter from the Environment Agency re Environmental Permit Application – Allerton Waste Recovery Park
4. Copy of 'Country Air' Magazine
5. Letter from Zurich re insurance Renewal
6. Letter from HBC re Publication of the Harrogate District Sites and Policies Development Plan Document
7. Letter from HBC re Commutes Sums Policy Training
8. Email from Stacey Keeling, North Yorks re Adult Social Care discussion
9. White Rose Update & YLCA Training Programme

(Due to time restrictions the correspondence would be circulated to the Councillors after the meeting and any issues resulting would be put on the next agenda.

2013.23 **Finance**

- a). Review of Current Financial Position
- b). Receipt of Remittance for First Instalment of Parish Precept
- c). Payment of Community Hall Rental for meetings on 14.05.13 & 18.09.13
- d). Payment of Clerks Salary for March, April & May.
- e). Receipt of Remittance for Vat Rebate

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Reports from Representatives of Other Organisations

1. Sue Rowe – Arkendale Community Hall

Outlined the success of the hall. Having 5184 attendees at 256 events in the last year and 15442 attendees at 1208 events in the last 4 years. There were funds available for any renewals required. income was meeting expenditure and the hall now has 2 new trustees.

2. Jon West – Coneythorpe & Clareton Village Association

Described the events held over the past twelve months and the success of the association in bringing members of the village together for social occasions.

3. Neighbourhood Watch

A member of the watch outlined any issues over the last 12 months and advised parishioners that they should remain vigilant, leave lights on when away, lock all outbuildings and if requiring assistance ring '101'.

2013.25

Matters for inclusion on the Next Agenda

It was agreed to email all councillors nearer the date of the next meeting for agenda items.

2013.26

Date & Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Wednesday 18th September 2013 at 7.30pm. in the Community Hall, Arkendale.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:10 hours.