

Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Clareton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2013 At 7.30pm. in Arkendale Community Hall

Present: Cllr P Topham, Cllr P Houseman, Cllr S Shipman, Cllr D Bailey, Cllr M Robertshaw
Cllr R Windass, Cllr Anthony Alton

In Attendance: Mrs G Bartle (Clerk),
9 members of the Public

2013.64 **Declarations of Interest** – There were none

2013.65 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** –

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2013.66 **Public Participation** – nothing was raised at this time.

2013.67 **Planning Decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council**

1. Application 6.7894.FUL 13/02984/FUL Erection of New Agricultural Barn & Formation of Access Track at Vintage Croft, Moor Lane, Ferrensby – Permission Granted subject to conditions
2. Application 6.78.67.B.FUL 13/02467/FUL - Conversion of roof space, basement & garage to form living accommodation at Pond House Farm, Mar Head balk, Arkendale – Permission refused
3. Application 6.78.67.B.LB 13/02468/LB Listed Building Consent as above

2013.68 **Planning Applications dealt with between meetings**

1. 6.78.94.A.FUL 13/03758/FUL Erection of Agricultural Building at Vintage Croft, Moor Lane, Ferrensby – Council did not support due to poor access.
2. 6.78.47.O.FUL 13/03093/FUL Erection of three holiday lets at Hazel Head Farm, Mar Head balk, Arkendale – Council had no objections
3. 6.78.94.B.FUL 13/03857/FUL Erection of Agricultural Building – Council did not support due to poor access

2013.69 **Planning Applications**

1. 6.87.25. B.FUL 13/04263/FUL Construction of 2 dormer windows to the rear elevation of Forge Cottage, 11 Shortsill Lane, Coneythorpe. – No Objections
2. 6.78.33.G.FUL 13/04262/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension and internal alterations to create 4 staff accommodation rooms, 15 tourist accommodation rooms and new kitchen – No Objections

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Reports from Other Councillors

Cllr. R. Windass reported on matters from NYCC relating to the parishes covered by the Parish Council.

The pavement issues outside the Old Post office have hopefully been resolved.

The winter programme for gritting etc. has been planned but there is currently a shortage of salt due to an issue at the mine. However if the winter is severe gritting will take place despite the budget. Grit Bins can be purchased for £50 or £70 when filled twice.

Plans were being made for the Tour de France and of £10 million made available by the government for road improvements, it is expected that around £1 million will be spent in North Yorkshire.

Allerton Park - The PC Group had gone to Appeal both written & verbal appeals but both had been turned down. NYCC have taken the government to Judicial Review over their withdrawal of PFI funding and the hearing will take place in January 2014. NYCC & Amey Cespa now have planning permission but have to find the funding and come up with an acceptable business plan which will hopefully be debated at NYCC full council. Cllr. Windass added "I have been given permission to vote against the incinerator when the debate comes up; John Watson was not popular after he voted against it in the 2010 vote".

Cllr. Alton reported on matters from Harrogate Borough Council.

HBC was currently busy budgeting. Job cuts and savings were being made but as yet services were not being cut. Many decisions would be made over the next 4 weeks. There was a pot of money available for small community events that were being organised in connection with the Tour de France.

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Allerton Waste Recovery Park: (minute 2011.73 refers)

Cllr. Topham provided an update on the current situation. There was not a lot happening currently. The PC Group had gone to Appeal both written & verbal appeals but both had been turned down. Nothing had been heard from Europe regarding the appeal over misuse of funds but Brussels have been in touch with the government here regarding the matter. The PC Group were still planning an application to the Local Government Ombudsman regarding the way the original planning application was handled.

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Defibrillator

3 people in Arkendale had applied to become First Community Responders and after training would be attached to the Staveley Group.

The possibility of having a defibrillator unit in Arkendale is still being explored.

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2013.73 **Harrogate District Local Plan Consultation**

There were some changes being made. Commuted Sums would now be known as a CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy. This can be handled in two ways.

1. We can apply to hold the monies ourselves but would then be required to report annually to HBC on how the money was spent.
2. We can let HBC hold the funding and apply for it as required.

It was agreed to go with the second option and the appropriate paperwork was completed and would be sent to HBC by the Clerk.

2013.74 **Revised Model Standing Orders**

These had been read by the members of the council and with some minor adjustments it was agreed to adopt these Standing Orders for use by the council.

The Clerk to check point (17e) for confirmation of the date with the Internal Auditor and the YLCA.

2013.75 **Internal Audit Findings & Part-time Clerks Working Hours**

The findings were discussed and it was agreed to add more detail to the agenda, all cheque stubs would now be initialled by two councillors and the clerk would join the SLCC to have access to wider sources of advice and assistance. The Clerk would log her working hours over the next month to see what actually worked and investigate the method suggested by SLCC for calculating working hours.

2013.76 **Councillors Responsibilities of Office & YLCA Training Programme**

The Chairman reminded all councillors of their responsibilities of office and asked that they respond promptly to email regarding important matters – especially planning. Each Councillor was given a copy of the latest 'Good Councillor Guide'.

Cllr Robertshaw to attend a New Councillors course when one becomes available in the right location.

2013.77 **Parish Precepts – Grant from Central Government**

It was agreed to keep the Parish Precept at the same level for another year.

It was determined that of the commuted sums allocated £2100 would be given to the Village Hall to assist with the upkeep and maintenance & £565.96 to the church to assist in paying for the lighting.

2013.78 **Police Surgery**

The Clerk had contacted the police who had confirmed that in future they would contact the Parish Council to advise when the surgeries were being held.

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- 2013.79 **WW1 Centenary/Tour de France Grand departs**
This would be deferred to the next meeting.
The Chairman asked people to consider what might be done to celebrate the Tour de France.
- 2013.80 **The Bluebell**
A new planning application had been submitted due to changes to the internal layout but the footprint of the development would stay the same. There would now be no function room but an increased number of bedrooms. It was agreed to support the application. The Chairman had spoken to the developer and the planning department and any delays were due to drainage and water issues.
- 2013.81 **Road Safety - Junction on Lower Arkendale - Where it exits 'The Reins' on to Moor Lane**
This would be carried forward to the next meeting and Councillor Topham would contact Area 6.
- 2013.82 **Holgate Bridge**
The repairs still had not been carried out but the situation was being monitored by Area 6.
- 2013.83 **Pavement Problems**
The situation outside Mr Stokes house had been sorted but the pavement outside Houseman's bungalow, opposite the entrance to the church, need attention and the Clerk would contact Area 6 about this.
- 2013.84 **Flaxby Junction**
Work was progressing well and the ensuing traffic issues appear to be being handled.
- 2013.85 **Noticeboards**
All works on the Noticeboards had now been completed.
- 2013.86 **Village Signs & Signpost Repair**
This had now been dealt with
- 2013.87 **Speeding Traffic within the Villages**
This was still an issue but a bigger problem was the skip, concrete and dustbin wagons were travelling at speed through Arkendale. Cllr Alton advised that if residents could provide time, dates and registration numbers he would be able to take action.
- 2013.88 **Correspondence Received:**
To consider correspondence received:
1. Invitation to join Harrogate Borough Council District Panel
 2. Harrogate District Local Plan – Settlement Survey
 3. Registration for the European Election – May 2014
 4. NYCC – Household Waste Recycling Centres

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5. Call to Remember – War Memorials Trust
6. Creating Safer Communities in Harrogate District
7. Parish Estimates 2014/2015 – Precept Application
8. Rural Action Yorkshire

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Finance

To consider any current Financial Matters:

1. ICO Data Protection Renewal £35.00
2. Receipt of Remittance for second instalment of precept.
3. Payment of Clerks Salary for October and November
4. YLCA – Payment for Good Councillor Guides £15.00
5. To review the current financial position of the council, to review the budget for the next financial year in preparation for setting the precept for 2014/2015.

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Reports from Representatives of Other Organisations

Alan Stokes – Chairman of Arkendale Community Hall informed the meeting that the Hall was making a working surplus and are making good use of their half of the of the community noticeboard.

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Matters for inclusion on the Next Agenda

1. WWI Centenary
2. Road Safety Issue at the Reins and Mar junction
3. Part-time Clerks Working Hours
5. Speeding & Traffic Issues
6. Cherry Tree on the Village Green
7. Benches on the green and on the Churchyard

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Date & Time of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 7.30pm. In the Community Hall, Arkendale.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:25 hours.