

ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st February 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT Cllrs R. Alderson, Mrs G. Broadley, D. Gluck, P. Hancock, Mrs R. Reed, D. Stainton

In the absence of Chairman Cllr Howson, it was agreed that Cllr D Stainton (Vice Chairman) would chair the meeting.

Apologies received from Cllrs I. Forster, D. Howson, Mrs J Jeffrey.

Also present 5 members of the public and the Clerk.

12/15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday 17th January 2012, had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllrs Mrs Reed and seconded by Cllr Hancock that these were a true record. This was agreed.

12/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman informed those present that he was moving this item up the Agenda and would allow members of the public to speak on it so than any who wished to leave the meeting early could do so. Cllr Gluck referred to the Public Meeting which had been well attended with several residents volunteering to help a Steering Group. LCC Planning Dept had been informed the PC intended to do a N.P. and the Steering Group would be brought together shortly. Cllr Gluck outlined some of the measures to cover such as setting up a separate website, agreeing terms of reference, preparing a statement of community involvement, funding, data requirements, which would require a good core of volunteers. He felt that monthly meetings would be required. Cllrs Mrs Broadley and Mrs Reed volunteered to represent the PC on the Steering Group. Cllr Gluck agreed to organise an initial Steering Group meeting in March and he circulated a Draft Project Plan to Cllrs. Cllr Stainton felt that until the LCC Core Strategy was finalised and more guidelines forthcoming from Government then a steady approach was called for. Cllr Gluck felt that much could be done so PCs with a well advanced N.P. could inform the LCC Core Strategy rather than react to it.

12/17 POLICE MATTERS

No Police Officer was present but the Clerk had been given the report for January which showed 8 small incidents of burglary from sheds or outbuildings which were not alarmed and/or insecure. Regular checks on speeding were being made through the village. Residents should be aware of the need to secure all premises even when owners were inside and to beware of bogus callers.

12/18 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 12/03(a) Cock Beck – ongoing

(b) Minute 12/03(b) Bus Service – The Clerk had been handed a letter of complaint by a resident prior to the meeting which gave many instances of failure of service. This would be passed to Ward Cllr Matthew Robinson who was organising a meeting with other PC representatives, himself and First. Cllrs would be informed of the date. No other specific instances of service failure had been received by either Cllrs or Clerk but it was known that there were very many taking place.

The proposed Bus Clearway in Main Street was discussed – Cllrs were against any ‘build out’ solution and the Clerk was asked to request that the original proposal be put in place without further delay.

- (c) Minute 12/03(c) Ruts in footpath Hook Moor – LCC Highways were to make a site visit according to an email received several days previously. Clerk to chase.
- (d) Minute 12/03(e) Road Surface A1/A64 roundabout – not yet repaired – Clerk to chase.
- (e) Minute 12/03(g) Wind Turbine arrangements – The Clerk had been contacted by Banks Renewables who were to hold an initial meeting with representatives from Mickfield and Aberford PCs and Ward Cllrs. This would be 14th March and Cllrs noted this date.
- (f) Minute 12/03(i) Overhanging Bushes Lotherton Lane – Clerk to chase.
- (g) Minute 12/07(f) Becca Hall – Cllr Stainton reported a productive site meeting had been held with the owner and various LCC Officers. It was hoped that the Planners would accept what was planned which Cllrs felt would see the Hall restored to a good family home. The plans would come before the PC in due course.
- (h) Minute 12/08 North Newhold. It had not yet been possible to agree a date for a site visit to make the PC's concerns on drainage known – Clerk to organise.
- (i) Minute 12/10(a) Lotherton Lane footpath – work had now been completed. Cllr Hancock said that motorists were now parking beyond the built up footpath where the road actually was narrower and parking across the footpath there. Parking was also going on across the other side of the road. Clerk to make the police aware of this problem and ask for them to visit the site at the weekends.
- (j) Minute 12/10(c) Broken fencing on footpath over A1 - Cllr Mrs Broadley reported that the fencing was the responsibility of the land owner who had been informed and that the person, or persons, walking directly across the farmer's field would be spoken to about this.

12/19 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

(a) Village Design Statement

Cllr Gluck reported that a public meeting would be organised for the 3rd March in the Village Hall and notices would be circulated. The Steering Group was to meet on 28th February to finalise details. After the public meeting the VDS might need to be revisited in the light of any comments made and then it would be submitted to LCC within the next couple of months.

(b) Broadband

Cllr Gluck had received no updates from either company at this time.

(d) Footpaths – update deferred except for item 12/18(j) above. (Cllr Mrs Jeffrey)

(e) Allotments – update deferred to next meeting (Cllr Mrs Jeffrey).

Community Interest Company

Cllr Gluck also reported on the newly formed company which was totally separate from the Parish Council. There were four Directors, being Cllr Gluck, Mr Mike Oakes, Ms Diane Spencer and Mr Tom Archer. Cllrs were given a leaflet with details of this not-for-profit company. Premises had been found within Hicklam House and funds were being raised to create an office. Services of this new company would include providing assistance with fundraising and funding advice, managing projects on behalf of organisations, undertaking research, community consultation and engagement and supporting organisations providing services to the community. Cllr Gluck said that the company would report to the PC at every meeting and would have its own website.

12/20 JUBILEE FIELD

The Minutes of the last Sub-committee meeting had been circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Stainton had been working hard to resolve the legal and maintenance issues which were inching closer to resolution. Cllr Alderson had circulated the position on the creation of a footpath across the graveyard and Cllrs agreed that the arrangements between LCC and the Parochial Church

Council were satisfactory so far as they were concerned. Cllr Stainton was hoping to learn the result of the grant application before the March meeting. The next Sub-committee meeting was scheduled for 22nd March.

12/21 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Cllr Gluck reported that the proposed island refuge in Cattle Lane would be constructed in materials to blend in as much as possible to existing nearby materials. A scheme to introduce two pedestrian refuges at the Hook Moor junction would also be included in the 2012/2013 LCC Highways budget. This would prevent overtaking on the B1217 through the right turn lanes. Further matters such as the 20mph speed limit trial and changes to the siting of 30mph signs at village gateways were still to be addressed. Negotiations between a company and Football Club about off-road parking were in abeyance due to the company seeking other premises. The creation of parking through road marking at the south end of the village was also yet to be addressed.

12/22 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The Clerk drew attention to provision of Hanging Pots. It was agreed that the PC wanted to have them again this year and arrangements for sponsors etc would be left with the Clerk. The cost of supply, installation and maintenance of 41 Hanging Pots at £25.00 each would be £1025.00 Inc VAT. It was suggested by LCC Parks Dept that they supply in Red/White/Blue for this year of the Queen's Jubilee and Cllrs agreed. A Pot could not be put on the lamppost at the Play Area side of bridge as it would be too difficult to install/maintain.

(b) Banks Renewables - Mr Lewis Stock, (Community Representative) had informed the Clerk that Banks were organising a preliminary meeting to talk about 'the way forward' regarding the Wind Turbines. Micklefield PC and Ward Cllrs together with Aberford Cllrs were to be invited. The date would be the 14th March in the evening in The Old Fire Station.

(c) The Minutes of the last Parish & Town Council Forum meeting held 25th January were with the Clerk if any Cllr wished to access them. The next meeting would be January 2013.

(d) The publications 'Country Air' and 'White Rose Update' were handed out for circulation by Cllrs.

12/23 PLANNING

Applications

(a) Application P/12/00114 – Rooflights to form habitable room over garage – Lyndhurst, Greystones Park, Aberford. Cllr Stainton recommended no objection provided the roof level was not to be raised and that nearby residents did not object.

(b) Application P/11/05410 – Additional polytunnels – Sturton Grange Farm. No objection.

Decisions

Approved

(a) P/11/04797 – Lst Bldg consent for replacement windows – Old Coach House, Beckside

(b) P/11/04683 – F/f Side Extn. – 6 Ashley Park Mews, Garforth

(c) P/11/04836 – Retro app chnge use part agri bldg to strge and distribn – Sturton Grange Farm

Pending

(a) P/11/05424 - Variations of various conditions of approved 08/00988 to permit retention of agricultural workers caravans and polytunnels - Sturton Grange Farm.

(b) P/11/05257 - Replacement dwelling house – involving demolition of existing farm – Sturton Grange Farm.

12/24 ACCOUNTS

(a) Budget – Neighbourhood Plan costs – the Clerk reminded Cllrs that the NP leaflet had referred to the PC setting aside funds to support the preparation of a NP. This would need to be discussed and a possible budget set. To be on the Agenda at the March meeting.

(b) Grant Application – the Aberford & District Community Interest Company had submitted an application form for a grant towards the purchase of video equipment which would be available for any village organisation to use. Initially the school children had a project they wished to undertake. Cllrs approved a grant of £250.

Balances

In HSBC Current a/c	£ 2,546.81
In HSBC No 1 Int a/c	£17,975.90
In HSBC No 2 Int a/c	£80,119.24

In Master Plan a/c	£ 404.71
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In PPP £347.00

To Pay

From PC current account:

(a) Cheque number 100362, in the sum of £461.00, for annual membership of YLCA, was agreed and issued.

(b) Cheque number 100363, in the sum of £170.90, for Clerk's salary, was agreed and issued.

(c) Cheque number 100364, in the sum of £62.39, for Clerks expenses, telephone and printing paper, was agreed and issued.

(d) Cheque number 100365, in the sum of £135.00, for printing of NP Leaflets was agreed and issued to Zebraprint Management.

(e) Cheque number 100366, in the sum of 250.00, being a grant to Aberford & District Community Interest Company, was agreed and issued.

(f) Cheque number 100367, in the sum of £6.50, for telephone charges in connection with PC's account with Barclays Bank, was agreed and issued to Cllr Stainton.

12/25 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

(a) Cllr Mrs Broadley informed the meeting she would be issuing information about LeedsFest tickets earlier this year – before the end of March.

(b) Cllr Hancock drew attention to the yellow advertising signs attached to lampposts. The Clerk was asked to deal with getting these removed. This matter might usefully be one to raise at the LCC/Town & Parish Council Forum as it might apply to other villages – Ward Cllr Robinson to be contacted.

(c) Some residents had apparently not received the last Newsletter – noted.

12/26 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(a) A question was asked about moving the northern end 30mph speed limit sign. Cllr Gluck said that, through the forthcoming Village Design Statement, there was a plan to integrate the different signage throughout the village, although some money would be required to do this.

(b) A question was asked about when the brown bin collections would resume. The resident was told that information could be obtained from the LCC website but it would be put on the PC website.

12/27 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their presence and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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