

ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th July 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors D. Howson (Chairman), R. Alderson, I. Forster, D. Gluck, P. Hancock, Mrs J. Jeffrey, Mrs R. Reed, D. Stainton.
Apologies were received from Mrs G. Broadley
Also present: 4 members of the public, 2 LCC Officers/Event Organiser, Police Office plus the Clerk

12/90 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th June 2012 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Forster and seconded by Cllr Hancock that these were a true record. This was agreed.

12/91 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

(a) Mr Keith Dunwell had indicated his willingness to serve on the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr Stainton and seconded by Cllr Hancock that he be co-opted to serve and this was unanimously agreed.

(b) Mr John Barker had indicated his willingness to serve on the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr Gluck and seconded by Cllr Alderson that he be co-opted to serve and this was unanimously agreed.

Upon completion of paperwork, both will take up their posts at the next meeting.

12/92 POLICE MATTERS

There had been no crime in the village over the previous month. Attention was drawn to the locks for uPVC doors which were available and that free security checks were available to all residents. Speed checks would continue from time to time through the main street. Information would be put on the PC website.

12/93 PROPOSED EVENT AT LOTHERTON HALL 29.09.12

A good discussion was held with the LCC Officers and Event Organiser and many concerns and suggestions were made about management of noise and traffic. All nearby areas would be leafleted with telephone numbers to report noise and any concerns and responders would be available throughout the Event. All Agencies, such as the Police, would be involved in the Event planning. Cllrs Mrs Jeffrey pointed out that the Parish Council received an allocation of tickets for the LeedsFest event as compensation for any disruption and this brought a sum of around £2000 to benefit projects for residents. She asked that the organisers give consideration to something similar for the village and received confirmation that this would be looked at.

12/94 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 12/70(b) Bus Clearway – the Chairman reported that the onsite meeting with Metro and Cllr Robinson had not, in his opinion, provided a satisfactory solution. Metro were only willing to trial a ‘build out’ but this could be several weeks before it was installed. Cllrs felt that this was unsatisfactory as the bus would have to stop in a position straddling the central line, the build out would be unsightly and tend to encourage parking up to that build out. There was an obvious extra cost to this solution as opposed to a simple yellow lining and disabled parking hatching which was what the PC wanted. This item would be revisited.

- (b) Minute 12/70(c) North Newhold site meeting – still to be arranged.
- (c) Minute 12/70(f) Repairs to seats Highfields – ongoing.
- (d) Minute 12/77(a) Grass cutting – remedial works and cutting of areas which had been left had been carried out. A cutting schedule had been received but not a map of the areas covered which the Clerk was asked to obtain. Cllr Howson reported that an area behind the seat at Parlington Drive had been left uncut. Cllr Forster reported cutting had been done at his end of the parish and he would be monitoring.

12.95 REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES

(a) Village Design Statement

Cllr Gluck reported this was 90% complete.

(b) Broadband – Ongoing

(c) Footpaths

Cllr Mrs Jeffrey reported that work would shortly be started on cutting the footpath from beyond Priory Park which went across to the B1217. A further allocation of money had been received from LCC. Cllr Hancock asked that Cllr Mrs Jeffrey investigate the footpath from Lotherton Hall going towards Coburn Hill Woods which needed attention, having not been cut for over a year.

(d) Allotments – Ongoing. A reply to the last letter was awaited.

12/96 JUBILEE FIELD

Cllr Stainton reported that a grant of £7,000 had been awarded to the scheme from the LCC Well Being fund. The result of the application to Grantscape was awaited in August. Legals were dragging on but the lease for the footpath would start from the 1st of August and for the licence to cross land from 1st September when it was hoped to start work. The Parochial Church Council would be chased by Mr Picton-Phillips regarding the school access legal agreement. LCC Officer Ms Nunns had been pressed by Cllr Stainton to make sure that planning permission was in order. The Chairman had been in contact with the Estate representatives on another matter and they had promised to press their Solicitors to complete their part of the work.

12/97 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Following the move of the company occupying premises near the Football Field, the problem of vehicles generated by their employees had been solved. However, vehicles from the company at Priory Park were an increasing problem. The Chairman and Clerk were attempting to bring that company together with the Football Club to see if a mutually beneficial arrangement could be made. A report would be made to the next meeting.

12/98 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The Clerk reported that work was to commence on resurfacing of the A1/A64 roundabout on 30th July for around 3 weeks. Information would be put on the PC website, residents were to be leafleted and notices would be put on the roads around.

(b) A new schedule for the Library Bus was given to Cllr Mrs Reed to monitor. This had been sent via Cllr Castle and the fact that short notice was given was mentioned.

12/99 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Gluck reported that the third meeting of the group had taken place the previous evening with a good attendance of 15. Mr M. Oakes had been elected Chairman and Ms Ockleton as Secretary with Mr N. Moore as a possible Vice Chairman. The date for comments under the

consultation requirements had now passed and the process would move forward to be confirmed by LCC as the final hurdle to progress.

Cllrs Howson and Gluck had attended a meeting of Chairmen of the Outer N.E. Parish Councils and there would be another such meeting at a date to be arranged which might focus more on strategic overview. The issue of inviting landowners and developers to sit on NP groups had been raised and it was the view that they should be utilised for their expertise if it was felt helpful by a group but not necessarily be members of a group. The intention of our NP group was to meet with the local landowners to inform them of progress and to get more information from them and then to look at individual sites as a group.

Mr Oakes had attended the first meeting of the Project Board of the new group of parishes which had applied to do NPs and this would continue to meet.

Cllr Gluck raised the matter of financing the NP process, having circulated his thoughts and estimated breakdown of costs to colleagues prior to the meeting. He believed it certain that outside expertise would need to be engaged for aspects of the work. In this regard Cllr Gluck was willing to prepare a tender document for that work which could then be submitted to a website used by Local Authorities in our area requiring outside work. This allowed companies to tender in an open process.

It was discussed that funding might be split over two precept years and that an application could be made to the Lottery funded Awards for All Agency to help. No funds were to be made available to Parish Councils either from LCC themselves or Government. Cllr Gluck was willing to prepare an application to Awards for All. The PC up to date financial situation had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

After a long discussion, a proposal was tabled by Cllr Gluck that the Parish Council should agree, in principle, to fund the NP preparation to the sum of £11,500.00. (As stated above, this might be funded over two precept years and also might be offset if a grant from Awards for All could be obtained).

Cllrs Alderson, Forster, Gluck, Mrs Jeffrey and Mrs Reed voted in favour, Cllrs Howson and Hancock were against and Cllr Stainton abstained. The proposal was, therefore, carried.

12/100 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

P/12/02890 - Two Single storey Extns to Dutch Barn – Silver Hills Farm, Lotherton Lane. Cllrs had no objection but wanted to point out to LCC Planning that the landscaping which had been asked for long ago had not been done.

Approved

P/12/01697 Retro app for S/S Rear Extn – 1 Ashley Park Mews, Garforth
P/12/01216 Substitution of house types Plots 2 and 3, Bunkers Hill, Aberford
P/12/02241 Consrvy to rear - 17 Hayton Wood View

Pending

P/12/02432 Two Storey side Ext.etc – Hollybeck House, off Main Street
P/12/01574 Becca Hall refurbishment
P/12/00725 Outline app for employment park and layout of access, Aberford Road, Garforth.

Withdrawn

P/12/01890 2 Storey Rear Extn & Porch to front – Granary Cottage, Main Street.

12/101 ACCOUNTS

Balances

In HSBC Current a/c £ 2,087.37
In HSBC No 1 Int a/c £23,652.76 (Revenue Reserve)

In HSBC No 2 Int a/c £80,146.10 (Capital Reserve)
In HSBC Master Plan a/c £ 1,824.71

To Pay

From PC current account:

1. Cheque number 100387, in the sum of £280.00, for hire of Village Hall was approved and issued.
2. Cheque number 100388, in the sum of £170.90 for Clerk's salary was approved and issued.
3. Cheque number 100389, in the sum of £24.91, for stationery was approved and issued to Clerk.
4. Cheque number 100390, in the sum of £3.50, for booklets from Yorkshire Local Councils Association, was approved and issued to YLCAssn.
5. Cheque number 100391, in the sum of £45.85, for contribution to the Community Police vehicle, was approved and issued to Wetherby Town Council.
6. Cheque number 100392, in the sum of £177.60, for snow clearing last winter, was approved and issued to D. Watson and Sons.
7. Cheque number 100393, in the sum of £7.50, for hire of village school, was approved and issued to LCC Lettings.

12/102 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Cllr Howson had been asked if a resident could provide a memorial seat on Pump Hill. It was felt that the existing seats were sufficient but that replacing one with new might be a solution. An alternative proposed by Cllr Stainton was to ask if the resident would sponsor one at Jubilee Field. Cllr Howson to deal with this.
- (b) Cllr Gluck informed the meeting that the work on school playground would start shortly and was expected to be completed in three weeks.
- (c) Cllr Forster reported he had been in contact with various LCC Departments on matters at his end of the parish and would report progress at the next meeting.
- (d) Cllr Hancock said that cars parking on the concrete area at the bottom of Pump Hill were causing it to break up. This was briefly discussed but might form part of a more general traffic management survey.
- (e) Cllr Mrs Jeffrey reported that vegetation needed cutting back on the footpath near the Football Field – Clerk to deal.
- (f) Cllr Mrs Jeffrey reported that the BT telephone in the box at the end of Parlington Lane was broken – she would deal with this. She suggested that if BT were to indicate their unwillingness to repair this then alternative uses by the community should be looked at.

12/103 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A resident asked the PC to see what they could do about the noxious smells coming from the large lake which had formed at the side of the Royal Oak following exceptionally heavy rain. Clerk to deal.

12/104 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their presence, and closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

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