

ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th February 2013 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel.

PRESENT Councillors D. Howson (Chairman), R. Alderson, J. Barker, K. Dunwell, I. Forster, P. Hancock, Mrs J. Jeffrey, Mrs R. Reed.
Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Broadley
Also present: Police Officer, Ward Cllr M. Robinson, 8 public and the Clerk

The Chairman informed the meeting that he proposed to take Planning Matters after the Neighbourhood Plan item in order to give a particular application sufficient time to be fully debated.

12/187 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2013 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Subject to correction of a spelling mistake and substitution of Cllr Hancock's name at point 12/184(c), it was proposed by Cllr Hancock and seconded by Cllr Dunwell that these were a true record. This was agreed.

12/188 POLICE MATTERS

There were two crimes in the previous month. Residents were urged to let the police have details if any wagons containing metal were seen around the parish so they could be checked. The Chairman reported from a FarmWatch meeting that some badger diggers had been apprehended and prosecuted. Neighbourhood Watch meetings would begin shortly and residents invited to attend a meeting in the village. Wetherby & District Crime Prevention Panel would be taking over the Eurolock scheme.

12/189 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

The Chairman reported that a candidate had been chosen and asked for authority to appoint. This was agreed. Clerk to deal.

12/190 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- (a) 27% of questionnaires had been returned and a great deal of useful information had come from them. Results had been circulated to Cllrs and Group members. These would be posted on the website shortly. A short questionnaire to the business community was now being considered together with a Newsletter to residents to reach those not on the internet.
- (b) There was a good attendance at the Open Day despite very bad weather and our M.P. and Ward Cllr Matthew Robinson visited. An article with photograph appeared in the Wetherby News. The Open Day produced a lot of positive feedback and information.
- (c) The new website was set up with a link to the PC website.
- (d) The consultation period on the boundary change had ended yesterday. The Clerk had not received anything from the Garforth end residents.
- (e) The Chairman then drew tickets to determine winners of the questionnaire competition.
- (f) The Chairman said that the Agent for the Estate would like to speak to the Working Group and it was agreed that they would be invited to the next meeting on 7th March. Other land owners would be seen in due course.

12/191 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr Alderson declared a Personal Interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

Applications

- (a) P/12/05340 – S/s Annex to side – 9 Raper View. Cllrs had no objections.
- (b) P/13/00301 – S/s Rear Extn – 28 Highfield Road. Cllrs had no objections
- (c) P/13/00226 – Two storey Side & Rear Extns – 2 Woodbridge Avenue, Garforth. Cllrs had no objections.
- (d) P/12/05434 – 5 Detached houses and alterations to Village Hall. The Chairman allowed members of the public present to give their views. Cllrs had regularly looked at the responses on the City Council website. The application was very fully debated and it was decided to object on several grounds: site within the SHLAA process/Neighbourhood Plan process, Greenbelt, Flooding, Disturbance to Wildlife, Funding, Traffic, Type of Houses, Aspects of Design of Village Hall. Cllr Alderson voted in favour of the application. Clerk was asked to reply which would be published on the City Council Planning Portal.

Decisions

Approved

P/12/05304 – Extension of time – various alterations to Lotherton Lodge.

Withdrawn

P/12/05068 – New House, Becca Lane, Aberford

Refused

P/12/05026 – Extensions to 1 Hayton Wood View, Aberford. Clerk read out reasons.

12/192 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Minute 12/176(a) North Newhold – Cllr Forster still wanted to find out what was happening on this land subsequent to the announcement that part of it was to be used for the route of the High Speed Rail line.
- (b) Minute 12/176(b) Seat repairs – ongoing – Clerk to deal
- (c) Minute 12/176(c) Grass cutting – The Chairman and Clerk had met with LCC Officer Giles Jeffs and agreement appeared to have been reached on areas in dispute.
- (d) Minute 12/176(d) War Memorial ‘ownership’ – waiting for LCC Legal Dept.
- (e) Minute 12/176(e) Ward Cllr Matthew Robinson confirmed he was working on the responses. This was taking some time due to the volume of responses but he was hoping to arrange a meeting with Metro in the near future.
- (f) Minute 12/176(g) Dog policy Jubilee Field – the Clerk had spoken with Ms Boulding about what the school would wish for the policy. A further meeting was to be arranged.
- (g) Minute 12/176(h) Parking Masternaut – Chairman and Clerk, together with Cllr Barker to progress under Traffic Management.
- (h) Minute 12/176(j) Defibrillator – Cllr Mrs Jeffrey reported she was going to volunteer and would be going for training in March. It was hoped a few more people would volunteer.
- (h) Minute 12/181(g) Hanging Baskets – these had been ordered from LCC Parks and Cllr Alderson had had a very good response to date from 36 residents willing to sponsor. There were a few more spaces available.
- (i) Minute 12/184(c) Mole problem – this had been dealt with by Environmental Services.

12/193 REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES

- (a) Broadband – Cllr Robinson had indicated that some villages were including this in their Neighbourhood Plan research. The City Council Officer leading this topic was Tom Holvey and it was decided to invite him to a future meeting.

(b) Footpaths – Cllrs had met with the LCC Footpaths Officer to discuss the survey of the parish footpaths. Maps of footpaths had been obtained and a survey would be done over the coming months.

Cllr Hancock had been in lengthy correspondence with Officers about the problem of cyclists using footpaths at Lotherton Hall but it had proved difficult to get a satisfactory outcome. The City Council was keen to promote cycling – particularly in view of the Tour de France stage to be held in Yorkshire.

(c) Allotments – A draft lease had been received from the City Council. There were two clauses of concern to the Clerk. Cllr Mrs Jeffery to take forward.

12/194 JUBILEE FIELD

The Clerk reported that LCC Officer Ms Nunns was on holiday until the end of the month and it would not be possible to progress matters until her return. Mr Stainton was going to arrange a meeting early March of the Sub Committee.

12/195 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Barker and the Clerk would form a Working Group to begin to progress traffic matters throughout the village. A start would be made on the parking problems at the south end near Priory Park which the Chairman and Clerk had not been able to bring to a satisfactory conclusion. Two possible solutions had been put to the company at Priory Park but had not been taken forward so LCC Highways would be contacted for other options.

12/196 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Cllrs discussed a request from a Leeds University lecturer to be allowed to speak with members of the NP Group concerning some research he was doing. This was agreed – Clerk to deal.

(b) A letter from a company offering general building and gardening services was noted.

(c) Cllrs had been sent information about a Review the City Council was conducting which seemed to include reviewing parish boundaries. Further information awaited.

(d) The Aberford in Bloom group had sent copy invoices to show that the grant made last year had been spent on various plants.

(e) Information from the Town & PC Forum had been sent to Cllrs.

(f) Information about changes to residential and day care had been sent to Cllrs.

12/197 ACCOUNTS

LeedsFest

Cllr Mrs Broadley had been organising this again and information was on Noticeboards and website. There was a small error made in the money passed to the Clerk and a further cheque for £145.00 would shortly be paid into the PC account.

Balances

In HSBC Current a/c	£ 696.00
In HSBC No 1 Int A/c	£31,486.48(Rev Reserve)
In HSBC No 2 Int A/c	£78,024.04 (Cap Reserve)

Notes:

Revenue Reserve includes (i) £369.00 Parish Paths Partnership money which is set aside to pay the contractor for maintenance of footpaths, (ii) £5009.86 from LeedsFest ticket sales and £10,000.00 grant through the Big Lottery Fund.

Capital Reserve is allocated for refurbishment of Jubilee Field

To Pay

- (a) Cheque number 100428, in the sum of £170.90 for Clerk's salary, was agreed and issued.
- (b) Cheque number 100429, in the sum of £75.00 for hire of Hall for NP Event, was agreed and issued.
- (c) Cheque number 100430, in the sum of £20.00 for hire of Methodist Chapel, was agreed and issued.
- (d) Cheque number 100431, in the sum of £96.46 for website for NP and ink cartridge, was agreed and issued
- (e) Cheque number 100432, in the sum of £60.13 for Banner for NP Event Day, was agreed and issued to Express Signs (Yorkshire) Ltd.
- (f) Cheque numbers 100433, 100434, 100435 and 100436, each for £25.00 for Prize Draw winners of the NP draw, were agreed and issued.

12/198 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Request to amend Minute 12/161(j) in December minutes. After discussion it was agreed that a misunderstanding had arisen and the old barn in question had been repaired, reduced in size and given a coat of preservative.
- (b) The Clerk reported that no planning permission was needed for a resident to have a caravan and camping site provided it was within the terms of membership of the Caravan and Camping Club.
- (c) During the snowy weather a further supply of grit had been delivered to Mr Watson and he had done some ploughing and gritting. The grit bins had all been filled up again including those purchased by the PC.
- (d) Cllr Barker could supply a copy of how to install a Eurolock if any resident wanted one.
- (e) Cllr Alderson urged the PC to contact the Village Hall Committee as soon as possible about the way forward.
- (f) Cllr Dunwell asked if Garforth in Bloom would be able to approach the PC for a grant again and it was confirmed that they could.
- (g) Cllr Hancock asked if the slippery footpath at Bunkers Hill could be dealt with. Clerk had requested but would chase this.
- (h) The Play Area was reported as needing a clean with lots of leaves and there was dog dirt in the surrounding areas.

12/199 - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- (a) Mr Gluck told the PC that the Aberford & District Community Interest Company, of which he was a Director, had launched their new office within Aberford Interiors. The company had obtained some funding to do a research project on the levels of noise throughout the parish. He intended to do a full note to go on the website and newsletter involving people in doing noise readings and surveys of residents' perceptions. This could be used to put before the Highways Agency and the City Council to try to get them to do more. It was proposed to commence at the beginning of April.
- (b) The Chairman said that there were many trees fallen across Cock Beck beyond the A1 and efforts would again be made to try to get the Environment Agency to deal with these.
- (c) A request from a resident to leave an uncut strip on the wide grass verges at the south end of the village to allow wildflowers etc would again be put to Highways.

12/200 – CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.