

BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2006

Present: Cllrs G Weir (Chairman), F Cowton, D Frith, D Jackson and Mrs C Thornton
P Harrison (Clerk)

There was a public attendance of 11 including County Councillor G Dadd.

1. APOLOGIES None

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2006 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 With reference to Minute 9.1, the Clerk reported that he taken up the matter of the road drain outside Whitlands with the Highways Inspector. It was explained that this is a larger than usual grating over a concrete slab from which water is discharged into a gully in the grass verge, specially installed to reduce flooding at the lower end of the village. The Clerk said that he had asked one of nearby residents to look out for effectiveness
- 3.2 With reference to Minute 3.2 it has been agreed by NYCC Highways that a grit box will be provided on Back Lane at the top of the hill near to the rear access to The Byre. It has not yet been provided, and the situation should be kept under review.
- 3.3 With reference to the occupation of the building down Bob Lane (Minute 3.3) the Clerk reported that he had spoken with Mr Alan Kendal of HDC Development Services. Mr Kendal has visited the site again in February and noted signs of activity (as a number of villagers also reported) but no one was at the site at the time. He says he intends to talk to the owners and keep the matter under review.
- 3.4 With reference to Minute 4.8, Cllr Jackson reported that he had read the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, and there was no real change from earlier documentation.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Various items of correspondence including the following (Planning correspondence is deal with under Item 5 below):

- 4.1 At the request of the Clerk, NYCC have sent a document "Overview and Scrutiny at North Yorkshire County Council" dated February 2005. This follows from a document received last month and will be circulated to Councillors.
- 4.2 Letter dated 3 March from Hambleton advising that the new property next to Sedona (previously Peacehaven) is now officially recognised as "Dove Cottage".
- 4.3 Letter dated 16 March from Hambleton Community Safety Partnership about speeding and dangerous driving. This includes details of a "Speed Matrix" sign which is used to warn drivers of their speed, and how to arrange for one to visit the village. It will be circulated to Councillors.
- 4.4 Letter dated 17 March from HDC on subject of Members Interests. The Clerk will discuss this with Councillors individually
- 4.5 Invoice for £91.00 from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations for next year's membership (1 April 06 to 31 March 07). It was agreed to consider this at a later meeting.

5. PLANNING

- 5.1 **Woundales Lane – replacement dwelling** Mr Ian Cunniffe continues to express concern about the relationship between the floor level of the proposed building and estimated flood levels, and he has handed over to Cllr Weir copies of his correspondence on the matter. The Clerk reported that he had also been discussing this aspect with HDC Planning and Engineering Departments. Senior Engineer, Mr Clive Thornton agrees that it is important to ensure that there would be no pollution of the watercourse from the foul drainage in the event of a flood. He is awaiting the more detailed proposals dealing with this. This needs to be kept this under review.
- 5.2 **Three Chimneys – alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding** This application was considered at the HDC Development Control Committee on 9 March, with a recommendation by the Planning Officer for Refusal. The Committee decided to defer a decision until after a Site Visit on Monday 3 April. It was agreed that Cllrs Cowton and Thornton will attend. On 8 March HDC sent out an amended drawing which was considered at this evening's meeting. The Council agreed to recommend refusal again on similar grounds as before, and the Clerk was asked to inform HDC.
- 5.3 **Cockstride House – two storey extension** Revised plans have been submitted to clarify some aspects and to show a slight lowering of the roof line to the extension. It was agreed to recommend acceptance, as before, and the Clerk was asked to inform HDC.

6. NATIONAL GRID DONATION

Following from the discussion at the previous meeting it was decided to review the situation. To help discussion the Clerk had handed out a copy of the relevant Minute from the meeting of the Parish Council on 1 December 2004 when decisions were made about the distribution of the National Grid money. It was noted that the moneys were earmarked for (a) equipment for the annual Borrowby Show, and (b) equipment to refurbish the Village Hall, and that funding was to be released on proof of purchase. At this evening's meeting it was agreed that Cllr Weir would keep in contact with the Village Hall Committee and the Show Committee, and would keep the Parish Council informed about progress. The decisions about release of the appropriate moneys would be brought back to the Council when the time was right.

7. CHESTNUT BANK

The Clerk reported that he now has the necessary forms to progress the formalisation of the Right of Way. At the suggestion of County Hall he had written to Land Registry, York Office, and received confirmation that none of Chestnut Bank has been registered since his earlier enquiry in October last year.

At the Parish Council meeting last month it was agreed that, on the basis of the evidence collected, we should aim to register the right of way as a "byway open to all traffic". However, when the Chairman and the Clerk started to implement this they found that the right of the public to use the track by motor vehicle could prove very disturbing for householders fronting onto the track. Most of the evidence of use of the track by motor vehicles was to give access to the properties along the top of the bank anyway. The decision was therefore brought back to the Parish Council for further consideration. After discussion it was agreed to register the track as a "Bridleway". This will not affect the rights of access for the householders fronting on to Chestnut Bank. The Clerk was asked to implement the registration procedure accordingly.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 8.1 An invoice had been received for the use of the Methodist Church for two meetings of the Parish Council in the sum of £20.00. Payment of this was agreed, and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.
- 8.2 Payment of the Clerk's honorarium from 1 August 2005 to 31 March 2006 in the sum of £210.00 was approved.

- 8.3 Reimbursement of the Clerk's administration expenses, from 1 August to 31 March, in the total sum of £50.03 was approved.
- 8.4 An invoice had been received for the purchase of lamps for the Christmas tree in the sum of £39.48. Payment of this was agreed, and the Clerk was asked to arrange it.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 The Clerk issued copies of the Parish Council's Standing Orders, issued on 21 June 2000, for information. It was agreed that these should be reviewed at a later meeting
- 9.2 Cllr Jackson referred to the meeting of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations he had attended with the Clerk. It was felt that attendance had been worthwhile. Some of the issues discussed were of direct relevance and would help us in the conduct of our business.
- 9.3 Cllr Jackson reported on Neighbourhood Watch matters, and it was noted that we needed to raise awareness of security issues.

10. OPEN FORUM

- 10.1 Mrs Ann Johnson reported on the February meeting of the Borrowby Drainage Improvement Group and its concern about the effect of any building development at the south end of the village, epitomised by the present application from Three Chimneys.
- 10.2 Mrs Carey asked if the Councillors on the Site Visit concerned with the Three Chimneys application would come onto her garden. She was advised that they may do this if they had her permission. A number of points concerned with the application were discussed and Mr Peter Johnson referred to letters from Mrs Johnson and him to HDC Environmental Services.
- 10.3 County Councillor Gareth Dadd advised the meeting on transport issues at County level. Although the County's transport budget had been cut, he said that this had not affected any of the facilities in Borrowby. This led to a general discussion about paying for the school bus service. It was noted that it is Government policy to charge users of school buses, but if the charge was too high parents would be tempted to use their cars. Perhaps one way of keeping the cost to parents down would be to open the service to other than school pupils. Cllr Dadd also reported that the most recent information he had received about the resurfacing of the A19 indicated that this may be brought forward to 2007
- 10.4 Mr Tim Hogg raised the issue of the grass cutting contract. The Clerk was asked to include this on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 10.5 Mrs Jane Cunniffe reported on a dislodged traffic sign on Allerton Wath road. The Clerk was asked to deal with this.

11. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 27 April 2006 at 8.00pm in Borrowby Methodist Chapel.

It was noted that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would need to take place in May, and, as is the usual practice in Borrowby, the Annual Parish Meeting could take place on the same evening. Possible items for the agenda of the Parish Meeting, as discussed this evening, are (a) Planning / Conservation Area, (b) Maintenance of the character of the village, (c) Low cost housing, (d) Activities in and around the village. Arrangements will be agreed at the April meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed:.....Dated:.....