

BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th July 2005 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs G Weir F Cowton D Frith D Jackson
Mrs C Thornton

There was a gallery of 10 persons

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing to those present, Mr Maurice Cann, Head of Development Control, Hambleton District Council who was attending the meeting to explain the Planning System.

Mr Cann stated that of the thirty four Planning Applications submitted by residents of Borrowby only one was overruled by the District Council and that was the telephone mast at Woundales.

The most popular application was house extensions and they relied on Parish Councils to provide as much information as possible on approvals and objections, relying, to a certain extent, on local knowledge ie flooding etc.

The government provides guidelines on the period of time the district councils have to process each individual planning application and parish councils have twenty one days in which to return the necessary documents to them. Mr Cann appreciated that there are times when this is not possible and suggested that on such occasions a request should be made to the person dealing with the application for an extension and in most cases this is allowed.

North Yorkshire County Council is testing a new system whereby plans can be viewed on the website. The present system of forwarding planning applications to parish councils will continue.

The local development framework for Hambleton District has been completed and is to be circulated to all parish councils within the next few days.

The Chairman asked those present if they wanted to ask Mr Cann any questions.

A resident informed Mr Cann that he had objected in writing to Hambleton District Council on certain aspects of the village hall plan and that he had not received any response from the district council. Mr Cann apologised and said that they have 2,500 applications per annum and 10,000 letters on planning.

There was concern on the parking of cars at the village hall which would create further problems when the extension is completed, Mr Cann confirmed that this is a Parish Council problem.

The question of converting a garage into a room in a conservation area was brought to the attention of Mr Cann who said that he knew of no reason why this could not be done although it would possibly increase parking on the road.

The placing of planning applications by the district council on property where a planning application has been submitted was discussed. A resident pointed out that such notices were displayed in Bob Lane which is off the main road, rarely used by residents and therefore not seen. Could they not be displayed where villagers can read the applications. Mr Cann pointed out that they have to be displayed near to the property involved and suggested that in such cases the Parish Council could request further copies and display them for the benefit of residents.

As there were no further questions the Chairman thanked Mr Cann for attending the meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June 2005 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING**CORRESPONDENCE**

21.07.05 North Yorkshire Police – Recruitment of Special Constables, more information required. No interest.

21.07.05 HDC – Planning application, South View, approved

21.07.05 HDC – Local Development Framework, circulated.

PLANNING

The Parish Council Development Control will be visiting Riverside View, Woundales on 25th July at 12 noon and one representative of the Parish Council is requested to attend.

Approval has been given by Hambleton District Council to the felling of a conifer tree at Tan House.

The name of Peace Haven, Long Lane has been changed to ‘Sedona’.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The statement of account for year ending 31st march, 2005 has been on the notice boards for the statutory period of 14 days together with the name and address of the Treasurer for any person interested in examining the books. The internal audit was carried out and approved by Mr Gareth Sykes.

The external audit documents have been completed and signed by the Chairman, Internal Auditor and Treasurer.

Balance as at 1 st June 2005	10083.69
Half yearly precept	1313.00
Bank interest	<u>44.21</u>
	£11440.90

The meeting was reminded that £9,000 has been set aside from the £10,000 donated by National Grid.

H M Customs and Excise has agreed to reimburse to the Parish Council the sum of £113.86 VAT paid.

The Parish Council approved the payment of the following expenditure

Administrative expenses	(000174)	£93.14
Four months honorarium payment	(000175)	£95.00
Sam Turner replacement Belt	(000176)	£14.11

The names authorised to sign cheques to be changed following the resignation of the current signatories. It was agreed that Mr G Weir, Mrs C Thornton and Mr W Rowland would sign future cheques following approval by the bank.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr R Ford informed the meeting that it would be necessary to appoint new Trustees of the Charity Field following the resignation of the previous Trustees, Mr Ford provided each Parish Councillor with a briefing paper, a copy of which is in the Minute Book.

HONORARIUM

It was agreed at the Parish Council meeting that the Clerks honorarium would be increased to £315 per annum effective from the 1st August 2005.

OPEN FORUM

Attention was drawn to the poor turn out at this meeting, due, it was suggested, to the limited publicity of Council meetings. It was pointed out that agendas were posted on each of the village notice boards and the Wheatsheaf Inn notice board seven days prior to the meeting and published in the Darlington and Stockton Times. It was suggested that, as Mrs Ann Johnston, who distributed details of forthcoming meetings to each household, is no longer a Councillor a notice should be included in the Church Magazine.

The hedge around the Charity Field requires attention and the Clerk was requested to write to the present leaseholder regarding this matter.

The grids on the slip road to the A19 (North) are not low enough to take the water running down the road. the Clerk is to write to Mr Roberts, Thirsk Highways Division.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 31st August, 2005 at 8.00pm in the village hall

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed..... Dated.....

