

BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 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 15.

1. APOLOGIES County Councillor G Dadd and District Councillor D Howey both sent their apologies

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2006 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 With reference to the congestion and the damage to the grass bank outside Wildcroft (Minute 3.7) the Clerk reported that he had spoken with the local supervisor for the contractors, Messrs DGR of York, who promised to tidy up the bank and try to limit the amount of time his transport stopped outside the house before parking up on the village hall car park. Also Cllr Cowton had spoken with Mrs Goodwin about the problem - she promised to take some action to relieve the situation. Also discussed with her was the obstruction to sight distances caused by the evergreen hedge growing out into the roadway. It was agreed that this situation, and that of the footpath which used to lead up to the corner of the Village Hall, needs to be kept under review
- 3.2 With reference to the request for a grit box in Back Lane (Minute 8.1), the Clerk reported that he had been in touch with NYCC Highways, and Miss Dinwiddie had seen an Inspector looking at the area concerned.
- 3.3 With reference to the occupation of the building down Bob Lane (Minute 9.5) the Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr Alan Kendal of HDC Development Services, who intends to make a visit.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- 4.1 Letters dated 9 January and 16 January from NYCC Commons Registration Officer with a plans and schedules in connection with the Village Green (ref VG 111) and an area of Common Land (ref CL 369). This was in response to a query from the Clerk.
- 4.2 Letter dated 11 January from RAF ref night flying exercises from 27 Feb to 3 March
- 4.3 Letter dated 12 January from HDC Planning Policy, along with a consultation document "LDF – Development Policies – Preferred Options Consultation". This has been read by all the Councillors who have expressed their views. The Clerk reported that he had collated the views put forward and replied to Hambleton on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 4.4 Yorkshire Local Councils Associations advise the next meeting of the Hambleton Branch is to be on Wednesday 15 March at Stone Cross. Cllr Jackson said he would attend.
- 4.5 Letter dated 9 Feb from NYCC enclosing a copy of "Scrutiny News". This will be circulated for information.

- 4.6 Letter dated 10 Feb from HDC about the next District/Parish Liaison meeting to be held on 13 March. Cllrs Weir and Thornton attended last time and will try to go to this one
- 4.7 Letter dated 10 February from Hambleton Community Safety Partnership advising of a meeting on 24 March
- 4.8 Letter dated 15 Feb from HDC Planning Policy with consultation documents ref LDF Submission Core Strategy Development Plan Document. Comments required by Friday 31 March. It was agreed that Cllr Jackson would read this and produce comments for presentation to the rest of the Council in order to prepare the Council's response.
- 4.9 Letter dated 15 February from NYCC advising of a meeting of North Yorkshire Local Access Forum to be held in County Hall on 23 February at 1 pm. Applications to joint the Forum for the next year will be received up to 24 March but no decision was taken to apply.
- 4.10 NYCC Hambleton Area Committee Newsletter. Also included was advice that the next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday 26 April at 2pm at County Hall.

5. PLANNING

- 5.1 **Woundales Lane – replacement dwelling** The Clerk reported that we have now received a copy of the formal notification dated 24 November advising of the approval of the Planning Application which was strongly rejected by the Parish Council. The conditions imposed are largely the same as those detailed earlier so there is nothing new. However, one of the conditions is problematical in that the floor levels are required to be at least 600 mm above “the estimated flood level of 98.64 metres above Ordnance Datum”. Reference to the Ordnance Survey Pathfinder 2½”/mile map shows the level of the road near to the site to be 73 metres Ordnance Datum. The difference of around 25 metres is difficult to understand and the Clerk said he had written to HDC querying this – see letter dated 19 February. The Chairman has received a letter from Mr Ian Cunniffe enclosing copies of correspondence with HDC on the same subject.
- 5.2 **Three Chimneys – alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding** This Planning Application was originally received with a letter dated 20 January, requesting comments by 10 February. Because of the tight time constraint the members of the Parish Council met on Sunday 5 February to consider the application. This resulted in a reply to HDC expressing a wish that the application be refused (see letter dated 6 February). Then an amended application was received with a letter dated 13 February. The amendment was one which had already been considered by the Councillors at their meeting on 5 February so the Clerk replied to the application on 16 February stating a wish that the application be refused. The Clerk reported that he had sent copies of our letters to District Councillor Denis Howey. Councillor Howey had reported back couple of days later that he had talked to HDC Planning and as a result the application will now be the subject of a Site Visit on Monday, 6 March, and a full Planning Committee meeting on Thursday, 9 March at 10.30am, (dates to be confirmed). HDC and Councillor Howey have also received letters dated 11 Feb to HDC from Ann Johnson dealing with flooding concerns, and from Peter Johnson on a range of issues concerned with this application. Copies of these letters were also sent to us.
- 5.3 **Rye House – felling of blue fir tree** Notification dated 16 February received from HDC. The Parish council resolved to approve this application.
- 5.4 **Cockstride House – two storey extension** This Planning Application was received with a letter dated 16 February. This was examined by the Parish Council and it was decided to recommend approval.
- 5.5 **Grimston House, Cophill Lane, Knayton** We have not yet seen any Planning Application following from the visit by Mr Alan Kendal of HDC Development Services, and there is no evidence of further work being carried out.
- 5.6 **Goose Green - felling of apple tree and light pruning of other fruit trees.** We have received from HDC a notification of approval dated 30 January

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

National Grid Donation In 2004 the Parish Council had received a donation of £10,000 from Nation Grid in connection with the new pylons. At a Parish Council meeting on 1 December 2004 the distribution of this was agreed. £750 has been handed over to Borrowby Methodist Church and £250 to Leake Cricket Club. Amounts of £6,500 and £2,500 are still outstanding for Borrowby Village Hall and Borrowby Show respectively. The Clerk reported that work is expected to start within the next few weeks on the Village Hall Development Project, and a contract has been let for the drainage and water supply for the new showfield of Hillside Rural Activities Park. He suggested that it might be now appropriate to distribute the allocations to the Village Hall and Borrowby Show. After some discussion this was agreed and the Clerk said he would arrange for the cheques to be presented for signature. *(Note - this was amended later as a result of discussions in the Open Forum)*

7. CHESTNUT BANK

The Clerk reported that the number of "Evidence" forms handed in cover 76 people, and there are some others which have been sent directly to NYCC. The usage of the route has been as follows: - 76 people have used the route on foot, 21 on horseback, 37 by motor vehicle and 48 by pedal cycle. It was agreed by the Council that, on the basis of this evidence, we should aim to register the right of way as a "byway open to all traffic". The Clerk was asked to proceed with the registration after making the intention known to interested parties, such as the people who have houses with access to the road.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk said that following a query by Mr J Haigh (Mulberry Hill) about A19 resurfacing he had spoken to Nicholas Adsett of Highways Agency who says the programme is still as reported to Borrowby Parish Council on 24 February 2004 - ie work is expected to take place in about 2008.

9. OPEN FORUM

- 9.1 Mr Tim Hogg raised doubts about the degree of certainty of the Village Hall and Showfield projects. As a result of the discussion which followed, the Chairman decided that the course of action agreed earlier under Item 6 should be deferred until the Clerk had received written assurances from the leaders of the two projects that work was definitely in hand. Also it would be preferable if the money from the Parish Council was for a particular named purchase within each project.
- 9.2 Miss Mary Peckitt reported that the road drain outside Whitlands is still blocked. The Clerk was asked to progress the necessary remedial work
- 9.3 Mr John Gawthorpe asked who would maintain the hardcore road along the top of Chestnut Bank. No one at the meeting could remember it being maintained in the past so it was felt that the question was not really relevant now. Mr Eric Rowland followed this up by saying that he remembered a public seat alongside the road and asked if there was any possibility of it being replaced. The Chairman said this would be considered.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 22 March 2006 at 8.00pm in Borrowby Methodist Chapel

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

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