

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2011 AT 8.00 PM IN BORROWBY VLLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Cllr Nigel Clack. Present: The Parish Council Chairman (Cllr R Craig), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Frith), Cllr D Craig, Cllr F Wachsberger, County Cllr Gareth Dadd and four members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed after a small amendment, page 5, for the price of books to read £30.25.

3. Matters arising

- Cllr D Frith reported that the old Parish Council lawnmower is in Mrs Thornton's shed but is not very good and wasn't sure if it was worth reinsuring. Cllr D Frith said that it had been used to prepare for Borrowby Open Gardens. To be discussed later in the meeting.

4. Oil Syndicate

The Chairman said that there is an Osmotherley and surrounding villages oil syndicate already set up and anyone interested in joining can contact her. She said that Borrowby Village Hall was doing an 'energy day' which probably will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> October – a representative from British Gas is attending and the oil syndicate will be included. The Parish Council have been asked to help with the organisation, although most of it seems to be in hand, but can give their approval and support where possible. Cllr D Craig asked if other 'energy people' are attending. The Chairman said they may be but there were none yet confirmed. The Chairman said that the gas supply was now up to South Kilvington. The Chairman said that there is no cost for membership of the oil syndicate. The syndicate involves a co-ordinator letting members know by email when the next oil order will be and asking for their orders (if they wish to order that time) and the minimum order is 500 litres. When the co-ordinator has the total oil requirement from the members a quotation is sought from 11 suppliers (6 of whom are owned by the same company). The best price is accepted and a delivery day/days is agreed and each member pays their bill to the supplier. This process of pricing, 'bulk ordering' and 'same delivery' keeps the cost down.

The Chairman then invited County Cllr Gareth Dadd to speak at the meeting. He said that the entire budget for the County Council had been set for years 1 and 2. He said that 7.5 million pounds savings is needed for year 3 which they are hoping to be able to achieve by re-organisation and cutting back on office costs and trying to avoid cuts to the front line services. He said that all the mobile libraries will cease but there will be a home delivery service run by volunteers and a few super mobiles visiting some areas.

County Cllr Dadd said that non-essential highway work will not get done but work will be carried out to maintain highway safety.

He said that there was a leaflet from NYCC about involving residents in snow clearing and the County Council can supply the training. He said that as long a common sense was used when snow clearing, the insurance and liability aspect should not be a problem.

He reported that the police now have a rota system and more police are on the beat in the Thirsk area.

He said that the Sowerby gateway development would build 900 houses over 25 years – he said that there would be a new junction on the A168 with the first phase of 100 houses. Cllr Wachsberger said he thought the road into Thirsk would become too heavy with traffic and suggested a new road parallel to the railway line. He said the Topcliffe road was really congested at school time and if the route was to go past here it would create great problems. County Cllr Dadd said that the professionals are busy with traffic models. Cllr Wachsberger said that they should look carefully at the traffic management and that the roundabout in Thirsk near Tesco was already busy and could be jammed.

Cllr Wachsberger said that, following the problem with the verges not being cut when they should have been, he appreciated Cllr Dadd's help in getting the work done. The County Council are not paying the contractors when they failed to cut the grass and Cllr Wachsberger said the money should really go to the Parish Council but Cllr Dadd said it didn't work that way. One resident said there are still some areas where the grass cutting has not been done but would hopefully be done next time. It was decided that the Parish Council would look into the possibility of arranging the verge cutting themselves rather than the County Council and receive the money allotted for verge cutting from County which is thought to be about £360 at the moment. The Parish Council currently only arrange for the cutting of the grass on the Green at the Village Hall and on the Green area at the bottom of the village. Cllr Wachsberger said a sign was hanging off at Bullamoor and mentioned the problems with the other signs at the top and bottom of the village. County Cllr Dadd will follow up the signs issue.

## 5. Correspondence

5.1 J Parkers Wholesale Bulbs catalogue, autumn 2011. To forward to Carl Banks who received money from the Participatory Budgeting project for planting bulbs.

5.2 AON Insurance. Quotation for renewal of Parish Council insurance (£412.92).

5.3 NYCC Business & Environmental Services. Update on services: to maintain winter damage to roads but any new highway schemes unlikely to be undertaken in the next few years – safety is the main concern.

5.4 HDC Lisa Wilson, Lifestyles Manager. The Council adopted a Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in February 2011. The policy gives developers and the public information on the financial contributions the council will seek for the provision of open space, sport and recreation, which are directly related in scale and type of development, through section C6 agreements. There is no minimum threshold for the payment – it used to be when 10 dwellings or more were built. Cllr Frith to study the information in case it applies to low cost housing. Open spaces form for Borrowby to be filled in by RAP.

5.5 Sovereign Play equipment brochure.

5.6 Hambleton & Richmondshire Physical and Sensory Impairment Reference group. Promoting awareness of the group – membership is free. Leaflets for notice boards.

5.7 Hambleton & Richmondshire Furniture Store – the store is located opposite 'Netto' in Northallerton and sells donated items at a low cost to members of the public on low income. Letter to promote awareness.

5.8 Books received from SOLC: 'The Councillor' and 'The Parish Councillor Guide'.

5.9 Glasdon. Brochure about the street furniture they sell.

## 6. Planning Applications

6.1 Planning application for the demolition of the existing conservatory and replacing with a 2 storey extension at Rock Cottage for Mr & Mrs Tighe (11/01382/Ful).

6.2 Planning approval granted for the application for listed building consent for the replacement front door and rear first floor window to existing dwelling at Grey House for Mr & Mrs B Smith (11/00801/LBC).

6.3 Planning approval granted for the listed building consent for the replacement of windows and doors to the existing dwelling at Three Chimneys for Dr J W Lowe (11/00798/LBC).

## 7. Finance

### July Cheques:

CE & CM Walker: grass cutting on:

03.06.11, 17.06.11& 01.07.11)

3 x £ 21.00 + £12.60 VAT = £75.60

Society of Local Council Clerks (SOLC):

Two books.

£12.75 +£13.50 + £4.00 pp. = £30.25

Hambleton District Council: Clerk's

Quarterly salary (via PAYE).

£209.50 sal + £11.46 admin fee + £2.29 VAT = £223.25

The Parish Council have received the AON insurance renewal premium quotation which is £412.92. Clerk to find out the difference in price if the mower is not renewed.

## 8. Any Other Business

9.1 Cllr Wachsberger has recently attended a conference in Sheffield and he said it was very informative. He said there were a number of sessions, including affordable housing, participatory budgeting and neighbourhood planning. He said he will try and summarise the information and circulate it with a number of leaflets round the Parish Council. He said it was interesting talking to people from other Parish Councils.

## 9. Open Forum

9.1 Footpaths. No action has yet taken place regarding the footpath problems reported but the reply indicated that the work would not be high priority. Mr Haigh suggested asking for an update in the autumn and to get some idea of the completion time.

9.2 Rabbits – It was said that there appears to have been a higher than usual number of rabbits around the village this year which have eaten garden plants/produce. To monitor. The Chairman said she would at control measures using ferreting.

## 10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is booked for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to take place in Borrowby Village Hall at 8.00 pm.