

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Gareth Dadd and District Councillor N Clack. Present: the Chairman (Cllr R Craig), Vice Chairman (Cllr D Frith), Cllr D Craig, Cllr F Wachsberger, the Clerk and seven members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed after amending the spelling of 'yurts'.

3. Matters arising

- 3.1 Cllr Wachsberger asked if there was any progress about the proposed path clearing up to the school. Cllr Frith said that Linda Gibbon, Chairman of Knayton Parish Council, said it is on the jobs list for the caretaker. Cllr Wachsberger asked if we should hire someone to do the work. The Chairman said that the path is not in our Parish, although it affects people in the Parish and is really a Highways responsibility.
- 3.2 Fencing for the charity field – Resident Mary Peckitt said that she had seen Mrs Weir and she said Mr Weir now had the fencing materials. She said the hedges had now been cut which should make putting up the fencing an easier job.
- 3.3 Cllr Wachsberger said he will do some flyers asking for new Parish Councillors – the Chairman is stepping down shortly and there is still one vacancy.
- 3.4 The lady from the Woundales had phoned Cllr Frith and was happy with a verbal reply – Cllr Frith has said the Parish Council were not opposed to the idea of putting up six yurts in the field, screened from view, and a possible shop, but he said the yurts should be a khaki or green colour.
- 3.5 There have been a number of bags of dog dirt left round the village. The Chairman had collected some together and these had been removed by the dog warden. A resident has also been picking up discarded bags. Bags of dog dirt are being left round the HRAP field and the Chairman said that if the problem does not improve they should take it up with the Committee. (See Open Forum).
- 3.6 Charitable giving request – the Chairman said that in the Parish Councillor guide it is permitted to give a donation towards the churchyard work at Leake Church. The Clerk had also found some information allowing this.

4. Right of Way, Chestnut bank

Judy Smith from NYCC has suggested that the Parish Council register the track as Village Green as opposed to the original 'right of way' application put forward six years ago. She has also suggested registering other areas of the village as Village Green. The Parish Council agreed to this but asked the Clerk to check that there is a 'byway open to traffic', i.e., allowing vehicles to pass along for access.

5. Correspondence

- 5.1 Rural Action Yorkshire – Leaflet entitled: 'Warm Homes Healthy People'. Advice and support on the 'hotspots scheme'. Poster and contact number.
- 5.2 'Clerk's & Councils Direct' magazine.
- 5.3 'Furniture at Work' catalogue.
- 5.4 HDC. Review of District Council electoral arrangements.
- 5.5 Copy of the information presented by the Local Government Boundary Commission at the briefing on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
- 5.6 'Clerk' magazine - Includes information on neighbourhood planning.

6. Planning

6.1 Approval has been granted for the proposed alterations and single storey extensions to existing dwelling at 'Pinfold Cottage' for Mr & Mrs Laws (11/02778/FUL).

7. FinanceCheques written out:

Salt Bin Charge	£75.00
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VAT	£30.00
Total	<u>£180.00</u>

Leake PCC (Donation towards churchyard maintenance cost)	<u>£100.00</u>
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Sam Turner & Sons	£136.14
VAT	£27.23
Total	<u>£163.37</u>

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Open Forum

- 9.1 A resident responded to the donation to Leake PCC (section 3.6) by saying there are a lot of churches in the Hillside Parishes where churches may need help with the churchyard maintenance. The Chairman said only Leake PCC had been in contact and read out the letter again from Leake PCC.
- 9.2 Grass Cutting of verges – Two more quotations would be needed if the Parish Council were to proceed with organising the cutting of the verges themselves rather than the County Council. Mr Bell may be able to give a quotation.
- 9.3 Salt Bins – A resident asked if the salt bins had been filled twice. This was not clear but the charge covers two fills.
- 9.4 A resident said there is a lot of dog mess around in the village (see also 3.5) and asked if a notice could be put on a sign close to the area which is being constantly fouled as a temporary measure. Clerk to contact the dog warden. Residents have already contacted the dog warden previously about dog mess in the village. Cllr Wachsberger said that if a person owns a dog they should act responsibly and have a duty to remove any mess. He suggested putting a paragraph about the dog fouling in the newsletter.
- 9.5 Smaller chestnut tree. It was suggested that the tree was pruned more so that it keeps a generally smaller shape. Clerk to contact the tree surgeon who is pollarding the big tree shortly.
- 9.6 Buildings at Peacocks – A resident said that the latest building put up was not as indicated on the approved plans – the latest building mimics the original rather than the two approved on the plans. A resident also pointed out that the conditions stated that appropriate screening/landscaping was supposed to have been put in place initially and has not been done. The Parish Councillors asked the clerk to contact HDC about the works not appearing to comply with the conditions and send a copy to C Cllr G Dadd and D Cllr N Clack.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is a double meeting on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> and will start with the Annual Open Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm, followed by the April Parish Council Meeting.