

BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th December, 2003 Commencing at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs D Bell I Hepburn R Royall Mrs A Johnson

Apologies: Cllr D Harrison

There was a gallery of 22 persons

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd October were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

CORRESPONDENCE

- 01.12.03 HDC - Christmas Tree recycling
- 05.12.03 HDC - Dog Warden service
- 05.12.03 NYCC - Closure of village road (kerbing)
- 06.12.03 Boundary Committee – Local Government Review, circulated
- 08.12.02 Charity Commission – News Letter, circulated
- 11.12.03 HDC - Regional Assembly Questionnaire, circulated
- 11.12.03 DEFRA - Equine Issues, circulated
- 12.12.03 HDC - Development Control Meeting, circulated
- 13.12.03 HDC - Planning application village hall, circulated
- 13.12.03 NYCC - Public Construction Meeting 13.01.04, circulated
- 15.12.03 HDC - Register of Electors 2004, circulated
- 17.12.03 HDC - Tree felling and trimming High View, circulated
- 17.12.03 North Yorkshire Police – Rat Catchers responding to letter 10.12.03
- 17.12.03 Yorkshire Rural Housing – Affordable housing Hambleton
- 19.12.03 Waste Partnership – Christmas Tree recycling
- 19.12.03 HDC - Flood Forum minutes
- 22.12.03 Ms Joanne Dennis – Kerbing complaint, passed to Chairman
- 22 12 03 Welfare Benefit Unit – Pension Credibility leaflets
- 22.12.03 HDC - Mrs Bowes, confirmation of reduction of Sycamore tree
- 22 12 03 HDC - Quality Parish Council Scheme
- 22.1.203 HDC - Confirmation of planning approval, Drs C & S Parker
- 22.12.03 HDC - Confirmation of planning approval, Mr & Mrs J Elenor
- 24.12.03 HDC - explanation on Bob Lane land
- 29.12.03 Mrs E Peckitt - Concern of new kerbing near her property

PLANNING

Drs C & S Parker – Building of swimming pool approved with a proviso that natural stone is used in the construction, that it is not seen from the road and in keeping with the character of existing buildings.

Mr & Mrs I Hepburn – Alteration and extension of existing garage to form accommodation. No objections raised.

Mrs Bowen, 5 The Byre – Reduction of sycamore tree, no objections

Mr & Mrs J Elenor, Peacehaven – Construction of dwelling house, no objections.

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

A circular letter was received from the Chief Constable regarding what they term ‘Rat Catchers’ explaining their intention to combat crime in North Yorkshire. This document was circulated to the Councillors and read out to the gallery. Councillor Mrs Johnson was concerned at the lack of information on local crime by the police also details of our Police Commander. The clerk was asked to respond to this letter requesting this information.

While on this subject, the Chairman pointed out that following the letter to the police on the question of parking at the school, whilst we had the name of sergeant Kerr he had tried on a number of occasions to contact this lady and left messages but is still awaiting a response.

FLOODING

A meeting of the Borrowby Drainage Improvement Committee, under the Chairmanship of Councillor Mrs Johnson, was held on the 17th November, 2003.

A report prepared for presentation to the Hambleton Flood Forum on the 26th November, 2003 was circulated, discussed and agreed subject to amendments.

A map of flooding and information received from residents on this were circulated for comments.

It was agreed that Ms Chris Harman and Mr Paul Spencer should attend the Flood Forum on behalf of Borrowby and that Hambleton District Council would be advised accordingly. Mr Dennis Howey, our district Councillor, would meet with them before the Forum.

Mrs Johnson reported on a meeting with Mr David McGloin head of Technical Services at Hambleton District Council at which it was confirmed that Borrowby flooding is on the November Flood Forum agenda and will be supported for funding under Section 105 from The Environmental Agency, Mr Cliff Thornton will represent Hambleton District Council at this meeting.

It was agreed at the Borrowby Drainage Improvement meeting that they would join the National Flood Forum and be registered on their website.

Ms Margaret Gott has arranged sand bag collection for residents who have requested assistance.

The next meeting of this committee is dependant on the outcome of the Hambleton Flood Forum.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

On the leaflet issued and distributed by Councillor Mrs Johnson was the following information:

- Householders are being warned about doorstep cold callers. Some have been offering cash loans and others holiday prizes if you give them bank details. These are not genuine! Contact Trading Standards on 01609 768600

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- A male in the Thirsk area has been selling furniture from the back of a van and there is a warning the upholstery will not meet fire regulations and is of poor quality. The advice is never buy from doorstep traders. Contact Trading Standards on 01609 768600.
- Two males claiming to be Water Board officials entered a local house and stole goods. Always check identification carefully. Contact DC Irons on 01609 789452.

LEDP/VITAL VILLAGES

A meeting of the steering group is to be held on the 8th December, 2003.

The After School Club was officially opened by our member of parliament Mrs Mackintosh.

The extension to Knayton village hall is going ahead to provide a computer room.

Mr Mike Keast informed the meeting that group facilities for the proposed show field will be discussed at a meeting to be held in January, 2004.

BORROWBY RURAL HUB

An Open Day was held in the village hall to explain and display the proposal to re-site the village hall. This was organised by the Village Hall Committee who were in attendance together with Councillor Hepburn.

With regard to the opening of the Post Office in the existing village hall, Councillor Hepburn is hoping that this will be the end of January, 2004, this depends on British Telecom installing telephone lines.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance at 22 nd October, 2003 | | 13021.59 |
| Costs of Christmas tree lights | 190.00 | |
| Clerical expenses | 13.82 | |
| CPC expenses | 26.83 | |
| Audit report | 58.75 | 289.40 |
| | | <u>12732.19</u> |
| Balance | | <u>£12732.19</u> |
| Future Commitments | | |
| Kerbing | 1500.00 | |
| Clerical honorarium | <u>260.00</u> | |
| | | <u>£1760.00</u> |
| Amount available | £972.19 | |

Approval was given for the payment of £30.00 for the village hall.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

OPEN FORUM

The main subject of discussion was the proposed siting of the new village hall which a member of the gallery was against, this also included residents of the south end of the village. It was pointed out that the only alternative to Back Lane, within the centre of the village, was Gate Lane but this the Highways Agency would not accept.

There was also concern that a planning application for the building had been submitted to Hambleton District Council, some of the residents stated that they were only aware of this when attending the village hall Open Day.

The main objection to the building of the new hall was access by foot or car and the affect this would have on local residents.

One question asked was had the village hall committee held an open meeting on this subject prior to this recent one. The Chairman replied that he was not aware of one. It was reported that a signpost on the footpath through the Byers was no longer there, Mr Ford is to look into this.

The Chairman was handed a copy of a letter sent to Mr Roberts of Hambleton District Council by Mr Cunniffe which detailed signs of damage and neglect to Allerton Wath Bridge.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7th January 2004 at 8.0pm to be held in Borrowby Methodist Chapel.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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