

BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7th January, 2004 Commencing at 8.00pm

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

Apologies: Cllr D Howey

There was a gallery of 48 persons.

MINUTES

Before the Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December, 2003, he informed the meeting that Councillor Hepburn declared an interest when his Planning Application came up for discussion and took no part in the proceedings relating to this item. Following this statement the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

MATTERS ARISING

CORRESPONDENCE

- 07.01.04 Miss A McIntosh – Congratulations on grant
- 07.01.04 Mr Richard Armitage – Transport conference, 9th February, 2004
- 08.01.04 Clerk and Councils Guide – Circulated
- 13.01.04 HDC – Parish precept
- 13.01.04 HDC – Kerbing, Mrs Peckitt
- 14.01.04 HDC – Miss Dimwiddie, confirmation approval, 9 trees
- 15.01.04 NYC – Grass cutting, letter of confirmation
- 16.01.04 HDC – Planning application Horticultural Society
- 21.01.04 Learning & Skills Council – Adult learning, circulated
- 24.01.04 NYCC – Grass cutting, Chairman
- 24.01.04 County Agency – Quality status seminar, circulated
- 24.01.04 NYCC – Keeping North Yorkshire together, circulated
- 20.01.04 Development Committee, site visit village hall, 9th February, 2004
- 31.01.04 HDC – Boundary committee questionnaire, circulated
- 05.02.04 HDC – Electronic newsletter, Chairman
- 05.02.04 HDC – Meeting 12th February, 2004, replacement village hall
- 05.02.04 The Country Agency – Country villages, circulated
- 14.02.04 Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for donation
- 14.02.04 NYCC – County issues.

PLANNING

Confirmation of approval received from Hambleton District Council for the following:

Mrs Bowey - Sycamore tree
 Mr & Mrs Elenor – Dwelling house
 Drs C & S Parker – Swimming pool
 Mr & Mrs I Hepburn – Extension

The Chairman informed the meeting that four of the Parish Councillors at the meeting were unable to discuss the outline planning application received from Hambleton District Council for the proposed siting of a new village hall having declared an interest.

KERBING

Two letters of complaint were received from residents following the completion of kerbing in Borrowby.

Ms Joanne Dennis of Aysgarth Rise was concerned for the safety of heavy vehicles, such as oil tankers and coal lorries using her drive. North Yorkshire County Council agreed to inspect the drive in question.

A similar complaint was received from Mrs Peckitt of Brittons House, Mr Roberts of North Yorkshire County Council agreed to arrange an inspection to resolve this problem.

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Inspector Richard Spedding, Staff Officer to the Chief Constable confirmed that the lack of information on the Neighbourhood Watch was being dealt with at local level and that our local district police commander is Chief Inspector Mark Davis based at Northallerton, telephone number 01609 789441.

Thirsk police station staff is still looking into our concern at parking at the village school.

The Chairman received a letter from Miss Anne Mackintosh, Member of Parliament for the Vale of York, congratulating Borrowby Parish Council and the Rural Hub on being awarded a grant of £775.00 from the Vital Villages scheme and that she was looking forward to visiting the restored Post Office in the near future.

BOB LANE, BORROWBY

Following a site visit to the field in Bob Lane by Mr Alan Kendall, Enforcement Officer, Hambleton District Council it was confirmed that the building in this field is secure. It is fitted with a wrought iron gate and is being used to store tools and equipment for working the land. A wood burning stove was being installed and the owners from Leeds have confirmed that they are not residing on the site. There was no evidence to suggest other than this.

VILLAGE POST OFFICE

Councillor Hepburn confirmed that a telephone has been installed by British Telecom and it was hoped that they would complete their work by the end of the week.

Councillor Hepburn is attending a Post Office training course at Doncaster and he is hoping to have the Post Office open by the end of January.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The committee approved the following expenditure:

Mr Simpson, grass cutting - £10.00
 Clerical expenses - £14.06
 A donation to the Methodist Chapel for the use of premises for the
 Parish Council meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mrs Johnson confirmed that Mr Jon Cole of the Highways Agency together with two of his colleagues will attend the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 25th February, 2004 commencing at 7.30pm, residents of Knayton have been invited. For those members of the Parish who wish to attend the Ash Wednesday service at Leake Church the Reverend Hoare has kindly moved the service to 8.15pm.

GRASS CUTTING

A letter has been forwarded to North Yorkshire County Council regarding grass cutting during the current year.

OPEN FORUM

Before opening the meeting for questions from the floor the Chairman again pointed out that because of a declared interest by some members of the Council those members would not be able to answer questions on the village hall.

The first speaker on this subject was against the re-siting of the village hall and from the information received there were 60 against and 10 for.

The Chairman and secretary of the village hall committee together with the Chairperson of the Borrowby Hub were at the meeting and were able to answer questions put to the meeting.

There was concern that notice of intent had not appeared in the Darlington and Stockton Times or in the village. Mrs Hepburn said that there had been an extension on the return of the planning application to the 12th February, 2004 which in turn would effect the issue date of notice by the Council.

On the question as to why the residents were not given notice of the proposed new building The village hall Chairman (not a Parish Councillor) stated that this was explained at the project meeting in November 2003 and a notice of intent was delivered to every household in the village. Detailed information was also included in the Borrowby Rural Hub. Whilst appreciating the work undertaken by the Hub a resident considered that a proper design study should have been carried out on the

existing hall. It was stated that parking would still be limited, disabled access difficult and its use still restricted.

The Chairperson of the Hub pointed out that the group was trying to provide, following surveys, all the facilities required and building a new hall was the only way to achieve this. There was concern from one resident that these proposals are causing a lot of distress in the village and that they should be withdrawn. A resident of the Byers was also concerned that a village hall in Back Lane would create a 'walk way' through the Byers to the hall.

The Chairman informed Miss Mary Peckitt that a letter had been sent to Hambleton District Council regarding the kerbing outside Brittons House and that they had agreed that this was unsatisfactory. (Ongoing)

Mrs Kirsty Harper volunteered her services to the Parish Council when she has completed her current commitments.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 25th February, 2004 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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