

BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 10th 2004 Commencing at 8.15 m

Present Cllrs D Bell R Royall Mrs A Johnson

Apologies Cllr I Hepburn

There was a gallery of 24 persons

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th April 2004 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

CORRESPONDENCE

- 04.05.04 HDC – Remittance Advice Precept, £1250.00
- 04.05.04 Countryside Agency – Minutes 16.03.04, circulated
- 05.05.04 Royal Mail – Re-siting of mail box, acknowledgement
- 06.05.04 HDC – Work on chestnut tree approved
- 06.05.04 Royal Mail – Re-siting of mail box, further acknowledgement
- 12.06.04 Post Office – Re-siting of mail box
- 14.05.04 HDC – European Election notice, notice board
- 15.04.05 HDC – Local Plan Review
- 25.05.04 HDC – Parish Council Election 15.07.04
- 26.05.04 Yorkshire Council – Housing Needs, notice board
- 26.05.04 HDC – Parish Council Election nomination pack (2 copies)
- 27.05.04 Yorkshire Water – Bob Lane, not owned by Yorkshire Water
- 01.06.04 Boundary Committee – Recommendation, circulated
- 01.06.04 CPRE – Countryside Voice, circulated
- 05.06.04 Associate Cumberland Housing – House Needs questionnaire
- 05.06.04 The Committee for England – Electoral arrangement
- 05.06.04 NYCC – Grass Cutting
- 07.06.04 HDC – Mr & Mrs P Dennis, planning application approved
- 07.06.04 HDC – Property name change from Field Cottage to Field House
- 08.06.04 HDC – Planning application, Hutchinson Ltd. Radio Base
- 08.06.04 HDC – Planning application Mr M Keast, tree felling.

INSURANCE

Insurance premium for the coming year commencing 1st June 2004 received, this having increased by 7% from the previous year to £248.98. It was agreed that the payment would be made to Allianz – Cornhill.

CHEQUE SIGNATURES

With the appointment of a new Treasurer Lloyds TSB to be notified of the new Councillors and Treasurer authorised to sign future cheques, namely Councillors D Bell and R Royall also Parish Clerk Mr D Laskey.

GRASS CUTTING

The first cut of the season has been carried out by the new contractor. There was concern about the height of the cut on the embankment, the Chairman pointed out that as in previous years this was one metre.

YORKSHIRE WATER – BOB LANE

Informed by Yorkshire Water that they would examine the condition of Bob Lane and report back.

MAIN BOX RE-SITING

Following our letter to the Royal Mail on repositioning of this box on the opposite side of the village green they intend visiting the village and consulting with local Utilities, Highways and Contractors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

This will be presented at the next meeting by the Clerk.

The Parish approved the following expenditure –

Chairman – petrol £4.00

The first instalment of the Precept for 2004/5 amounting to £1250.00 has been received.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mrs Johnson stated on the subject of Neighbourhood Watch that a high value car was stolen at Husthwaite. The car keys having been taken from the kitchen at approximately 4 am.

There was an incident in the Thirsk area where a male carrying a holdall called at a house requesting water. The housekeeper closed the door and called the police who stated that this was the correct procedure to adopt. Say 'no' to doorstep callers!

There was a Flood Forum at Hambleton District Council on the 24th April 2004. Unfortunately Borrowby was not on the agenda. Councillor Mrs Johnson did bring this to the notice of the meeting under 'Any Other Business' (ten Councillors had already left the meeting at this point) Mr Mike Roberts did explain that drainage work on the slip road was in this years budget and that he would need to link up with the Environmental Agency Report. This should be sorted in six weeks and presented by March 2005.

A flood video and pack is available from the Environmental Agency, some action required in this video has already been taken by Mr Roberts.

Following the retirement of Mr Robert Botterill as Neighbourhood Watch representative for the top of the village Councillor Mrs Johnson was pleased to announce the Mrs Judith Dinwiddi and Mrs Kathleen Harrison have agreed to cover this function jointly.

Following a request at the previous meeting to invite a representative of the police force to attend this particular meeting to answer questions from the floor the Clerk visited the new police office in Thirsk on three occasions to make the necessary arrangements. A phone call was finally received from Sergeant Franks who stated that no senior personnel was available on the 10th May 2004 and suggested we put in writing any questions that required answering. Councillor Mrs Johnson had three questions from village residents and the Clerk wrote to Thirsk police on the 11th May 2004 and is awaiting a reply (as at 7th June)

The questions are as follows –

1. What is considered to be a reasonable response time to an emergency call regarding an intruder on premises?
2. What action in such circumstances do the police recommend the householder should take?
3. What action, if any, can be taken regarding a vehicle regularly parked less than 10 metres from a junction, endangering other road users and contravening Section 27 of the Highway Code?

OPEN FORUM

A letter dated 7th May 2004 was received by the Chairman from Borrowby Agricultural and Horticultural Society with regard to the distribution of the £10,000 Borrowby Parish Council received from National Grid. This letter was acknowledged by the Clerk and the Society informed that this item will be included on the agenda of the next meeting on Wednesday 16th June 2004 commencing at 8.00 pm.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 16th June 2004 at 8.00 pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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