

HILLSIDE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 9 March 2016
at Boltby Village Hall

Present Councillors: Sheila Ashby, Dorothy Fairburn, John Furness, Charlie Kirk, Colin Mather, Alexandra Turton, Bob Baker

Clerk: Liz Foster

Min. No.		Action
15/49	<u>To Receive any Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received from Cllr Gareth Dadd.	
15/50	<u>To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> Minutes of 16 December 2015 were agreed as a true record by Cllrs Ashby and Fairburn and signed by the Chairman.	
15/51	<u>To Consider Any Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes</u> 15/43 Defibrillator for Boltby Village Hall: Cllr Ashby noted that funding was now in place to purchase the defibrillator with contributions from the Hillside Parish Council, PCC and Boltby Village Hall Committee. 15/46 Grass Cutting: Highways had been contacted case reference number 101003331517 but no response to date. 15/47 Woundales Lane: Highways had been contacted case reference number 101003331636. The clerk had also liaised with the clerk of Borrowby Parish Council and Cllr Bell. Borrowby Parish Council had also reported the condition of Woundales Lane to Highways. Borrowby Parish Council had been informed that an order for repair to fencing and some vegetation maintenance and that work would be completed in the next 3 months (Feb-May 2016).	
15/52	<u>To Consider the Financial Position</u> Financial Position: the balance in the current account is £1503.18. The balance in the savings account is £414.66. The balance now stands at £1917.84.	
15/53	<u>To Consider Planning Applications</u> West Acre Lodge Boltby: This application had been considered between meetings of the Hillside Parish Council by viewing the application online and there was no objection to this application. A letter had been received from the planning authority informing councillors that the Planning Committee would consider the application on 17 March 2016 at 10.00am. Further consideration was made of the application and Cllrs commented that the design is inappropriate and does not reflect the local vernacular. Home Farm, Cowesby Hall: This application had also been considered between meetings of the Hillside Parish Council by viewing the application online and the Council objected to this application with the following comments: Whilst work to the farm buildings at Home Farm is long overdue, and the majority of respondents welcome this improvement, there were concerns about the proposed design. The complex of buildings at Home Farm has a major impact on the approach to the village from the south (Kirby Knowle road) and across the valley from the Moor Road. The two gable ends of the new buildings will be highly visible and prominent. The west elevation will impact on the back road up past the Almshouses.	LF: inform NYMNPA of Cllrs comments re West Acre Lodge and Cowesby Parish Church Cllr Fairburn: consider amended plans and send comments to NYMNPA

	<p>The application plays down the significant landscape impact of this development. Further detailed comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No indication that the application recognises the bridle path that runs along the north side of the building project and the need to keep this route open during the work. Neither does it recognise that the public road actually continues as far as the east gable of Home Farm house. • The application lists all the cows and sheep on the farm but these buildings are unsuitable for any future use by animals as there is no ventilation. • The plans show a new brickwork wall near the east gable of Home Farm house. No drawings or further descriptions are included, despite the fact that this wall abuts the public highway. Is this wall <u>separating</u> the farm house from the buildings? Is it forming a new access to the farm house? Will it lead to car parking along the north wall of the farm house (i.e. on the public road). • The design statement refers to the installation of solar panels on the west facing roof. No drawings of these solar panels were included with the application. These panels will be highly visible from the back road up past the Almshouses. • The design details of the buildings seem to be more industrial than agricultural. This feeling is heightened by the use of green profile sheeting and roller doors. The recent repairs to the buildings to the south of the farm yard already create the impact of an industrial unit. • The electric sliding gate adds to the industrial impact of the development. • The application refers to disposal of foul sewage to the mains drains. There are no mains drains in this part of Cowesby. • There is no reference to disposal of 'wheel wash' water. • There is no reference to disposal of rain water. The drains to the north of the building are already liable to flooding at times of heavy rain and would be unsuitable for further use. • Can we have confirmation that any new lighting in the farm yard will be moderate, focused down and not distract from the 'dark sky' of the area? The existing external light on the gable end is excessively bright. <p>A letter had since been received (8 March 2016) from the planning authority informing councillors that amendments to the original plans had been received, however paper copies had not been sent. Cllr Fairburn offered to look at the plans online and respond on behalf of the Hillside Parish Council.</p> <p>St Michael & All Angels Church: Cllrs considered the plans and had no objections.</p>	
15/54	<p><u>To Receive any Correspondence</u></p> <p>Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.</p> <p>(Item 5): The clerk had been unable to attend the training session on planning applications and the Community Infrastructure Levy.</p> <p>(Item 6): Cllr Baker recommended attendance at the Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting 31 March 2016 noting that other councillors had found previous meetings informative.</p> <p>(Item 14): 'Clean for the Queen' weekend had passed, but Cllr Furness mentioned that a beacon would be lit at Woolmoor on 21 April 2016, 7-7.30pm, £5 per car.</p> <p>(Item 17): Long term plan for felling and grant schemes for Boltby Forest: Cllr Ashby had met the forestry man and the contract for Southwoods had been awarded and work would commence in 3 months. Felling at the top of Boltby was happening</p>	

	now. There was no bother from lorries travelling through the village.	
15/55	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>The clerk asked if she should include updates from councillors, district councillors and county councillors as separate agenda items for each meeting: Cllr Baker confirmed that any updates could continue to be appropriately considered under 'Any Other Business'.</p> <p>Leak in Felixkirk: Cllr Mather informed clrs that there was a leak outside Rose Cottage and The Old School House. Yorkshire Water had investigated the leak and discovered that the leak was not fresh water. It was agreed that the clerk contact Environmental Health and ask that the source of this leak be established and any remedial action required be identified.</p> <p>Boltby Village Hall: Cllrs were very impressed with the village hall noting the impact of recent improvements. Cllr Ashby said that further improvements were planned following the award of a grant of £9,500. The pop up café had raised £1000 approx over the last year and the donation box £600. The generous contributions of residents were also noted.</p>	LF: to contact environmental health
15/56	<p><u>To Confirm the Date, Time and Location of the Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 7pm at Upsall Village Hall.</p>	ALL LF: contact Hugh Jennings on 01845 537701 to book Upsall Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

10 March 2016