

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12 November 2012.
At 7.30pm, in the Village Room.

1. Apologies were received from J.McPartlan.
Members of the Council:- D. Collett (in chair), G. Howard, J. Carney, H. Brown, M. Fletcher, R. Binns. M. Harrison also attended.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 8 October 2012, were taken as read and being a true record of that meeting, proposed by R. Binns and seconded by H. Brown. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.
3. District councillors report. M. Harrison reported:-
 - a. The next stage of the LDF plan was delayed due to the possible inclusion of a site in Knaresborough. There would be a 3 month delay. Concern was expressed about the proposed legislation regarding development on areas proposed to be Village Greens. Concern was expressed about the future of the Feast Field that was considered safe under NYCC ownership.
 - b. Broadband for rural areas. 90% coverage for rural areas with a 25mbs speed by 2014. A technology survey by British Telecom is to take place.
 - c. Himalayan Balsam, this can be removed during spring and stacked to rot .
 - d. The Environment Agency have been consulted about the flood area plan for the Village and a reply is awaited.
 - e. The No Littering sign. After discussing with HBC it was agreed that the sign would not stop fly tipping. However the HBC Department would clear any fly tipping that was reported and no signs would be erected by either NYCC or HBC.
 - f. Dog Bin, awaiting a response. A review of the Litter bin and dog bin waste collection business was being carried out at HBC.
 - g. A copy of the grass cutting schedule for the Feast Field had been forwarded to the Community Group Horizon who had shown an interest in carrying out the work for the Council.
 - h. The new pumping station for St Thomas A Beckett Close that was part of the planned housing development was to be read again with regard to the Yorkshire Water upgrading plan.
4. County councillors report. None given.
5. Matters outstanding. LDF plan for Rural Areas. The Council Autumn Newsletter had been circulated and a response form attached for the proposed HBC LDF plan for Brookfield. So far the responses had not been in favour of any development for that site.
6. Treasurers report
Balance in Current Account £11831.03 (o/s chq £14. + Bank custody charge £58.75)
Invoices

No. 1206 J.Manton verge maintenance	Hollins Lane	£156.00
No. 1207 HBC Playground inspection report		£60.00
No. 1208 Petty cash Tel. October post sundries		£19.15
No. 1209 R.Skelton LLP grass October		£243.43
No. 1210 Enid Taylor Newsletter (G.Howard)		£95.00
No. 1211 Backhouse Bros. Feast Field Com.Res.Plan		£125.00
Total		£698.58

Approved for payment, proposed by J.Carney seconded M.Fletcher
Items requiring finance. AVIVA Marshall Wooldridge £811.11. Councillors agreed that this should be continued and paid at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to

supply Councillors with the list of items insured under this policy. Liability Insurance was covered by AON Scheme with Allianz.

7. Reports
 - a. School Governors. Details of the new Headteacher had been circulated in the Council Newsletter. The gas works had now been completed. The PTA Xmas Dance and Fair were to be held in December.
 - b. Memorial Hall. The Council had received the approval for the solar panels. The next full meeting was to be held on 19 November 2012. A tree management scheme was being carried out on Memorial Hall land
 - c. Safer Neighbourhood group. The proposed lifebelt suggestion had been rejected by the Binns family. Instead a proposal to supply 2 emergency boxes for the Community Resilience Plan was to be considered.
 - d. Y.L.C.A. and Two Ridings Community Group. No representative had been nominated but all emails received on Y.L.C.A information was to go into the email Blue Bag for Councillors
 - e. Recreational & Sporting Facilities.
 - a. Work had been completed on the hard standing area near the Sports Huts to form a base for the 1tonne sand bag sacks to be provided under the Community Resilience Scheme. The dry empty sand bags were awaited from HBC.
 - b. The Woodlands Trust had supplied 105 tree saplings that had been planted along with the HBC donation of daffodil bulbs adjoining the new pathway.
 - c. Grass-cutting of Feast Field. See Item3.Add to maintain edge of pathway.
 - d. Tree work to be done on bank side and including maintenance of brambles and undergrowth to allow breathing space for trees. Trees to be obtained for bund for screening.
 - e. A maintenance scheme for the trees to be added to precept to be discussed.
 - f. Feast Group. Wrong information in Newsletter should read Blues Night Film 23 December 2012.
 - g. Village Society. A memorial plaque has been placed in the Memorial Hall.
 - h. Footpaths. Complaints were received about obstructions on Nidderdale Way and unauthorised relocation of footpath at 8 Acres. J.Carney to supply Clerk with NYCC Footpaths details. Complaint about cutting back of trees on Medieval Way by adjoining landowners staff without permission. A letter to be written to landowner advising that Medieval Way is Registered Common Land under the governance of the Parish Council and that tree work should not have been carried out without the approval of the Council. The Clerk and Chairman were to discuss the letter.
 - i. Village Plan Group. The next meeting scheduled for 8 January 2013 at Joiners Arms 8pm. Items to discuss Village Plan Design Statement and new outline for LDF.
8. Planning
 - a. 6.92.108.H.FUL, 3 wind turbines at Four Lane Ends Farm, for Mr Fawcett. Objections see item 8d.
 - b. Planning enforcement investigation into land at Skipton Road and adjacent to Mount Pleasant Farm Hampthwaite for siting of caravan, awning, vehicles, miniature horses and stationing of horse trailer box on agricultural land.
 - c. Refusal for porch at 6.92.276.C.FUL, 19 St Thomas A Beckett Walk for Mrs Roberts.

- d. 6.500.271.EIMAJ, consultation on Wind-farm 4 turbines on land 425087/455635 at Penny Pot Lane for Tapar (PF) Ltd

Objections:-

1. The proposed Wind-farm will despoil the landscape which forms the backdrop to our Village Conservation Area
 2. If approved will form a Wind-farm of approximately 40 turbines that are totally inappropriate in an Area of Outstanding Beauty and the Wind-farm would form the largest inland wind-turbine site in England.
 3. Evidence has shown that this type of energy is ineffective. Wind-farms are only remotely cost effective because of the large subsidies involved.
9. Correspondence, a copy of the Church Lane Management Company will be sent to Councillors via the mailbag.
10. Duty Councillors report
- a. Sand bags/flagged area near Sports hut, see item 7e.
 - b. Life belt see item 7c.
 - c. 20mph speed limit. No response yet from NYCC as the emailed letter was received subsequent to the meeting.
 - d. Plan to clear weeds from Cockhill Beck, see item 3c.
 - e. Suggestions for further tree planting. Royal Oak to be kept in a pot for time being.
 - f. Area 6, requests to find out what is happening about:- unauthorised posts on High Street, stones breaking away from Nidd Bridge, sign for West Lane requires fixing, when will Hollins Lane water damage be fixed.
11. Date for next meeting 10 December 2012. Meeting closed at 9.28pm.

Signed.

Dated.