

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 October 2012.
At 7.30pm, in the Village Room.

1. Apologies were received from M.Fletcher.
Members of the Council:- D.Collett (in chair), G.Howard, J.Carney, J.McPartlan, H.Brown ,R.Binns. M.Harrison also attended.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 September 2012, having been circulated were taken as being read, and approved as a true record of that meeting, proposed by H.Brown and seconded by R.Binns.
3. District councillors report. M.Harrison reported on the LDF Plan for Rural Areas. He advised that the original Planners suggestion for 100 dwellings off Brookfield had been reduced to 50 of which 20 would be Affordable Houses for persons with local connections. The Borough Council were committed to 390 dwellings per year and this affected Rural Areas. Consultation would take place in mid November to January and the final decision would be the Government Inspector's.
Plans to relocate the Borough Council to the Old Police Station had now been stopped due to the Listing Status put on the Buildings.
Flooding on St Thomas A Beckett Walk had been contained but there was no overflow from the Yorkshire Water Pumping Station into the Nidd, this was being investigated.
Flooding in Hampsthwaite had occurred in 1968 following a blockage of the Beck with a Chicken Coop. This occurrence had not re-occurred but there may be some residences that had suffered from excesses on their Insurance terms but if they contacted the Parish Council they had some updated information on the flood area.
The relocation of the Litter bin to St Thomas A Beckett Walk had been turned down by the Borough Council as they felt that the bin would contain an excess of Dog Foul. The Councillors asked M.Harrison to request a Dog Bin next to the proposed litter bin relocation.
4. County councillors report. No report. The Chairman asked for two items to be raised:-
20mph speed limit. A reply had been received from D.Bowe at NYCC which confirmed the information supplied by P.Ryan Area6.Boroughbridge regarding the suggested speed limit. A sum of £3000 was available to use that had been ringed fenced. P.Parker addressed the Councillors regarding the length of time spent on the suggestion by the Village Plan Group and the conflicting information that started off as a probable scheme that had now been rejected by the Highways Authority. Councillors agreed that further correspondence should follow with NYCC and this was to be circulated to Councillors prior to being sent to NYCC. Councillors had to explain to the public why the scheme had been unsuccessful.
Cockhill Beck, clearing of himalayan balsam to prevent flooding. This item had been raised previously by a resident and Councillors agreed that professional advice should be sought regarding the removal of the weed, with the Parish Council funding the removal using the precept so that all residents would benefit from a reduction in possible flooding due to the invasive activity of the weed. A suggestion that 3 quotes be obtained from professional contractors qualified in weed removal was approved.

5. Matters outstanding, LDF for Rural Areas. Further discussions were to take place.
6. Treasurers report
 - a. Balances and Invoices

Current Account £13116.36 (o/s chq £14.00)

Invoices

No.1200 Yorkshire Water Feast Field	£11.10
No.1201 Npower Feast Field	£77.30
No.1202 R.Skelton Feast Field	£144.00
No.1203 C.Moore salary A/S/O& exp.	£ 700.41
No.1204 R.Skelton grass September	£243.43
No. 1205 E.C.S Feast Field Hut elect.	£64.34
Total	£1240.58

Approved for payment, proposed by J.McPartlan, seconded by J.Carney.
7. Reports
 - a. School governors. R.Binns reported that some ground works had now produced a staged area and nature garden. Concern was expressed about the length of time taken with the gas investigation and repairs on Cockhill Beck Lane. G. Howard reported that he had been advised a fortnight before the work would be completed.
 - b. Memorial Hall. A survey form had been sent to residents asking them about the Hall and renewable energy project and the need to obtain grants from local business or individuals to support the grants that were being considered.
 - c. Safer Neighbourhood Group. J.McPartlan advised that messages had been sent to residents, and other information had been supplied in newsletters. The lifebelt location was awaiting the approval of the landowner.
 - d. Y.L.C.A. And Two Ridings Community Group. Nothing to report. A letter from the Hampsthwaite Methodist Church thanked the Community Group via the Parish Council for the grant that had enabled them to complete the works to refurbish the School Room for the benefit of community users. The Clerk was to thank D.Bastow for his assistance as representative.
 - e. Recreational and Sporting facilities. Some trees had been supplied by the Woodlands Trust that were to form part of the landscaping scheme for the Sports Hut. Suggestions were requested as to where some of the trees could be planted. Planting will take place on 17 November.
 - Grass cutting for the Feast Field and Play Area. M.Harrison advised that the a Charity Group would be prepared to use community volunteers to carry out the work for a sum of £500 but would benefit the retraining of the individuals who were taking part in the re-habilitation scheme. G.Howard was to prepare a specification from the grass-cutting contract.
 - f. Feast Group. Next meeting AGM Joiners Arms 8.30pm on Tuesday 9 October. Next Film Best Exotic Marigold on Friday 12 October
 - g. Village Society. A successful Barbers Shop Chorus Concert fund raising evening.
 - h. Footpaths. Nothing to report.
 - i. Village Plan Group. Date to be fixed for next meeting. Autumn Newsletter to be produced.

8. Planning
 - a. Approval for 6.92.256.B.REP replacement permission for 6.92.256.A.FUL, exp 24.9.2012, for 1 storey rear extension, pitched roof to existing side and rear extension and front porch with pitched roof over garage at 72, Hollins Lane.
 - b. Approval for 6.92.102.LAMENDS, non material amendment to replacement of window in relation to permission 6.92.102.L.FUL, for erection of 2 storey extensions at Briar Cottage, Mount Pleasant Farm, Hampsthwaite.
 - c. Refusal for 6.92.82.I.FUL, for conversion and extension to garage to form additional living accommodation (revised scheme) at Gillthorn Grange Hampsthwaite.
9. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from HBC planning requesting volunteers to accept new planning applications via email. Councillors agreed that G.Howard and the Clerk should investigate the suggestion further.
10. Duty councillors report
 - a. Disabled parking outside Hampthwaite Post Office. Plans submitted by NYCC to Area Committee for consideration.
 - b. Community Resilience Plan. Councillors agreed that empty bags for sand should be obtained via HBC, a flagged area adjacent to the Feast Cabins should be laid to be used for the location of two Builders sand bags. Residents who felt they required sand bags for flood defence of their property could obtain the empty sacks and fill them with sand. The estimated cost of this project was £200. This was approved.
 - c. News of Broadband improvement had been released suggesting that BT would extend the fibre optic cable to 90% of rural areas by 2014 in North Yorkshire to rural areas.
 - d. Wind farm consultation meetings that were held had been attended by Councillors D.Collett and J.McPartlan.
11. Date for next meeting 12 November 2012. Meeting closed at 9.15pm.
Signed. Dated.