

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10 September 2012.
At 7.30pm in the Village Room.

1. Apologies were received from J.Carney and J. McPartlan.
2. Co-optation of Councillors. D.Collett introduced M. Fletcher, H.Brown, & R.Binns. Members of the Council:- D.Collett (in chair), G.Howard, M.Fletcher, H.Brown R.Binns. M.Harrison also attended.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13 August 2012, having been circulated were taken as read and a true record of that meeting, proposed by G.Howard seconded by D.Collett. The Chairman duly signed the minutes. Following a meeting between G.Howard and S.Jennings of the Village Society Councillors agreed that the definition of handrails applied to those on the High Street only.
4. The Chairman allowed Mrs I. Hunter to speak on behalf of S.Wolstenhome regarding the Riparian Rights and Responsibilities regarding the removal of the balsam on the banks adjoining their property and the disposal of the removed material, also the possibility of the flooding of the Cockhill Beck which flowed from other parish boundaries. The Parish Council agreed to investigate the professional information on the safe removal of the weeds that were developing in all the waterways in the country, but without involving the costing of the project to fall on the Parish as a whole. D.Collett was to contact the writer of the letter.
5. District councillors report:-
 - a. A meeting was to be held between Councillors and M.Harrison to discuss the LDF for rural areas in greater detail and in particular any implication upon the Village. This was to be arranged. This item covers Item 6 Matters outstanding
 - b. Cockhill Beck. He had asked HBC to investigate any Riparian Ownership that they may have on the Beck and to clear any branches that were interfering with light of the properties that were in their ownership.
 - c. Council Tax benefits were to be changed under a new framework for next year following the recent Government legislation.
 - d. Broadband . A meeting had been arranged to discuss further the development of the scheme.
 - e. The proposed relocation of the litter bin to St Thomas A Beckett Walk had been passed to the relevant department along with the new No Tipping sign for the lay-bye on the Birstwith Road.
 - f. The ongoing discussion with C.Dawson regarding a gang-mower used by the Cricket Club was to continue. This was part of the discussion regarding the future cutting of the Feast Field.
6. County councillors report. None given. A copy of the letter sent from the Chairman of the Parish Council to NYCC regarding the 20mph speed limit proposal for Hampsthwaite had been acknowledged by a response dated 3 September 2012.
7. Treasurers report

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| Balance | Current account £9282.36 |
| Invoices | |
| No.1195 Petty cash post,key,tel(Aug) Clerk | £20.18 |
| No.1196 R.Skelton LLP Feast Field grass | £216.00 |
| No.1197 R.Skelton LLP grass August | £243.43 |
| No.1198 MAZARS external audit | £366.00 |
| No.1199 Npower Village Green power | £10.01 |
| Total | £855.62 |

Approved for payment, proposed by G.Howard seconded by H.Brown

Items for finance. None

Commuted sums. None.

8. Reports

a. School Governors. R.Binns agreed to supply the Parish Council with news.

b. Memorial Hall. G.Howard reported that:-the licence for the Memorial Hall to cover and alcohol licence (not for a bar) and to include films was proceeding. A meeting with Barclay Electrical regarding the Energy Survey was to take place. Proposals for a Sandwich Service using the kitchen at the hall was being considered and a survey from Environmental Services was expected.

c. Safer Neighbourhood Group. No progress had been made on the location for the life belt for the River Nidd but R.Binns was to discuss the location with the landowner following the harvest.

d. Y.L.C.A. and Two Ridings Community Group. Nothing to report. Councillors agreed that a representative may attend Y.L.C.A. meetings as and when appropriate. As previously agreed D.Bastow was to continue as our representative on the Two Ridings Community Group.

e. Recreational & Sporting Facilities. G.Howard reported that the Football Season had now started. Funding opportunities had arisen following the Olympics and approval to investigate the funding for further facilities on the Feast Field could be explored was given to him.

An enquiry following an accident on the Play equipment had been raised and the Clerk was to contact the person to explain the annual Inspection took place each year, any items that required attention were dealt with.

f. Feast Group. Their work was now completed. They were now sponsoring the Film Group at the Memorial Hall. The licence to show each film was £110 so an average costing of £5 per head would be appropriate with an extra £1 if refreshments were provided. The Wednesday group are to sponsor The Sound Of Music.

g. Village Society. A Concert by the Barbers Shop Chorus was being planned. Future ambitions of the group were to provide new posts for the Memorial Hall along with signage.

h. Footpaths. No progress

i. Village Plan Group. Items to discuss were the Design statement for the Village and pack to hand out to new residents. H.Brown agreed to join the committee.

9. Planning

a. 6.92.58.L.DVCON, variation of conditions on permission 6.92.58.I.FUL, in relation to plans and materials at 60 Hollins Lane. No objections.

b. 6.92.276.C.FUL, 2 one storey extensions and conversion of garage and detached garage at 19,St Thomas A Beckett Walk (revised scheme). No objections.

10. Correspondence

a. Consultation Meeting at Killinghall Village Hall 28 November 2012.

b. HBC review of Gambling Act 2005.

11. Duty councillors report

a. Disabled parking space outside Hampsthwaite Post Office. Clerk to inform Area6Boroughbrige no objections from residents

b. Life belt for River Nidd see 8c

c. Items raised by J.McPartlan. Wheel chair access outside Post Office.

Councillors suggested that an adjacent bay be hatched.

Finden Gardens Councillors agreed that as this was a private road residents were responsible for any items relating to parking etc.

d. Locking of bus shelter. Councillors agreed that alternative arrangements would be made when necessary.

e. A letter had been received about parking on the lane and overgrown trees on the pavement on Hollins Lane. Councillors agreed that this was a matter for Area6Boroughbridge to resolve if possible. The Clerk was to respond to the writer of the letter.

f. An overhanging hedge on the corner of Hollins Lane. G.Howard was to speak to the owners

g. Asset review this was progressing but not yet completed.

h. Excessive dog fouling outside the School on Cockhill Beck Lane and on the permissive footpath through Mr Binns field. Councillors agreed that this issue would appear again in the Newsletter, but any one seeing a person in charge of a dog allowing fouling should report it to HBC with the times and days that it occurs, unanimously.

i. Potholes in Hampsthwaite. Councillors are awaiting a reply from Area6Boroughbridge.

12 Date for next meeting 8 October 2012. Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed.

Dated.

Duty Councillors:- D.Collett, J.Carney, J.McPartlan, G.Howard,
M.Fletcher, R.Binns & H.Brown.