

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9 January 2012.

At 7.30pm, in the Village Room.

1. Apologies were received from D.Collett.
Members of the Council:- G.Howard (in chair), J.McPartlan, J. Carney, D.Bastow, W.Atkinson, M.Harrison and H.Garnett also attended.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 12 December 2011 having been circulated were taken as a true record of that meeting with the deletion of G.Howard from Item 10d.The minutes were approved, proposed by D.Bastow and seconded by W.Atkinson. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.
3. District Councillors report. M.Harrison reported that planning for the Budget was taking place and it was unlikely that the rise in Council tax would exceed 2.5% for one year only. The International Centre still requires restructuring and the Royal Hall problems were still not resolved. He had been asked to investigate the use of the garages adjacent to Peckfield. He was investigating reports about the use of the HBC recycling facility at the rear of the Memorial Hall and the use by HBC vehicles during the collection of normal waste from adjoining properties and the future use for recycling collections.
4. County Councillors report. H.Garnett reported that the Budget for NYCC would be on the same basis as the District Council. Footpaths there had been no reply from I.Burgess regarding the meeting with Councillors and the Clerk was asked to remind him via H.Garnett. There had been no reply from Area6 Boroughbridge regarding the meeting held about the proposed 20mph speed limit, again the Clerk was asked to email Donna Hodgson. It was noted that the 24 Bus Service had been changed to a 2 hourly service Monday/Friday and this was expected to continue until October. Funding had not been supplied by NYCC but direct from the government for the benefit of rural areas.
5. Matters outstanding
 - a. LDF for Rural Areas. The survey by the Parish Council had been produced in a report form thanks to the work done by D.Bastow. It was agreed that this report be forwarded to M.Harrison for his comments before being presented to HBC. Councillors agreed that the findings of the survey should be condensed and appear in the next newsletter and on the website that G.Howard agreed to do.
6. Treasurers report
 - a. Balances:- Current account £8851.65

Invoices

No.1147. Clerks remuneration,expenses,general expenses etc	£ 732.15
No. 1148 Society of Local Council Clerks 50% of fee	£48.50
Total	£780.15

Approved for payment, proposed by G.Howard,seconded by J.McPartlan.
Items requiring Finance, none.
Commutated sums. G.Howard has submitted details of all the work to be completed on the Feast Field and Sports Hut in order that the Council may use commuted sums towards the scheme.
A letter had been sent from Npower regarding a substantial increase on charges for the power supply on the Village Green. The Clerk was to investigate the reasons.
Precept. After having received a budget for the proposed precept for 2012/3 Councillors approved that the precept should remain at £9300. This was unanimously approved, proposed by D.Bastow and seconded by J.McPartlan.

7 Reports

- a. School Governors. No report.
 - b. Memorial Hall. G.Howard advised that some of the commuted sums that were allocated to the Hall were to be used for the purchase of round tables, cloths, rectangular tables and a microwave oven that would be donated by the Parish Council for community use. The Parish Council after purchasing the equipment would apply for the commuted sums and reclaim the vat. Councillors approved this suggestion.
 - c. Safer Neighbourhood Group. D.Bastow had obtained the drawings for the gas supply at no cost and a copy would be supplied to J.McPartlan
 - d. Y.L.C.A, various items had been forwarded by email, one of which was a questionnaire Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the purchase of a beacon. The Clerk was to make enquiries with other Clerks in Nidderdale to see what the plans of their Councils were. The new Police number for non emergency calls was now 101.
 - e. Two Ridings Community Fund.
 - f. Recreational & Sporting Facilities. The WREN Grant funding was to be used to pay the contractors invoices direct.
 - g. Feast Report, nothing to report.
 - h. Footpaths. W. Atkinson had reported a fallen branch on the Medieval Way that he had dealt with.
 - i. Village Society. Next meeting was a fund raising event to be held on 10 February 2012 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall when a slide show would be shown by Chris Brown mountaineer at a cost of £7.00 per person.
 - j. Village Plan group. Speed limit, see item 4. Broadband and improved service was hoped to be installed by Easter in conjunction with Darley.
8. Planning
- a. 11/05184/SCOPE, scoping option for proposed wind farm located on land comprising field at 425087,455635 at Penny Pot Lane, for Taper (PF) Ltd. Councillors neither agreed nor disagreed, but felt that it would visibly despoil the elevation of the ridge.
 - b. Approval for 6.92.40.S.FUL, erection of first floor extension at Rowden Grange, Rowden Lane.
9. Correspondence. A letter regarding recycling at the Memorial Hall, to be circulated in mail bag.
10. Duty councillors report
- D.Bastow reported the following:-
- a. Notice Boards. The light was not working on the Memorial Hall Notice Board. The Clerk advised that all the Notice Boards had suffered from rain water inside and the Notice Boards at the Memorial Hall and Brookfield were sticking badly. G.Howard advised that he would look at them.
 - b. Potholes in the Village had not been filled. The Clerk was to remind Area6Boroughbridge.
 - c. He had attended the Passing out Parade at the Army Foundation College and the Clerk was asked to thank the College and for the representation at the Remembrance Service at Hampsthwaite.

W. Atkinson reported the following:-

- a. Tree under first arch of Nidd Bridge. To report
- b. Damaged road sign, located opposite Bowers Office adjacent to Village Green. To report.
- c. Gate to access Play Area moving.
- d. Gravediggers dumping waste into Nidd. G. Howard to discuss with Treasurer of PCC along with a request for funds from PC for graveyard maintenance should this be required.
- e. Saddlers Cottage. The Clerk was to write to Miss MacKinnon to thank her for arranging the safety work on the Cottage.
- f. A request for the PC to provide a litter bin to be located at the entrance to St Thomas a Beckett Walk, should this be approved by HBC and for the emptying of the bin.
- g. J. McPartlan to advise on a solution to the Cockhill Beck of getting rid of the Balsam through the Riparian ownership cooperation.
- h. G. Howard regarding the change of date of the April meeting to avoid Easter Monday suggested by the Clerk. We agreed this change of date To remind HACS about the quote for re erecting the damaged Hampsthwaite stone Sign on Rowden Lane.

11. Date for next meeting 13 February 2012. Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:

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