

## HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 March 2013.  
At 7.30pm, in the Village Room.

1. Apologies were received from R.Binns.  
Members of the Council:- D.Collett (in chair), M.Fletcher, H.Brown, G.Howard, J.McPartlan, J.Carney. M.Harrison and H.Garnett attended.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 February 2013, having been circulated were taken as a true record of that meeting, proposed by H.Brown and seconded by G.Howard. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.
3. District councillors report. M.Harrison reported on:-  
The Borough Council has approved a nil increase in Council tax for this year  
Waste collection review, Phase 2 that included Hampsthwaite was due to commence shortly possibly June.  
A press release on fast broadband for Birstwith had been announced and this would include Hollins Lane as far as the Memorial Hall.  
The Feast Field landscaping maintenance specification had been approved by Horizon Life that would include the weed killing work on the paths where the charge for materials used would be made in addition to the £500 fee. A request for the fee to be upfront to cover the purchase of equipment to carry out the work was to be discussed by Councillors. See item 6  
Mini recycling at the Memorial Hall. An incident had occurred where a fridge had been fly tipped. The Borough Council had subsequently arranged for the swift removal of the fridge, which was appreciated by Councillors but the original negative answer given by the Borough Council's officials was appreciated and questions were asked about the future of this mini recycling site that was the responsibility of the Borough Council .  
Litter bin relocation at St Thomas A Beckett Walk. This was to be included in the July review of recycling by the Borough Council. G.Howard was to supply photographs of 17 dog waste bags that had been discarded in the trees.
4. County councillors report. H.Garnett reported:-  
No Council tax increase for NYCC.  
A six million pound potholing budget had been set aside.  
NYCC now had a Director of Public Health that covered dentistry, immunisation and other health issues that included a Flood Plan for North Yorkshire and a "top up fund" for persons in financial difficulty.  
The Allerton Park PFI waste scheme had been withdrawn for funding by the government and the Council were now seven million pounds worse off.  
H.Brown questioned why Hampsthwaite was not receiving work on the potholes and the work on Hollins Lane to remedy the flooding damage caused by drains. In spite of regular calls and emails to Highways further delays in work that was promised had occurred. Councillors thanked Helen for her dedication in constant contact with Highways advising them of dangerous pot holes.  
Other complaints for Villagers included cars parking on the pavements outside the Post Office making wheelchair and push chair access impossible.  
H.Garnett advised that the yellow lines in the Village were to be renewed for enforcement purposes soon by a contractor and all the existing lines would be reinstated.

Questions were asked about the 20mph limit, but the Councillor was not aware of any of the letters that had been passed between Mr Bowe and the Council . At 8.20pm the Councillor left the room advising that she would not be standing for re-election again.

5. LDF for rural areas. M.Harrison gave an update on progress with a public consultation due in May
6. Treasurers report

a. Balance Current account £11188.73 o/s chq £180.00

Invoices

No. 1224 A.Chalk tree pruning £225 not completed yet

No. 1225 Petty cash tel.post £10.82

No. 1226 Yorkshire Water Feast Field £8.74

No. 1227 Npower Feast Field estimated read £57.08

No. 1228 Horizon Life Grass Feast field £500.00\*

Total £576.64

Approved for payment, proposed by J.McPartlan seconded by G.Howard

\* A special exemption was applied to this payment as the work was to be carried out as a community project. Councillors agreed unanimously that this payment should be made, but the Clerk was to send a letter advising that a public body would not normally pay an up front fee for work to be carried out. If the Charity were not to complete the contract that had been agreed then the Council would ask for a partial return of the fee in the event of failure to complete the agreed contract.

b. Approval for Internal Auditor. P.Swaffield was approved.

7. Reports

a. School Governors. The throwing of apples and mud was continuing.

D.Collett was to speak to the Head teacher of the School again.

b. Memorial Hall. IT courses had started. Youths were causing concern in car park. The clearing of apples after they had fallen was to be raised with the Committee. A suggestion to involve the North Yorkshire for Youth Team to take part in Villages initiative was mentioned.

c. Safer Neighbourhood Group. No meeting arranged. Request for information on scrap metal dealers working in the area .

Information was being sought on a defibrillator for use in the Village.

d. Y.L.C.A. Email update sent. Two Ridings Community Group. D.Bastow reported that applications were being invited for funding from 1 March/ 30 April. This years funding was for £16,000. The grants panel would meet on 19 June 2013. If any local community group require funding this would be based on a part contribution basis.

e. Recreational and Sporting Facilities. G.Howard advised that repairs to the fencing were to be carried out by Horizon Life as a community project.

Some saplings had been supplied that were to be planted as part of the landscaping plan for the Sports huts.

A discussion had taken place regarding the registering of the Feast Field under the new Village Green registration scheme. G.Howard was to submit an application on behalf of the Council , which was given the approval of Councillors.

f. Feast Group. A meeting was to take place on 12 March 2013. More volunteers were required to take part in the involvement of the group. The film season had now finished. A request was made to suggest that when the football season

was finished the posts near the houses were taken away. G.Howard said he would mention this suggestion to the Football Clubs.

- g. Village Society. A meeting had taken place and support had been given to the new gateposts to the Memorial Hall and the green energy conservation plan.
- h. Footpaths. A new footpaths officer had taken over for Hampsthwaite. J.Carney reported that he had been in contact and that when the footpaths had been walked again a meeting would take place to discuss improvements.
- i. Village Plan group. A meeting had been arranged for 19 March 2013 that was open to all. Items to be discussed would be the LDF for rural areas. A newsletter was planned for the end of March contributions were welcome. Items would include Dog Fouling, illegal parking, gas safety, Two Ridings Community Fund applications.

8. Planning applications

a. 6.92.276.D.FUL, erection of porch (revised scheme) at 19 St Thomas A Beckett Walk. No objections.

b. 6.92.102.M.FUL, two storey extensions and one storey extension at Mount Pleasant Farm. No objections.

Questions were asked about the application for the bungalow at The Grange High Street. The Clerk was to contact planning to request a response on the decision.

9. Correspondence. Nothing to report.

10. Duty Councillors report

a. Plan to clear weeds for Cockhill Beck, work for the summer.

b. Development of new No Cold Calling zones. J.McPartlan was to make further enquiries to include the whole of the Village.

11. Date for next meeting 8 April 2013. Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.

Dated.