

## HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 November 2014.

At 7.30pm, in the Village Room.

1. **Apologies** received from C.Sunley.

Members of the Council:- D.Collett (in chair), H.Brown,M.Fletcher, J.Carney, J.McPartlan, R.Binns. M.Harrison also attended.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 13 October having been circulated were taken as read and approved as being a true record of that meeting, proposed by H.Brown and seconded by J.Carney.

3. **Traffic Issues.** "Message Maker", Councillors agreed that an investigation should be made into the purchase of such a device which could be solar powered, was portable and could highlight an illuminated "Your Speed Is". Area6 Boroughbridge should be asked if the Council could use the funds left for traffic calming for the purchase of such a device and what the requirements would be to locate a device in Hampsthwaite.

**Disabled sign.** Councillors noted the comments passed by NYCC and were awaiting the photo which did not come attached to the email. J.Nami had given permission for the sign to be fixed to the Post Office wall only. The Clerk was to contact NYCC to again look at the relocation of the sign.

**White lining and Yellow lining.** Some of the relining had taken place around the bus stop areas.

**TESCO store.** A discussion had taken place with the developers regarding proposed highway alterations and the traffic disruption that would result. NYCC Highways had not agreed to the traffic plan

4. **District and County Councillors report.**

**NYCC letter** regarding the drastic reduction in grass-cutting verges and amenity areas. From 2015 only statutory cuts will be made for visibility splays at junctions along busy rural roads around signposts and on walks to Schools.

The full report was to go into the mail bag for distribution. The Clerk had obtained from HBC the area for which they will continue to cut. Councillors were asked to examine the report and advise if there were any areas that should be included in the new schedule.

**HBC** had sent a letter regarding the demand for **Dog Bins** and emptying service. If sufficient Parish Councils responded requesting the service then the costs to them for two bins and emptying on a weekly basis would be approximately between **£420/£500 per annum**. This suggestion is not guaranteed to go ahead. Councillors agreed that the Council should respond favourably to the consultation.

**HBC Dog Warden.** A response had been received from the Dog Warden service where suggestions were made that surveillance would take place, however the Wardens were both part time and had the whole of the Harrogate District to cover. The problems that still continue are of dog walkers not in control of their clients dogs and leaving bags of dog foul on permissive footpaths, and owners allowing their dogs to foul the Feast Field where children and youths play managed football.

**Memorial Hall** and the footpath between Hollins Lane and Cockhill Beck Bridge.

A suggestion that one of the footpath signs adjacent to the Cockhill Beck Bridge was to be removed was not supported by the Council . It was agreed that no benefit would result from a joint meeting with the Hall Committee, residents and the Parish Council and M.Harrison was to be asked not to take any further action regarding a meeting. D.Collett was to write to G.Collett as Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee to ask them to respond to Mr Hassell's letter and for a bollard to be fixed at the rear to stop vehicle users to turn around using the footpath.

**M.Harrison** was thanked for his assistance with asking for the potholes in the pavement at Dawsons Court and outside the Methodist Church to be filled.

**Chain Bar Lane junction with Hollins Lane.** M.Harrison was to continue asking for the work to be considered for repair, but it was noted that the Highways Inspector had reported that this work was not authorised under present contingency plans for Highway repairs.

5. **Brookfield** proposed development. LDF Plans.

No news yet for a meeting to discuss the site plan and there were still items that had not been included in the proposed plans that fitted the planning requirements.

Further discussions had taken place with a resident of St Thomas A Beckett Walk regarding the ongoing problems of the inadequate facilities at the **Yorkshire Water Pumping Station** even though extra pumps had been installed. As a consequence of this and the proposed development plans for surrounding Villages that were also served by the Pumping Station , the facilities were considered as unsuitable for purpose in spite of the work that had been done to modify the system at St Thomas A Beckett Walk. The Council's view was that no development should be considered anywhere that was served by the pumping station without a major improvement to the Pumping Station capacity and that this was a valid objection on environmental grounds to refuse the Brookfield plans.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Balance by Cash Book £12766.87 Balance by Bank Account £15256.87  
- £2490  
=£12766.87

Invoices

No.1359 Ray Skelton Harrogate Ltd grass Oct14.	£243.43
No.1360 J.Manton Hollins Lane verge	£168.00
No.1361 C.Moore P.cash tel.and post	£11.05
No.1362 P.Bramley clearing Beck in Village	£260.00
Total	£682.48

Approved for payment,proposed by J.McPartlan seconded by R.Binns.  
Items requiring Finance:

**Notice Boards**, Quote from Backhouse Bros £215, approved.

**Website.** Councillors agreed to go ahead with new site, R.Binns and M.Fletcher were to act as representatives and to ask C.Sunley for help. D.Collett was to inform the provider mh-p.

**Inspection of Play Area** following report. R.Binns to meet Backhouse Bros to survey.

**Discussion** about precept requirements, next meeting.

**7. Reports**

- a. School Governors. Nothing to report
- b. Memorial Hall. Hedge cutting done, plans to clear apples in hand. Problems with roof leaking and surface of car park. See also Item 4.
- c. Safer Neighbourhood Group and Community Resilience Plan. SNG meeting at Joiners Tuesday 11 November. CRP details of original plan still available.
- d. YLCA all email had been forwarded to Councillors.
- e. Recreational and Sporting Facilities. Councillors noted that dogs had been tied up on Bund. This was not acceptable and R.Binns was to mention this at Football.
- f. Feast Group, a cheque had been received for balance on defibrillators. Plans were being discussed about events for next years Feast.
- g. Village Society. No report.
- h. Footpaths. Awaiting for funds to be available for further improvements
- I. Village Plan Group. Date for suggested next meeting 3 December at Joiners for 7.30pm.

**8. Planning**

- a.6.92.69.C.DVCON, variation of condition 5 permission 6.92.69.B.FUL to allow the use of metal window frames at Swallow Cottage Church Lane for Mr Leyshon. No objections.

**9. Correspondence**

An invitation from Menwith Hill on 24 November for Thanksgiving Dinner. Mr and Mrs Fletcher were to attend on behalf of the Council.

**10. Duty Councillors.**

The Clerk had prepared a revised draft Standing Order review that was to be circulated for approval at the next meeting to include permission for video recordings of meetings.

An Npower contract for the Feast Field was to be circulated to be discussed for the next meeting.

11. **Date for next meeting** 8 December 2014. Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed.

Dated.