

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 October 2014.
At 7.30pm, in the Village Room.

1. **Apologies** were received from R.Binns.
Members of the Council:- D.Collett (in chair), C.Sunley,J.Carney,H.Brown, M.Fletcher,J.McPartlan. M.Harrison attended.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** held on 8 September having been circulated were taken as read and approved as a true record of that meeting, proposed by H.Brown and seconded by C.Sunley. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.
3. **Traffic Issues.** Councillors had observed that some patching had been done on Hollins Lane but the junction with Chain Bar Lane had not been done and M.Harrison was to be asked to raise the matter with NYCC highways. D.Collett had made some enquiries with "Message Maker" regarding the use of the speed limit signs that could be purchased, that could use the funds allocated for traffic calming. This was to be discussed at the next meeting. A reply from the Police regarding speeding on Church Lane to P.Parker's letter did not give a positive response. M.Harrison was to be asked about the report and photos that J.McPartlan had sent regarding the white lines and other traffic items that required attention.
4. **District and County Councillors report.**
M.Harrison was advised about the following items:-
Item 10c. **Disabled bay sign.** The decision was for the sign to be **relocated on the Post Office Wall** after the permission of the Postmaster J.Nami had been obtained.
M.Harrison reported that the plans for relocation of offices at the Borough Council were continuing and those offices that were to be closed were to be valued prior to sale.
5. **LDF for rural areas**
M.Harrison supplied a map showing the green belt for the area and the locations where planning had been approved for development of housing. The areas where plans had been submitted for development were on the rural side and close to the AONB for Nidderdale and in areas of green fields as well as the town of Knaresborough, Ripon and Harrogate town. The new LDF had not yet been formulated by Planners.
The newspaper article that had been published had resulted in a response from the Borough Council that was to be circulated.
J.McPartlan raised the problem of the sewage system in Hampsthwaite. Councillors agreed that evidence should be sought about the problems of the inadequate system. They agreed that J.McPartlan and H.Brown were to visit a resident of St Thomas A Beckett Walk to investigate some of the problems that had arisen with the sewage system. Yorkshire Water were to be asked about the sewage system and its suitability if further housing were to be constructed in the area. The information that may be gathered about the unsuitability of the system may be used as evidence against the proposed development at Brookfield.

A meeting with TESCO management was to take place at 2.30pm on 20 October regarding the closure of Skipton Road for 10 months and the road works that would be carried out in this area.

6. Treasurers Report

Balance by cash book £13981.85 Balance by bank statement £16571.85
less o/s chqs £2490 & £100=£13981.85

Invoices

No. 1351 Npower Feast Field	£143.30
No. 1352 Npower V.Green	£39.91
No. 1353 J.McPartlan Posters	£100.00
No. 1354 HBC Inspection Fee	£60.00
No. 1355 C.Moore sal A/S/O exp &p.cash	£707.55
No. 1356 R.Skelton Harrogate Ltd grass	£243.43
No. 1357 Backhouse Bros Feast Field grass	£144.00
No. 1358 Backhouse Bros landscape bund	£60.00
Total	£1498.19

Approved for payment, proposed by J.Carney seconded by J.McPartlan

Items requiring finance. Notice Boards quote received £355.

J. McPartlan was to obtain a further quote.

Councillors agreed that the possibility of a local handyman should be investigated for the work on an ad hoc basis.

Backhouse Bros were to look at the **Inspection report on the Play Area** and report on any essential work required.

Councillors noted the work that was suggested in the report was classed as low risk.

Following the meeting with P.Burgess some of the work in the Cockhill Beck side had been completed and the total work should cost around £210.

Thanks were given to Backhouse Bros for the work they had done on grass cutting the Feast Field and work on further landscaping of the Bund.

The Clerk was asked to update Councillors on the Budget set for the year and the expenses that had been used so far.

7. Reports

- a. **School Governors.** A letter had been sent to parents advising them about the parking at the rear of the Memorial Hall and driving on the footpath.
- b. **Memorial Hall.** Various issues had been raised about correspondence that had been circulating. M.Harrison had agreed to call a meeting with Memorial Hall, NYCC, residents, Parish Councillors to resolve the on going situation regarding the footpath at the rear of the Hall. The car park lining had still not been carried out but the hedge had been cut back. Complaints about the state of the grass cutting and litter. Arrangements had been made to collect the windfall apples. A suggestion had been made that some of the grassed area could be used for additional parking.
- c. **Safer Neighbourhood Group and Community Resilience Plan.**
A new PCSO is to cover the area. J. McPartlan is to investigate the Community Resilience Plan with Harrogate Borough Council.
- d. **YLCA** The last meeting was attended but there was nothing to report.
- e. **Recreational and Sporting Facilities.** Nothing to report, see item 6.

- f. **Feast Group** A meeting was to take place next week to discuss how to move forward with new ideas for the future Feasts. D.Collett asked the Clerk to raise an invoice for £200 to the Feast Committee to cover the difference in costs of the defibrillator.
- g. **Village Society.** A successful grant application to provide two new seats on a section of land between the Churchyard and the River Nidd had been obtained. P.Capel Cure advised that dog fouling in the Churchyard was an ongoing problem and he asked how to overcome the problem. A suggestion was made that cctv be installed in the form of a wildlife camera. Details of the abuse could then be reported to the Dog Warden for possible prosecution of the offenders M.Harrison was to advise on the use of surveillance cameras. J.McPartlan was to advise on details which he would pass on to M.Harrison.
- h. **Footpaths.** Councillors noted that the footpath diversion at Throstle Nest had not been approved and the old footpath should be used until a proper order had been made by NYCC Footpaths.

Complaints had been made about dog foul being left by professional dog walkers who also allowed the dogs under their control to roam free on land that was owned by a farmer and not keeping to the permissive footpath.

Events such as this witnessed should be reported to the Dog Wardens.
The dog legislation covered all open space that was used by the public.

- i. **Village Plan Group** Following the recent seminar held at Cedar Court that was attended by H.Brown the decision was made not to create a Neighbourhood Plan, but to re do the Village Plan and formally adopt that plan. Councillors decided that HBC should be asked to use the Plan when re doing their Local Development Plan for Rural Area. A meeting to be arranged before Christmas.

8. Planning

- a. Approval for 6.92.69.B.FUL, conversion of garage to living accommodation erection of 1st floor extension over garage and replacement windows at The End Cottage Church Lane for Mr Inman.
- b. Approval for 6.92.308.A.FUL, 2 storey side extension and rear extension with living accommodation in roof space and erection of detached garage (revised scheme) at 7 Hollins Close for Mr & Mrs Croft.
- c. 6.92.314.FUL, conversion of Saddlers Cottage Church Lane as an ancillary living accommodation including single storey extension and formation of hard standing for Swallow Cottage, Church Lane for Mr Leyshon No objections.

9. Correspondence Nothing that requires a response.

10. Duty Councillors

- a. **Phone box.** The Clerk had advised BT about the work required which had been done
- b. Adoption of revised Standing orders to allow video of meetings. Councillors were to be supplied of the Revised LGA Model Standing Orders and Code of Practice that was approved using the HBC Code.
- c. Disabled sign. See item 4.
- d. **Website.** A decision was made to use the mh-p parishcouncilwebsite.net. The set up cost would be £500 followed by an annual fee of £300. Councillors were encouraged to look on the site to see which other Councils used the Service.

11. Date for next meeting 10 November 2014. Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed.

Dated.