

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14 April 2014.
at 7.30pm in Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall.

1. **Apologies** were received from J.Carney and D. Collett.
Members of the Council:- J.McPartlan (in chair), H.Brown,R.Binns,
M.Fletcher. M.Harrison and A.Jones MP also attended.

J.McPartlan opened the meeting and asked M.Harrison to introduce A.JonesMP.
The meeting commenced with a talk by A.Jones during which he described his commercial background and work on the District Council before becoming an MP. His constituency headquarters are located on East Parade in Harrogate and he has 4 members of staff.

He advised that he was always available for consultation, many of his queries related to housing concerns. He holds regular surgeries for constituents.

His main concerns were to liaise with other MP's and Councils to improving the Railway network through Harrogate including electrification of the line and improving the network. The plans for the scheme have a better rating than the Cross Rail in London scheme.

His work in London was mainly with Health and the Apprentice scheme.

As far as Building development was concerned he listed the importance as:-
Re using empty properties,brown field sites,green field sites and keep green belt sites free from development.

He was aware of the Local Plan for further Brookfield development. He agreed to see that the views of the Council are brought to the attention of the review by the Inspector and would liaise with M.Harrison on the details that H.Brown was to send to him.

He was also aware that the development for employment was in the East and South of the District and not in the West for housing which the Planners had put in the Local Plan which would cause further congestion on the arterial roads of Harrogate.

H.Brown described how the consultation that the Council and residents had put to review created many problems as this was to be sent on-line in the form that was acceptable. She was thanked for her work and it was noted that only someone with a good knowledge of computer work could carry out this important task.

The Chairman thanked A.Jones for his attendance. Councillors and residents were advised that their MP would attend any group in the Village that required his appearance and he gave an open invitation to Councillors and residents to visit the Houses of Parliament as his guest. This part of the meeting closed at 8.30pm after he had answered the many questions from residents and Councillors.

Following this discussion the Chairman allowed Mr Capel-Cure to advise Councillors and the Village Society about the overgrown piece of land adjacent to the Churchyard where the seats that had been donated by the Village Society. The land belonged to a farmer and was a permitted area. The area had become overgrown and it was agreed that three way talks between the Council,Village Society and Churchwardens how this area could be maintained should take place.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** on 10 March having been circulated were taken as read and approved as being a true record of that meeting, proposed by J.McPartlan and seconded by R.Binns. The Chairman duly signed the minutes. Apparently the minutes did not download to some of the Councillors. The Clerk was to resend them.

3. **Traffic and Parking in the Village.**

D.Collett had sent an email to Councillors regarding the 5 worst pot holes identified by M.Fletcher which had been filled.

Yellow lining, photographs of the parking in the proposed area had been taken and discussions held with Sophie's and the owners of Laurel Cottage. The car sales business had advised that they had found parking facilities at Glasshouses and they had details of the parked vehicles that used the spaces at the Memorial Hall car park and elsewhere.

White lining. Some work had taken place and M.Harrison was to liaise with Area6 to find out when the remainder of the work would be done. No further response had been received from D.Bowe regarding the proposed 20mph zone, but residents were informed that a scheme was not acceptable.

4. **District and County Councillors report.** M.Harrison discussed the areas where white lining had not been completed and the sign for the disabled car park space outside the Post Office and was to discuss with Highways.

Broadband new technology was under trial which would benefit further rural spots that were not covered at the moment.

He agreed to liaise with A.Jones regarding the consultation document on the Local Plan.

5. **Treasurers Report**

a. Balance £19149.77 Bank Statement Balance £19149.77

Invoices

No. 1304 Hampsthwaite Village Room	£204
No. 1305 YWA Feast Field	£11.81
No. 1306 YLCA subscription	£361
No. 1307 Harrogate Timber Ltd M.Hall	£202.23
No. 1308 Johnsons of Whixley M.Hall G.Howard	£220.50
No.1309 Amenity Land M.Hall G.Howard	£93.12
No.1314 Hollins Construction inv. 512 M.Hall	£1638
Hollins Construction inv. 513M.Hall	£384
Hollins Construction inv. 514 M.Hall	£660
No.1311 Clerk salary expenses,p.cash,post tel stat.	£723.07
No.1312 Barclay Ltd solar panels M.Hall final inv.	£2490
No.1313 H.Brown postage Local Plan doc.	£7.15
Total	£6994.88

Approved for payment, proposed by H.Brown seconded by J.McPartlan.

Year end accounts, discussed, to be approved at next meeting.

The Internal Audit to be organised.

6. **Reports**

School Governors,no report.

Memorial Hall. The renting of the car park to the garage for spaces had been questioned and the deeds for the Hall were to be sought. Safer Neighbourhood Group. Regular meetings were to take place in the area. A report of stolen garden tools had been made. Vigilance was required by gardeners in the area to protect their tools.

Recreational & Sporting facilities. No report.

Feast group. Budgets had been set and bookings made for the Feast.

J. McPartlan suggested that the scarecrows should be changed to the Tour de France using decorated bicycles in gardens. He was to contact the Rotary Club for the borrowing of second hand cycles that must not be painted.

Regarding the use of the Feast Field for the Tour de France this had been withdrawn. The Feast Group had been asked by a farmer who had a field closer to the main road, if they would organise parking and they could supply refreshments for which they would seek benefit in return for volunteering. Volunteers were being sought.

The Memorial Hall car park was not to be used for Motor caravans for the Tour de France.

Village Society. A newsletter was to be sent to D.Collett when a meeting had taken place. Concert tickets were still available at £8 for a concert in the Memorial Hall on Thursday. A bar would be available.

Footpaths. The Ranger had looked at the riverside path and approved the resurfacing with 90 tons of hardcore to the boggy area that was still under discussion . FP15/53.61 the kissing gate had been replaced.

Village Plan Group. Nothing to report.

8. Planning

a. 6.92.307.C.FUL, formation of access road at land o/s field 0005 Penny Pot Lane Hampsthwaite for Mr Lewis. No objections.

b.6.92.308.FUL, 1 storey side and rear extensions with room in roof-space and new detached garage at 7 Hollins Close. Councillors agreed to hold a site meeting.

c.14/01441/FUL, erection of two storey rear extension at 33 High Street Hampsthwaite for Ms L Powell. Councillors agreed to hold a site meeting.

9. Correspondence. None that requires a response.

10. Duty Councillors report. Nothing further to report.

11. Date for next Meeting 12 May 2014. Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed.

Dated.