

## HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10 March 2014.  
At 7.30pm in the Village Room.

1. Apologies. None.

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

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** on the 10 February having been circulated, were taken as a true record of that meeting, proposed by J.Carney and seconded by H.Brown.

The Chairman allowed a discussion with residents about the use of the Feast Field as a camping site for the Tour de France.. Many items were discussed including security, toilets, water, number of pitches, car parking on the field, camper vans using the field. A vote was taken by residents and the result was against by a small majority. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council would make a decision that would be forwarded to the Feast Committee. The Council would not be prepared to take on the responsibility for the event which if it went ahead would require a group of volunteers steered by the Feast Group should they decide to proceed. Letters had been received by the Chairman from various residents some of whom resided adjacent to the field.

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

A meeting had taken place between D.Collett, M.Fletcher and an Area 6 Officer on Tuesday. A result of this meeting raised the following items:-

**State of the Roads.** Some areas were highlighted for action these included, Dale Close, outside York Cottages, Hollins Lane etc.

**Lining in Village.** Where 60% of lining had worn out these would be relined according to the rules that apply. Councillors did not agree that the funding reserved for Traffic Calming was to be used for this purpose.

**Signing for Tour de France** for use by foreigners. M.Harrison was to follow up the suggestion to see this had been taken into consideration in the plans.

**Patching of potholes** will only take place when the hole has reached a depth of 40mm. M. Harrison advised that extra funding was to be put into the budget from reserves for future use.

**Parking in the village** A meeting had been held with the PCSO N.Woods where items such as parking on the pavement was involved. The rules are that a pram or wheel chair must be able to pass freely. The proposed yellow lines from Sofie's to Bowers property, would require photographs being taken on 3 different days and times to show the parking of vehicles at this location and discussion with residents likely to be affected. Complaints about the disabled sign on a pole in front of the disabled bay were discussed and it was suggested that this sign may be more appropriate attached to a bollard.

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

**Housing.** David Wilson/Barrett Homes had contacted M.Harrison and the Parish Council about speaking at a meeting regarding potential development on Brookfield. Councillors were not in favour of dialogue with the Company as the Inspector had not yet made any decisions on the Local Plan and there were many applications on other site in the close vicinity of Hampsthwaite that were going through the planning process.

A consultation process was to commence on 23 April 2014. Full details were now on the Harrogate Borough Council website. Responses were required by 1 April and J.McPartlan was to liaise with other Councillors when they had read the 18 page document in order to submit a Parish Council view.

**Dog Bin requirements** M.Harrison advised that the Council were undergoing a review of bins and that there had been many requests for dog bins to be installed in the Harrogate District. J.McPartlan advised that no bin liners were being placed in the litter bins after emptying.

**New cycleway from Ripley** D Collett had received a complaint about the width of the asphalt path that had been laid as part of the improvement. D.Collett was to advise M.Harrison of the person who had commented.

**Next Parish Council Meeting A.Jones MP was to address the Council on 14 April 2014.**

**Damage to the Nidd Bridge and tree stump stuck.** This had been reported to Bridges at NYCC and the site had been inspected. The damage to the Bridge had been logged but was not considered to be a danger.

#### 7. Treasurers Report

Balance Current Account £18174.19 o/s chq .£16

Balance by bank statement £12661.68 not including o/s credits of £1800 and £3712.51  
Also cheque received from Rural Action Yorkshire for £250.

Invoices

No. 1298 Barclays Electrical M.Hall Solar panels	deposit £2640.00*
No. 1299 Phase4 Ltd satellite/broadband M.Hall	annual fee £75.98
No. 1300 P.cash keys Notice board post and tel.	£30.30
No. 1301 cancelled	
No. 1302 Npower V.Green	£50.94
No. 1303 Npower Feast Field	£147.35
Total	£2944.67

Approved for payment including retrospective approval for item\*  
proposed by J.McPartlan, seconded by M.Fletcher

Items requiring finance 2 defibrillators ; grant received £1800

Commutated sums nothing to report.

Appointment of internal auditor. The Clerk was asked to contact P.Swaffield.

Year end accounts to be published later.

#### 8. Reports

**School Governors.** School now full.

**Memorial Hall.** Matters to be dealt with by Committee. Rubbish at rear of building, to be removed Holes for trees; J.McPartlan was to examine the utility records for the site to see if the locations were suitable. Tour de France, the Hall was to be offered as a bunk barn.

**Bus Shelter.** Quotes had been received for the cutting of a window in the side of the shelter. A further quote was to be sought.

**Safer Neighbourhood Group** A meeting had been held in the Joiners Arms where various items had been discussed including parking on footpaths and crimes involving stolen diesel and cable.

**Y.L.C.A.** All information had been sent to Councillors.

**Feast Group.** Progress was being made for the Feast and a budget had been set. A New Treasurer Grant Blakemore has taken over the accounts. The approval for the accounts to be audited through the Parish Council has been agreed.

Film Group the season events were to be published.

**Village Society.** D.Collett was to report on behalf of the Society.

**Footpaths.** FP 15/53.6The kissing gate was to be replaced when the ground conditions improve. The Nidderdale Way required some attention and this had been reported.

The Cockhill Beck Footpath was not designed for vehicle use other than for residents who has access to their property. The School has sent out letters to parents and carers of the children advising them about the use.

**Village Plan Group.** D.Collett was to investigate the status of the Parish Council website.

## **9. Planning**

a. 6.92.288.A.FUL/14/00766/FUL, Formation of new access at Skipton Road Farm  
No objections.

b.6.92.162.D.FUL/14/00525/FUL, conversion of garage to granny annexe and erection of detached garden room at Briar Garth 54 Hollins Lane.

Comments:-"that a condition be applied that all vehicles used by residents of 54,Hollins Lane should not be parked on the highway as that would obstruct the vision of vehicles approaching the village on the bend and that provision be made on site to contain those vehicles"

**10. Correspondence.** Various letters had been received that were to be circulated in the mail bag.

## **11. Duty Councillors Report**

a Riparian Rights. Ongoing investigation.

b. Trip point at gas station. An Inspector has visited the site and was to arrange for rectification work.

c. The Council had received a letter to say that they could co-opt a new Councillor. M.Fletcher was to contact an interested person.

d. Saddlers Cottage. The owner is proposing a covenant to keep the site and building as part of the conservation area and control its future use.

e. A question was asked about bonfires. Further information was to be sought.

**12. Date for next meeting.** The date was 14 April 2014, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

J. Edinger raised the following items:-

The telephone box had not been cleaned for 18 months

An area of the Church yard had not been maintained. There was no funding to do work. Backhouse Bros refused to carry out the work on health grounds because of the dog fouling

Medieval Way. The area required some work.

The Garage. Complaints had been received of valeting being carried out outside residents homes instead of on site.

Signed.

Dated.