

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 April 2016.
In the Village Room at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies were received from J.Carney and M.Harrison.
Members of the Council:-D.Collett (in chair), J.McPartlan,H,Brown and P.Robertson.
The Chairman thanked J.McPartlan and P Robertson for all their help during the time they were in office as Councillors. He said this would be their last meeting as Councillor and he was disappointed that they were standing down. He advised that the new Council would be made up of seven Councillors of which three were new and they were J.Backhouse,J Fairfoot, M.Wray and G.Howard who had previously been a Councillor. The existing Councillors were himself, J.Carney and H.Brown. They become elected on 10 May 2016.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 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 P.Robertson. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.
3. Traffic Issues
Yellow lines on High Street . The residents of Greenside House and Laurel Cottage were to be consulted. The Chairman was to obtain three quotes for the construction of Birds Mouth Fencing on the same site.
Following a discussion with the Message Maker Company the Chairman was advised not to proceed with the purchase of a sign as the Highway Authority could remove and confiscate any sign that did not have their authority to erect. Brookfield Gateway. See item 8c.
Joiners Arms The application to allow the building to become a Community Asset has been refused. The response had not been seen by the Clerk because the letter had been addressed wrongly in January. A copy of the letter was to be emailed to Councillors. M.Harrison is taking up the rejection with HBC
4. District and County Councillors report. None available for the meeting but an email had been received later by the Clerk with apologies.
5. LDF for rural Areas. No progress.
6. Treasurers Report.

Balance by Cash Book
£12600.85 31 March 2016

Balance by Bank Account
£12600.85
+ Grant HBC Play Area £975**
= £13575.85. also grant NYCC
for Dog Bin Grant £300

Invoices

No. 1438 C.Moore salary exp F/M/A, *Computer, print cart.(*YLCA grant) p.cash
no.145899025 £737.50, net £300 vat £59.99,£9.98=£1107.47

No. 1439 Backhouse Bros. Play Area, repairs and painting £1512.04 (grant**) + work on Village Green , kerb and bollard £156.95= £1668.99.

Total £2776.46

Approved for payment proposed by H.Brown seconded by P.Robertson.

Items requiring Finance. Emptying of Dog Bin by Church to be discussed later. See item 10.

Draft year end accounts, approved by H.Brown and J.McPartlan.

Appointment of Internal Auditor approved.

7. Reports

School Governors. The emptying of the litter bin by the play area has not been resolved yet.

Memorial Hall. A letter has been received by the Chairman that relates to two items that have not been previously discussed with the Parish Council. The first item related to the bollards that are to be erected at the rear of the Hall where the Council has been asked to contribute 50% of the costs of £300/£400. The Council refuted this request on the grounds that the Hall were able to fund this as their balances were far in excess of the Council's.

The second item related to the installation of the new outside lights when once again a request has been made without previous discussion for a 50% contribution towards the repairs of £250. Again the Council refuted this request on the same basis.

The Chairman was to respond to this letter after discussing the draft with Councillors.

Safer Neighbourhood Group. No report.

Y.L.C.A. No meeting.

Recreational & Sporting Facilities **Some vandalism has occurred** across the bridge by the School on the edge of the Field by the Cabins.

Some chairs were smashed and items have been thrown on the roof of the Cabins, a fence has been broken down, rubbish bins and their contents have been scattered around. One of the chairs ended up in the Beck. Newly flowering daffodils have also been destroyed. The Police have been informed. The Feast Group are to discuss the damage and supply the Council with quotes for the damage.

Feast Group. The next film night on Saturday 16 April when Sophie's will supply a pre feast supper when reserved seats will be available for residents. Progress is being made with the Feast activities.

The hog roast will take place early lunchtime. The School will be demonstrating maypole dancing around the new self standing maypole donated by Bowers.

The date for the Feast will be 23/24 July 2016. A flypast has been arranged.

A Scarecrow Trail with different prizes is planned. Brochures are being printed early.

Footpaths. No development. The damage caused by the grave-diggers is slowly recovering on the Medieval Way.

Village Society. No Chairman has been appointed. Members of the committee to take responsibility when required and they will be responsible for the newsletters. Membership is in decline. *In Bloom.* John and Janine Manton will no longer be responsible for planting, flowers on the troughs but greenery will be planted.

Councillors agreed that a new team need to be found if the *In Bloom* is to continue with the donation of £200 from the Council. The Noel Coward Evening was a sell out proving very popular.

Village Plan Group. The Chairman has consulted a Cheshire Community Group who has assisted in helping to produce Neighbourhood Planning Documents. The new document which replaces the Village Plan needs to be adopted by the District Council before it becomes a statutory legal document. Much work is involved in planning such a document which if adopted can influence building development. The costs of such a scheme can be as much as £10,000, but grant funding is available.

8. **Planning** Any application where a notice has been posted.
- a. Approval for 15/05674/FUL,6.92.43.D.FUL, conversion of cattery to 2 holiday cottages at Rowden View Grayston Plain Lane for Mr & Mrs Barlow.
 - b. 16/01047/FUL,6.92.319.FUL, one storey extension and alterations to fenestration at 35 High Street for Mr Peel. No objections.
 - c. 16/01074/DVCM AJ,6.92.111.F.DVCM AJ,6.92.111. E.FULMAJ revised layout of footways to western cul-de-sac, removal of Code for Sustainable Homes, approval of highway, drainage, contamination, landscaping, aboricultural and security details post commencement of including initial highway construction from *Brookfield Crescent*. Land West Of Brookfield Hampsthwaite. We object to the revised Planning Application on the following grounds:1) We are not satisfied that the proposed Plans deal effectively with the drainage and sewerage issues. We understand that Yorkshire Water have also not approved these proposals and following their comments we will be seeking a meeting with HBC's Drainage Engineer.2) We object to the proposed gateway feature at the junction of Hollins Lane and Brookfield as this is not in accordance with Highway's recommendations on Visibility. We shall be seeking a meeting with NYCC's Senior Traffic Engineer to press our concerns.
 - d. 16/01243/FUL, 6.92.138.H.FUL, detached garage, log store, new entrance gates 2m high boundary fence behind existing front garden wall at Isalee 56 Hollins Lane for Mr& Mrs Booth. No objections.
 - e. *In addition to the agenda* 16/00971/FUL,6.92.1.E.FUL, demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at Greenfields 27 Hollins Lane for Mr Harper. No objections.

9. **Correspondence**

None that requires a response

10. **Duty Councillors**

A *letter* is to be sent to *Yorkshire Water* regarding flooding in Hampsthwaite, the problems with the pumping stations at Hampsthwaite and Birstwith & the overflowing sewage at St Thomas A Beckett Walk.

P.Capel-Cure representative of the Memorial Hall, and Church and Village Room advised Councillors on the following: *Memorial Hall Accounts* to be read and authorised by Councillors as trustees. The Church has agreed to empty the *Dog Bin*. The Council are to agree an annual amount to be paid to the Church for carrying out the work. The *Village Room* requires trustees. Councillors agreed to the Church ,Chairman of the Council , J Backhouse, M.Illingworth, and P.Scruton to stand as trustees.

Website. The Chairman suggested that the website information should updated following the Election of Councillors on 5 May 2016, when the new Council meets.

P.Roberston said that she had enjoyed her short time on the Council and wished the new Council success in their future.

H.Brown asked that the Clerk contact Emergency Planning at Harrogate to obtain the Community Resilience Plan for Hampsthwaite in order that the document is updated.

11. **Date for next meeting 16 May 2016. at 7pm.** Meeting closed at 9pm.
Signed. Dated.