

## HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 September 2014.  
At 7.30pm in the Village Room.

1. Apologies from J. Carney.  
Members of the Council:- D.Collett (in chair), C.Sunley, M.Fletcher, R.Binns, H.Brown, J.McPartlan.

**Residents comments:-** Continuation of footballing in roads kicking in front of cars.  
Climbing on roof at Memorial Hall for balls.

Housing Development Petition. Completion awaited, signs have been distributed.

2. **Minutes of last meeting** having been circulated were taken as a true record of that meeting on 11 August, proposed by H.Brown seconded by M.Fletcher. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

### 3. Traffic Issues

M.Harrison reported that he was due to attend a meeting of the Area Committee on Thursday 11 September to discuss pot holes. He would discuss the disabled sign with Highways later.

HBC Housing had no funds available to repair the road outside the Bungalows at Finden Gardens but he was to have further discussions regarding the work.

Further pot holes were reported on Hollins Lane near the Methodist Chapel and end terrace and at Dawson's Court.

The yellow lines had not been repainted and M.Harrison was to look at the survey carried out by J.McPartlan on Highways before consulting Highways.

### 4. District and County Councillors report

M.Harrison reported that the **damaged grit bin** at the corner of Finden Gardens had been replaced.

The results of the consultation on the relocation of Council Offices in Harrogate was being discussed and a new option by a developer was under consideration. The **Offices in Crescent Gardens** were to be marketed soon.

The proposed **incinerator at Allerton Park** was to be decided later in the month.

**Child protection**, the Ofsted report had given NYCC a good report.

**A street lighting survey** from NYCC was to be considered by the Parish Council to report on any lights that were to be switched off during night time that could be considered to be dangerous to residents at night.

No progress had been made on **dog bins**.

It was reported that some residences on Hollins Lane had their **waste bins located on the verge** because they were responsible for taking their recycled materials to the bins from their premises due to their location. This was considered to be unsightly but Councillors suggested that some screening may be appropriate.

A discussion about the height of walls and conifer hedges were discussed and the dismantling of a stone boundary wall on a farmers field. It was noted that the

**planning regulations only related to walls and fences adjacent to the Highway.**

**Legislation** only applied to the removal of **field hedges on agricultural land.**

### 5. LDF for rural areas

A petition against the proposed development of houses on Brookfield had already received over 200 signatures.

A letter to the Advertiser from Hampsthwaite, Killinghall and the CPRE had been sent for publication about the proposed urban sprawl around a rural

area without considering suitable employment, schools primary and secondary, medical centres other community facilities including congested highways which should be the first consideration in the new Local Plan which was to be formulated by HBC.

A response to the consultation on the proposal for the new Development Plan for Housing in the District had been sent out to Councillors.

The proposed new Development Plan would increase the number of proposed houses from 390 per year to at least 850 over the 5 year period.

A recent problem with the failure of the flood pumping station at Hampsthwaite could result in further problems if future proposed development plans went ahead.

## 6. Treasurers report

Balance by cash book £11384.65 Balance by Bank Statement £13894.63 - £2490,&  
£19.98=£11384.65

### Invoices

No. 1343 Ray Skelton Harrogate Ltd grass August	£243.43
No. 1344 Yorkshire Water Feast Field	£13.43
No. 1345 Backhouse Bros grass Feast Field	£144.00
No. 1346 P.Cash C.Moore post, tel,stat.	£18.93
No. 1347 CBB Services Window Bus Shelter	£752.60
No. 1348 PKF Littlejohn LLP Ext. Audit	£480.00
No. 1349 M.Wray notices	£100.00
No. 1350 Daleside Nurseries Ltd Shrubs for Bund	£117.20
Total	£1869.59

Approved for payment, proposed by R.Binns, seconded by C.Sunley

**Items requiring Finance.** Notice Boards, two joiners had been asked to quote for the work. **Work on Cockhill Beck,** D.Collett was to hold a meeting with P.Bramley. Councillors were invited to attend.

**External Auditors comments.** These were noted.

## 7. Reports

**School Governors.** A new cook had been appointed. Complaints about the lack of white lining for car spaces at the Memorial Hall Car Park. A reminder about not parking at the back of the Memorial Hall and driving on to the footpath. Scooter safety was also mentioned.

**Memorial Hall J. Carney** had sent in his report asking about the boundary of the Hall, the action to collect the windfall apples, the hedge on the side of the Beck, the state of the wall and the dispute over the levels of tarmac that had resulted in the delay for the lining. Councillors asked if the apple trees could be crowned.

**Safer Neighbourhood Group** The report from the previous meeting regarding youth behaviour in the Village was to be mentioned to the Police Authority.

A visit by an official to the homes may be appropriate. Reports of footballing in the road was also to be reported.

**Community Resilience Plan** J.McPartlan was to investigate the original plans. HBC had offered 'Vis' coats and other equipment for use in the Winter.

**YLCA** The items that had been highlighted relating to video recording of meetings and the proposed changes to Standing Orders were to be examined by Councillors prior to being adopted because they now formed part of Local Council Law.

**Recreational & Sporting Facilities** R.Binns reported that the Football Clubs season had now started and the Clubs were up to full numbers.

**Feast Group** The Clerk reported that our Internal Auditor had requested to be contacted about the draft minutes that had been supplied by the Treasurer of the Group. Full completed accounts would be required before they could be signed off.

Other matters relating to the Feast Group were to be discussed at their AGM on Tuesday 9 September 2014.

**Footpaths.** Improving work was in progress on the boggy areas and the Medieval Way had been cleared. C.Sunley asked if some planters could be relocated as a safety issue for children using the footpath between the School and Hollins Lane. Councillors agreed that this was a decision that the Footpath Officer could make. The Clerk was to contact the Birstwith and Clint Clerks to ask for work to be carried out on their parts of the footpaths ie the Nidderdale Way and Horseshoe FP.

**Village Plan Group.** A meeting was to take place on 23 September 2014 in the Joiners Arms at 7.30pm. D.Collett was to ask the landlord if the usual room could be available.

#### **8. Planning**

- a. Approval for 6.92.132.PBR change of use of agricultural barn to dwelling house at Cruet Farm Hollins Lane Hampsthwaite.
- b. Notification of possible planning enforcement at 56 Hollins Lane on wall fence and gate posts in excess of 2mtrs and creation of hard standing to store building materials.

#### **9. Correspondence**

- a. YLCA information on new regulations relating to video of Parish Council Meetings. See item7.

#### **10. Duty Councillors**

- a. Phone box. C.Sunley was asked if he could send details of the phone number to the Clerk in order that enquiries could be made about the small windows that were distorted due to weathering.

11. Date for next meeting 13 October 2014. Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed.

Dated.