

## HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 July 2015, in the Village Room.

1. **Apologies** were received from M.Harrison and P.Robertson.

Members of the Council:- D.Collett (in chair), J.Carney, J.McPartlan, H.Brown.

The Chairman allowed residents to speak on the Following items:-

P.Doyne, regarding the proposal to erect bollards or fencing to protect the verge outside Greenside House and Laurel Cottage. He was in favour of the Birds Mouth fencing that had been suggested by NYCC.

S.Jennings regarding Saddlers Cottage. The Planners had refused the application with the exception of the lighting arrangements. The Enforcement Officer was to take action.

T.Backhouse reported about a fence that had been erected on top of a stone wall at 43 Hollins Lane that appeared to exceed the regulation height.

G.Parris opposed the proposed outline permission for 5 new houses close to the beck adjoining the existing properties on St Thomas A Beckett Walk, for the following reasons:-not an appropriate site due to the bad access point, flooding possibility from the beck, the continual sewage problems due to the number of seepage problems caused by the inadequacy of the existing system and an inappropriate development bordering countryside.

P.Roberts added to these objections reporting on the 14 breakdowns in the sewage system the 70 rats that had been reported by a contractor working in the area and the continual work on repairing the sewage pipes that had resulted in the continual rebuilding of a wall.

A third resident objected to the proposed plans reporting that there was no need for additional houses at this location close to the conservation area of the village due to the flooding risk and to protect the wildlife.

He also reported on the problems on the St Thomas A Beckett site of not being able to see when using his vehicle due to parking on the pavement, and the need for further traffic calming measures with the erection of bollards in suitable positions.

D.Collett suggested that the Council would write to Yorkshire Water regarding the unsuitability of the existing sewage system particularly in regard to the remarks made regarding the Brookfield proposed development as well as the developments proposed in other villages that were linked to the same system.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 8 June 2015, having been circulated were taken as read and approved as a true record of that meeting, proposed by J.McPartlan and seconded by D.Collett. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

### 3. **Traffic Issues**

a. Message Maker. Following the site meeting with J.Colley of NYCC the Council were to contact D.Griffiths Senior Traffic Engineer NYCC.

A Message Maker was now even more important because of the report from NYCC regarding the Brookfield development which stated that there was a need to improve the access points to the development. The junction was regarded as substandard and there was a need to slow down vehicles.

b. Bollards outside Greenfield House and Laurel Cottage. J.Colley strongly recommended the Birds Mouth Fencing as being more in keeping with the village. Councillors agreed that the Council should obtain permission from Highways to carry out the work subject to a budget of around £1000. The Plastic bollards that were available were not thought to be suitable.

- c. Disabled sign. J.Colley had no knowledge of any changes in legislation to facilitate the painting of the sign on the actual parking space. Councillors suggested that the sign be mounted on a wood base, but agreement with J.Nami would be required. S.Jennings was to investigate the possible mounting of the sign, and D.Collett was to contact the resident again for her views.
  - d. Church Lane. J.Colley suggested “Slow” markings on the road at either end of Church Lane and halfway down Church Lane or alternatively the erection of steel bollards as there were some time ago. P.Parker was to be asked to discuss with local residents where the posts could be erected.
  - e. The yellow line repainting on both sides of Hollins Lane and High Street junction was to be organised.
4. **District and County Councillors report.** None received.
5. **LDF for rural Areas.** The consultation on progress for the new Local Plan was being held at various locations in the District. The Plan was for 6000 homes in the area. The meeting of the HBC Planning Committee regarding the Brookfield development had taken place and over the next 5 years the application for 54 houses had been approved and passed to the Planning Officer to progress subject to certain conditions. Councillors agreed that when the plans were approved David Wilson Homes should be approached and asked to keep the Council informed of any alterations to the approved scheme and what contribution they would make to the village.

**6. Treasurers Report**

Balances Cash book	Bank Statement
£12210.11 o/s chq £243.43	£12653.54-£243.43-£12210.11
Invoices	
No. 1394 N.power Feast Field	£79.05
No. 1395 Npower V.Green	£43.39
No. 1396 YWA Feast Field	£9.39
No. 1397 R.Skelton Hgte Ltd grass	£243.43+ £243.43 damaged cheque
No. 1398 Backhouse Bros Feast Field	£145.00
No. 1399 C.Moore salary M/J/J exp	£750.24
Total	£1513.93

Approved for payment, proposed by J.Carney seconded by J.McPartlan.  
 Items requiring finance:- Repairs to fencing Feast Field £396, removal of graffiti estimated at £115. Painting fence and gates around Play Area £1158 plus paint, includes seats. New fencing on verge High Street estimated at £1000. Play Area inspection £50+vat.

**7. Reports**

- a. School Governors. No report.
- b. Memorial Hall .No report.
- c. Safer Neighbourhood Group. Support expected at the Feast Weekend.
- d. Y.L.C.A. Annual Meeting to be held next weekend.
- e. Recreational and Sporting Facilities. Essential work on fencing approved by Councillors to be carried out. Dog fouling now becoming a serious health problem. A team of volunteers required to remove fouling before the Feast.

A new scheme “We're watching you” has been launched and Harrogate BC is taking part in the scheme. The Clerk was to enquire about the new stickers and contact M.Harrison about the need for dog bins and emptying. The deeds on the contract between NYCC and Parish Council stated that dogs must not be exercised on the Feast Field .NYCC were to be asked to support the Council's requirement for action on fouling.

- f. Feast Group. New Committee members were required urgently to keep the Feast going.
- g. Village Society. The seating area adjacent to the Nidd that was to be supplied with new seats and stone plinths from an HBC grant would require future maintenance and a request was made to the Council to undertake this work. Councillors agreed that the Council should adopt this area. Backhouse Bros were to quote for the work. The quote is for £20 per cut.
- h. Footpaths. J. Carney reported on the blocked footpath between Rowden Lane and Hollins Lane. Also the need to complete the work in the quarry bottoms on the Nidderdale Way footpath. He was to discuss these problems with the PROW Officer.
- i. Village Plan Group. The next meeting to be scheduled for September

## **8. Planning**

- a. Approval for 6.92.64.B.FUL, two storey extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation at 56 Brookfield Crescent for Mr & Mrs Reynard.
- b. Approval for 6.92.307.E.FUL, new access road and erection of gate at o/s Field 0005 Penny Pot Lane for Mr Lewis.
- c. Approval for 6.92.315.FUL, replacement porch at Vale Cottage 11 High Street for Mr Carney.
- d. 6.92.316.OUT, outline permission for 5 dwellings with access considered on Land East of Hampsthwaite Cricket Club for Mr Binns. Objections were :- flooding, sewage problems due to inadequate system, not in area designated for housing, too close to Conservation Area, bad access on to narrow Church Lane.
- e. 6.92.1.C.FUL, partial demolition of one storey side extension, erection of double storey extension, installation of dormer window and alterations to fenestration at Greenfields 27 Hollins Lane for Mr Illingworth. No objections.
- f. 6.92.185.B.FUL, one storey extension and conversion of loft to living accommodation (revised scheme) at 35 Hollins Lane for Mr Mills. No objections.

**9. Correspondence**

Website, some progress is being made. An email is to be read by Councillors and decisions reported back to D.Collett.

Knabbs Ridge Fund. Applications to be made before February 2016.

Grant Scheme for Play Areas. Councillors agreed that an application for a grant should be submitted as the wording included improvements to fencing and play area equipment.

A pollution problem in the Beck caused by a hydraulic leak from a contractors vehicle working at Kintail Rowden Lane. This had been reported to the Environment Agency.

A parking sign had been inserted in the wall adjoining property at MairieClaire High Street Hampsthwite. The Clerk was to investigate and report to the Enforcement Department at HBC.

**10. Date for next meeting** 10 August 2015. Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed.

Dated.