

HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 August 2017.

At 7.30pm, in the Village Room.

1. Apologies from M.Wray, J.Fairfoot, M.Harrison.
Members of the Council: D.Collett (in chair), J.Carney, G.Howard, H.Brown
J.Backhouse.
The Chairman allowed residents to speak regarding an application on property at 22 Hollins Close. Councillors were not able to comment as they have not received a copy of the application. The Clerk is to contact Planning.
The Chairman gave a brief report on the workings of the Action Group and the public meeting which has been attended by 160 residents.
A committee has been formed for the Action Group and meetings have been held at 6pm at Sofie's on a Monday evening. A fighting fund has been set up to employ the work of a Planning Consultant plus other related costs ie leaflets, signs. Sites that have been considered for development include Field HM9 off Birstwith Lane, Brookfield Garth and a site off Rowden Lane.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 July having been circulated were taken as read and being a true record of that meeting, proposed by H.Brown and seconded by J.Carney. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.
3. Traffic Issues. Although no progress has been made with any of the Council's suggestions a meeting with A.Jones MP and a letter to the local paper is being considered. A letter will be sent to the Chief Executive at NYCC.
20mph signs. The Clerk will contact the manufacturer to order the signs.
4. District and County Councillors Report. No report.
5. LDF. The local plan has resulted in an increase in land being considered for building of new houses in Hampsthwaite. An Action Group has been set up to object.
The Chairman asked if the Council would consider setting aside a sum of £2000 to add to the donations towards employing a Planning Consultant.
Following discussions with 3 planning consultants D.Collett and H.Brown recommended H Lufton Associates to act on behalf of the Parish Council for a fee of £1100 and this was agreed.
For this fee he would carry out a site visit and a report on the impact of further development on the Village.
Councillors agreed that £2000 should be allocated to the Fighting Fund. A Section 137 account for this project will cover the Council's responsibility to allocate the funding. With donations from residents and the Village Society. The fund now totals £4000.
6. Treasurers Report

Balance by cash book	Balance by bank account
£12611.96	£12861.39-£243.43-£6=£12611.96
Invoices	
No. 1516 R.Skelton Hgte Ltd grass June	£243.43 o/s*
No. 1521 G.Howard E.Taylor Harrogate Timber	£131.68
No. 1522 R.Skelton Hgte Ltd grass July	£243.43*
D/D SSE Village Green power	£38.11
D/D SSE Feast Field power	£79.48
No. 1523 Backhouse Bros grass Feast Field	£145
No. 1524 C.Moore gen exp tel. post	£10.26
No. 1525 Lexis Nexis 50% Local Council Administration 10 th ed.	£29.75

No. 1526 Backhouse Bros tidying work Feast Field	£320
No. 1527 M.Wray Section 137 Action Group	£305.41
No. 1528 H.Brown Notices Action Group	£9
Total	£1312.12

Approved for payment proposed by J.Carney seconded by D.Collett.

Not approved* Meeting with R.Sketon to be arranged to resolve the gouging of banks on the High Street.

Work requiring finance: Locks to bus shelter gates. The cost was revised to £600 but already approved. Notice Board Village Room not yet completed.

Work on the bridge, it will require re-decking next year but some temporary restoration needs to be carried out prior to the work for next year.

Rent to NYCC for lease on Feast Field. The cost will be £660.93.

Councillors suggested that this should be split between the School, Football Clubs and Feast Group and the Parish Council.

Methodist Church request for some funding for extending the disabled parking facility. G.Howard is to investigate the possibilities of a suitable grant.

6. Reports

School Governors. No report.

Memorial Hall. No report

Y.L.C.A. No report

Safer Neighbourhood Group/Community Resilience Plan. J.Fairfoot reported that he was asking for the kit to be supplied for the Plan. Rachael Ward Community Police Officer is to attend the next meeting.

Recreational & Sporting facilities. Some damage has been caused to a fence that J.Backhouse is to repair.

Feast Group. A good event well attended.

Footpaths. H.Brown is to weed a footpath to Brookfield from Hollins Lane.

Action Plan Group (formerly Village Plan Group) see Item 1.

7. Planning

a. Refusal for 17/02499/FUL erection of rear extension, conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation and demolition of conservatory and utility room at 8 Dale Close for Mr Osler and Ms Litser.

b. Approval for 17/01642/FUL, erection of detached annex, access steps and retaining wall, formation of additional parking and demolition of existing garage at 4 Meadow Close for Mr & Mrs Snowden.

c. 17/02462/FUL, erection of garage extension to upper floor level at Stoneybeck, Rowden Lane for Mr & Mrs Fairfoot. No objections.

d. 17/02636/FUL erection of 5 dwellings with detached garaging at land 425886/458429 for Mr Atkinson. No objections. Comments: this change to garage size for 5 of the plots at Grange Park serves only to undermine our previous assertions that the increase in local traffic as a result of this development is grossly underestimated. The continued over development in Hampsthwaite is compromising our village identity and places immense pressure on the roads and infrastructure.

Other items:

17/02746/FUL 22 Hollins Close. Councillors were asked if they have any objections to the proposal. On searching the HBC website they note this application was submitted on 19 July 2017 and yet they had received no notification or opportunity to comment. HBC are to be asked to remedy this error and grant us sufficient time to comment on the application at our next PC meeting.

Grange Park Development. Residents of Brookfield Crescent have brought to the Council's attention the most unsatisfactory landscaping between the original Brookfield Green and its extension into the Grange Park development. The developers undertook a major excavation to sink the drainage tank and have failed to reinstate the land such that it forms a continuous level surface with the original Green and there is now a noticeable depression along the boundary. We consider that this will seriously detract from the amenity value of the extended green and request that HBC take urgent action to require the developers to remedy the situation. These comments are to be sent to M.Parkes at HBC.

With regard to Planning issues 7 a&b, the Council expressed surprise and concern that the Council's views on these applications had been diametrically reversed. On 7a it was agreed the Parish Council would write to the applicants supporting any appeal they make against refusal.

On 7b it was agreed this was an irrational approval given the size of the development and the objections of the residents and the Parish Council. HBC were to be asked for their reasons in granting approval against the recommendations of the Parish Council.

9. Correspondence nothing that requires a response.

10. Duty Councillors Report

Traffic lights opposite Cruet Farm buildings on Hollins Lane are Highways aware?

11. Date for next meeting 11 September 2017. Meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed.

Dated.