

Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held at Scackleton Church
on **Wednesday, 23rd July 2008**

Action
by

Present:

Councillors: I. Battersby (Chair), C.R. Wainwright, M. Wilson, W. Swann, P. Chapman

Clerk: Mrs. J. Wood

Electors present: Mr. R. Thompson, Mrs G. Green, Mrs M. Wilson, Mr & Mrs. B. Wilkinson, Mrs C. Worlledge, Mr. R. Firby

1 Apologies

Cllr. A. James, PC Goodwill

2 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 1st May 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2008 were approved. Proposed Cllr. M. Wilson, seconded Cllr. P. Chapman.

3 Matters arising from the above minutes

Following meeting of the Steering Group for the village plan, Messrs. Carter Jonas, who are working with the Hovingham Estate, are keen to dovetail their long-term plan for the land use with the villages' shorter term plans.

Cllr. P. Chapman reported on the bus service. Progress has been made, as timing of services is improved, however, the new bus is not ideal and some regular passengers have decided to make other arrangements for their travel.

Cllr. I. Battersby reported satisfactory dialogue with the proprietor of the delicatessen, regarding the encroachment of furniture on Park Street.

The problem of vehicles parked in Park Street, close to the junction is ongoing, although the regular offender appears to have left. A polite 'no parking' sign may be sufficient. The police to be asked to monitor situation and to take action if illegal parking occurs.

Cllr. I. Battersby to liaise with Cllr. A. James with regard to pruning and maintenance of trees and shrubs in the cemetery.

Cllr. C.R. Wainwright reported that plans for redevelopment in Malton are still under review. Car park charges are under discussion and the town council may decide to waive parking fees, if it should be considered that more people would be encouraged to visit the town. Plans for the cattle market area may be produced in September.

It was agreed that a suitable notice board should be purchased for Scackleton, which will be located in a more accessible position than the present one. Funds for this are available from District Councillor Clare Wood.

I.B. &
A.J.

Clerk

4 Police Activity and Traffic

Following a recent speed survey, the volume of traffic at Pasture Lane was found to be double that of the previous survey, carried out by the housing developers. The clerk was asked to submit comments and to request new road signage to heighten awareness.

The proposed speed matrixes should be in place by the middle of August. These are to be placed on a temporary basis, for short periods at, perhaps 3, 6 or 12 monthly intervals. Speed surveys have already proved that traffic averages 10-15mph faster at the Malton Road end of the village than at Pasture Lane.

A suggested 30mph sign painted in the road may discourage speeding more effectively than roadside signs. It was further suggested that the 30mph sign on the Park Street approach could be moved further into the park.

At the Chief Constable's recent meeting, we are informed that volunteers may use the speed checking radar guns and councillors agreed that there should be no shortage of volunteers in the village to operate this, for several short periods.

Clerk

5 Villages/Community Plan

The Parish Council were informed that the name for this plan has been decided, Hovingham and Scackleton Communities Plan. There are eleven members of the Steering Group, with representatives from both villages, some local special interest groups and the Hovingham Estate. A budget has been produced. The plan is expected to cost in the region of £1,500, which will be funded by the Yorkshire Rural Communities Council. There will be no cost at all to the Parish Council, therefore will incur no increase in local council rates. The final report is scheduled to be produced in March or April 2009. The Chair of the Steering Group is Margaret Bell. All residents of the two villages are invited to attend monthly meetings of the Steering Group. The next meeting will be held at Scackleton Church on 18th August at 7pm. The School is also asked to compile a report, funds for which will also be available.

6 HandS the newsletter, review

Mrs Gwyn Green reported that the objectives of the newsletter had been achieved and the operation was within budget. The Parish Council will be required to underwrite only £80 for the present year. Mr. Rob Thompson had delivered 18 welcome packs to new residents in the villages. The editor was asked to include any notices of new planning applications within the villages and to provide information, if possible, on events of interest to younger residents. Residents should be encouraged to publicise their events early, for inclusion in HandS. Mrs Green thanked Cllr P. Chapman and Mr Rob Thompson for their support and expertise. The Chairman thanked Mrs Green and her team and said that HandS must certainly improve community awareness and forge good relationships between the Parish Council, residents and businesses in the villages.

7 Car Boot Sales

Mrs Green asked if the Parish Council would allow the use of Coronation Green for another car boot sale, to benefit village organisations, on a date to be arranged. The Parish Council agreed to this.

8 Children's Playground

Cllr. M. Wilson declared an interest and explained why the children's playground is now closed. A quite substantial branch had fallen off a tree, smashing a bench in the playground. Whilst noone had been using the facility at the time, it showed the potential danger. A large sum of money would be required to make all the trees safe, although it could not be guaranteed that they would be safe, therefore the Playground Committee have been in discussion with Hovingham Estate and it is likely that the playground will be relocated in the near future. It remains closed, unfortunately, during the summer holiday and a notice will be applied to the gate advising people not to use the facility. The nature of the access is such that anyone may enter without hindrance, therefore a disclaimer is to be added to the effect that no responsibility is taken by the Playground Committee or the Parish Council for any accident or injury caused by any person or persons using the playground whilst it remains closed.

The Chairman reported that he had been in consultation with Mr. W. Worsley about future facilities for sports and recreation in the village and the long-term Estate plan is to include recreation areas.

The Chairman said that the Parish Council will consider the needs of the playground, at the next meeting.

9 Grass Cutting

Cllr. M. Wilson reported that the grass cutting has been well done, on the whole, considering the recent very wet weather. There had been one or two areas that the contractor had missed, but that they have now been informed that these areas should be included. A complaint had been passed on by North Yorkshire County Council, having been received from a resident who was obviously not aware that NYCC are no longer responsible for the cutting. The Parish Council are unable to respond to this complaint, as it was anonymous.

10 Planning Applications

No new planning applications received.

Electors, Mr. and Mrs Wilkinson expressed concern that the Parish Council had not supported their objections to the plans for the very tall building to the north of Mossburn House. The Parish Council, having first received notice of the application at the last meeting, on 1st May, had not received any written notice of objections from any electors. The Chairman said that electors should be made aware of the procedure in such cases and notices of future planning applications should appear in HandS. The Parish Council can only act on behalf of electors if it is made aware of any contentions.

Cllr. C.R. Wainwright advised that a comment should be sent by the Parish Council to the planning office, in support of, or in objection to, any future plans.

11 Correspondence

None.

12 Finance

12.1 Transactions since last meeting:

Receipts: Cemetery £30; Car Parking £47.25; HandS Advertising £47.50

Payments: Printing: £124.65; YRCC Subscription, £35; Website £111; Insurance, £258.19; Grass Cutting £160; Village Hall £44;

Payments pending: Grass Cutting £524.98 & £881.25(Clifford)

Bank Accounts:

Current Account, £ 433. 51

BP A/c £ 3025.77

Contingency A/c (Post Office). £ 609. 77 (Plus interest to be added).

Total assets: £2,662.82 as at 23rd July 2008

12.2 Treasury for Hovingham and Scackleton Communities Plan

The Clerk, as treasurer for the Communities Plan, was asked to open a separate bank account for the funds for the plan. Although the funds are to be managed by the Parish Council, the budget for the Communities Plan is funded by the YRCC and any further requirement may be available from other sources. The plan will not cost the Parish Council anything at all.

Clerk

13 Scackleton

Cllr. W. Swann said that she was disappointed that the expected inspection of the footway and road in Scackleton had not, to her knowledge, been carried out.

There is still a need for a new notice board. The Clerk reported that no further estimates have been received from local businesses. It was agreed that a suitable notice board should be purchased from a reputable company and funding for this should still be available from Cllr. C. Wood.

Clerk

14 Electors' Questions

Mrs. Green asked for confirmation that the notice of planning application for land to the rear of Mossburn House had arrived too late for discussion at the last meeting. Cllr. P. Chapman confirmed that this was so.

15 Matters that the Chairman wishes to draw to the attention of the Council

The Chairman said that, following discussions with Mr. William Worsely, he felt that a good and constructive dialogue had been set up and he felt confident that further constructive talks with Mr. Worsely might follow. The Estate's plan for the land usage is a 30 year long-term view, whilst the villages' Communities Plan is a short-term, five year outlook, and it is important that liaison between the Estate and the Community will continue, enabling the individual plans to work together.

The Chairman had discussed several issues with Mr. Worsley, including the playground and other sporting, leisure and recreational facilities. Flood defence, which will be an ongoing project, is of particular concern. Work is always needed to keep the waterway clear of debris. Mr. Worsley had said, to Cllr. I. Battersby, that he sees the village as a living and vibrant community and his future vision for the village includes quality

housing, employment and social facilities.

Cllr. C.R. Wainwright said that Hovingham Beck and Marrs Beck are now the responsibility of the Environment Agency, but the work of keeping these clear of debris was done by the Rye Internal Drainage Board, Hovingham Estate and local residents.

The Clerk was asked to write to John Anderson to thank him for his work in keeping the beck clear of debris.

16 District Councillor C.R. Wainwright's Report

Cllr. C.R. Wainwright reported that the Local Design Framework for Ryedale was not sound. The District Council is required to employ further staff to recreate a Local Design Framework by the year 2010. RDC has been awarded £21,000 by central Government, which would have been a considerably higher figure if the LDF had been acceptable.

The government has 274 points of legislation in progress, with 13 more proposed, including NHS reform, citizenship, equality bill and fair Britain. All these points have to be dealt with by staff at local level.

17 Any other business

None.

18 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 3rd September 2008, 7pm, at Hovingham Village Hall

It was proposed that a schedule of meetings for the next twelve months be drawn up

The meeting closed at 8.50pm