

## **DRAFT**

### **Minutes of Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council**

**Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.00pm**

**Present.** Councillor I Battersby, Chairman, Councillor Mrs M. Bell, Councillor Mrs W. Swann, Councillor R. Wainwright,

**Secretary.** Mrs S. Wainwright

**Electors.** Mr D. Richardson, Mr E. Cowham, Mr P. O'Rourke, Mr D. Sumner.

**Apologies** Councillor P. Chapman, Councillor M. Wilson. Councillor R. Matthews,

The Chairman informed all present that Councillor P. Chapman had come through his operation well and felt sure everyone would like to send him their good wishes for a speedy recovery

**One member of the public had given notice to speak or ask a questions about matters that were not on the Agenda.**

**Minutes of the last meeting.** Councillor R. Wainwright proposed and Councillor Mrs M. Bell seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be signed as a true record. This was agreed.

#### **Matters Arising.**

**Railing maintenance.** A price for painting the Coronation Green railings had not yet been received. The Howardian Hills Manager was unable to offer any advice about paint or painters and pointed out that any new railings put up by NYCC are left unpainted to reduce the cost of maintenance.

**Winter maintenance.** Two additional grit bins had been obtained and sites identified as Mowbray Crescent and Pasture Lane. Mr J. Anderson had completed the work on the village seats and they had been put out in the villages. The clerk reported that NFU Insurance would cover farmers vehicles for gritting under their normal policy at no extra charge providing they were helping the community and not as part of their business. The use of red diesel is a legal issue.

**Library Supermobile.** The new site had been established. Posters had been received that would be displayed in the event of the visit being cancelled.

**Road Closures.** Most of the work had been done. The stretch between Wath and Slingsby cross roads is still outstanding but is dependent on the conclusion of the A64 project.

**Community Awareness Event March 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.** Mr D. Richardson reported that every home in Hovingham and surrounding villages had received an invitation and everything was in place for the event. An elector had expressed concerns about the maintenance of the overflow channel currently being cleared by volunteers and would the Environment Agency be prepared to take over this work. The initial impression was that it would be unlikely.

#### **Correspondence.**

**Ryedale Plan Local Plan Strategy.** Copies had been available to Councillors and representations to RDC had been accepted up until 9<sup>th</sup> March. Councillor R. Wainwright reported that the report and comments would be discussed at a RDC meeting at the end of April after which the plan would go to the inspector. It would be examined during 4 weeks in July or September and the results available late December early January 2013. The allocation of sites would begin in 2013.

**Policy for Allocation of New Homes Bonus.** Details of the allocation of £214,540 had been received. £100,803 would be distributed through a bid process on a Geographic basis to those Wards in which development had taken place. Councillor R. Wainwright reported that the Parishes within each Ward will be able to bid for a maximum amount to be allocated (Scackleton £3581, Hovingham £2003) by March 2013 to be spent by March 2014. Details of the application process will be circulated after the Policy and Resources meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Traffic Concerns Park Street, Hovingham.** A response had been received from NY Highways to the concerns of residents about the movement of HGVs on Park Street and NY Highways had forwarded the letter to the Police for consideration. The response from the RDC Development Control had not addressed the questions asked in the letter 11.01.2012 about the condition 01 of

application 11/00498/73A. The RDC Development Control Officer has forwarded this letter to the Council Enforcement Officer to investigate that breach of condition relating to the effect of vehicular movement 'on the existing amenities of residential occupiers in the locality'. Councillors differed in their interpretation of the approval given to Blackdale Mill for hours of use. Councillor R. Wainwright was asked to seek further clarification from the Development Control Department.

Mini Recycling Centre Hovingham. Confirmation had been received that the mini recycling centre at the village hall would remain in operation and be monitored and reviewed as the new kerbside collection is rolled out. Councillor R. Wainwright reported that there would be a delay in implementing the new service as the lifting gear on the new vehicles is unsatisfactory.

Participatory Budgeting Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The Hill Institute, Maltongate, Thornton Dale, Pickering 7pm to 9pm. It was thought the free copies of the tool kit and DVD could be useful.

Hotspot Campaign. Notices available and displayed in notice boards. Details of setting up a heating oil buying group was discussed. Advice from [kathryn.chapman@ruralyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:kathryn.chapman@ruralyorkshire.org.uk) or 07825 380052 for anyone interested in setting up a group.

Neighbourhood Watch AGM. Minutes of the meeting available from the clerk.

Renewal of Local Bus Contracts. No changes have been made to the Hovingham service. Service leaflets available from the operator and [www.northyorks.gov.uk/businfo](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/businfo)

Grass verges. A resident requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr R. Fisher for repairing the grass verges. Whilst the council wished to record their thanks to Mr Fisher it agreed that writing to everyone who undertook voluntarily to maintain the fabric of the village could become unmanageable.

Questions from D Sumner. Mr D. Sumner did not wish to pursue all his questions in detail but hoped they would prompt the Parish Council into considering its role in the light of the 'Big Society'. The Chairman assured him that Income and Expenditure Accounts were available from HVHMC, The Market Group and the Action Group. Requests to the Parish Council for money from the Cricket Club and Bowling Club had been approved (Sept 2007/July 2009). The Bowling Club had received £500 paid in two tranches. The Chairman explained that HVHMC and the PC had exchanged letters of agreement with regard to the car park. Mr D. Sumner felt it morally wrong for the Parish Council to receive money from the car park as, unlike the village hall it is not a charity.

Countryside Alliance Awards. The Market Group had visited The House of Lords but no awards were made to any of the Yorkshire finalists.

Planning. Circulated to Councillors by email and available for inspection.

Mr N. Hayes. Hovingham Lodge. **Approved**

Mr and Mrs Goodwill. Listers Cottage, Hovingham **Approved**

Extension Time Limit Land to South Pasture Lane Hovingham. **Approved** Councillor P Chapman had circulated members with a number of questions for the RDC about the Pasture Lane development. Councillor R. Wainwright had spoken to the officer at RDC who willing talk through the questions and the process of releasing monies to the community. Members did not think this matter needed urgent attention as the first stage had not yet been reached but it would be useful to be prepared.

**Application from** Mr R. Smallwood. Hovingham. St Bedes, Park Street. In circulation and no comments to date.

**Application from** Mrs S. Pacitto. Hovingham. East View Cottage. In circulation and no comments to date.

**Application from** Mr W. Worsley. Hovingham Hall. Councillors notified. Plans available for inspection. No comments to date.

Scackleton Councillor Mrs W. Swann had no issues she wished to raise.

### **Action Group Reports.**

Hovingham. Copies of the report had been circulated and were available at the meeting. Attached.

Scackleton. Councillor Mrs W. Swann reported that the telephone kiosk was being re glazed. Consent had been given to the Howardian Hills to repair the second stretch of wall and this is in progress.

**Diamond Jubilee Report.** The Chairman gave details of the event to be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June on the cricket field at Hovingham Hall from 3pm to 6pm to which all residents of Hovingham and Scackleton are invited, There will be entertainment and games. Residents will be able to look round Hovingham Hall free of charge. Application for tickets to the Estate Office nearer the time. It was not known whether this concession would be available to the families of residents.

**Finance Update.**

**Current Position** Summary of accounts 1st April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 attached.

**Budget 2012/2013** with summary of accounts attached.

Councillor P. Chapman had sent the following points.

Income: Precept and NYCC grass cutting grant is the same as 2011/2012

Cemetery and car park donations based on historic income.

Expenditure: An additional cut of grass verges in Hovingham and Scackleton is included due to milder weather, only if needed.

Insurance premium has been increased by £60 and Clerk's allowance by £50.

Up to £300 has already been approved for the Jubilee event.

£500 of other 'special' expenditure is included.

**Grass Cutting.** Details of those invited to quote for the work were discussed and it was agreed to ask J E Clifford & Sons to continue to cut the verges. There would be no increase in charge for cutting the cemetery and Coronation Green. It was agreed to ask D. Skelton and Mr Shepherd - Cross to continue to undertake this work.

**Jubilee Commemorative Gift.** Councillors agreed in principle to make funds available to purchase 90 commemorative beakers. All young people under 18 years of age in Hovingham and Scackleton and pupils of the village school would be given a beaker. It was proposed that additional beakers be available for residents to purchase at £5 each, three or more £4 each. This expenditure would be ratified at the next meeting.

**Report from District Councillor R. Wainwright.** Councillor R. Wainwright had nothing further to add.

**Village Hall Car Park.** Councillor R. Wainwright wished to record that he was very disappointed with the recent resurfacing work where the chippings were waering off the tar base. The Chairman would convey his concerns to HVMC at their next meeting.

**Hovingham School Presentation.** Councillor Mrs M. Bell reported that five councillors and two police officers had attended a presentation at the school where the children outline their project for a skateboard park in the village. The Parish Council would like to be supportive towards this exciting and ambitious project but felt more work needed to be done on a business plan to include costs, funding, location, safety and maintenance. The pupils had identified sites. A site at the playground was considered the most suitable though it is currently being developed as a wildlife area. Councillor R. Wainwright proposed that the Playground Committee be asked to support this project and if they considered it feasible then it could come back to the Parish Council.

**Matters the Chairman wishes to bring to the attention of the meeting.** He would speak with the Environment Agency about maintaining the overflow dyke when he visited the Community Event. The clerk would also write.

The Chairman invited comments or questions from residents. Mr D. Sumner expressed his concern about the erosion of the footpath near Urrard House. Clerk to write to NY Highways.

**Parish Clerk's Honorarium** The Clerk outline the reasons for not taking the total allowance this year and wished it to be recorded that this would be a year on year decision and must not be regarded as a precedent for any Clerk appointed in the future.

**Any other business.** There was no other business. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**Dates for the next meetings.**

9<sup>th</sup> May 2012, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 **To be held at Scackleton**, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012