

# Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008

**Present:** Mr J. Betton (Chairperson)  
Mrs J. Harris  
Mrs B Turner  
Mrs J. James (Clerk to the Council)

**Attended:** Cclr Ron Fisher

	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Mrs Jones.	
<b>2. Minutes of previous meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	
<b>Traffic calming Rotherham Road.</b> The promised solid white lines to be painted around the chicanes on Rotherham Road are still awaited as are the results of traffic survey work. <b>Action</b> Clerk to write a further reminder. Cclr Fisher advised that he has raised concerns with Darren Richardson about traffic access from the new development into Rotherham Road, traffic speeds on Charles Street and Middlecliffe Lane; he is waiting for a response.	JJ
<b>Park Springs Road – completion of tree planting &amp; reinstatement work.</b> Mr Handley had advised that the trees would be planted in November and was advised that damaged saplings also need replacing. There is no knowledge as to whether this work has been completed or not.	
<b>Chains on play equipment Little Houghton &amp; Health &amp; Safety checks on Playground Equipment</b> Mr Betton has discussed the conditions of the play equipment with Mr Gerrard who has advised that the unsafe equipment has been put out of use. <b>Action</b> Clerk to write to Derek Williams and ask that the Borough Council carry out the necessary repairs.	JJ
<b>Rotherham Road land at side of Post Office</b> There has been progress in locating a tree trunk agreed to approach BT to see if there is a surplus telegraph post that can be located. <b>Action</b> Clerk to write to BT.	JJ
<b>Middlecliffe Playground</b> Barnsley MBC has still not refixed the waste bin into place. <b>Action</b> Clerk to write and remind.	JJ
<b>Post around seating outside Post Office</b> The remaining post has been reinstated.	
<b>Damaged picnic table</b> Mr Betton advised that Mr Gerrard has repaired the picnic table.	
<b>Criminal Damage in Playground</b> PC Jamieson has advised that the person responsible for damage to the playground had admitted the offence and had received a police caution.	
<b>4. Correspondence</b>	
Barnsley MBC Chief Executive – update from Parish Liaison meeting – noted	
Barnsley MBC Borough Secretary – Register of Electors – noted	
Barnsley MBC Borough Treasury – request for notification of precept for 2008/09 <b>agreed</b> to remain unchanged at £2000	JJ
Barnsley MBC Grounds Maintenance Service 2008/09 £815.42 plus VAT <b>agreed</b>	JJ
Barnsley MBC Planning Application 2A George Street – no objection	
P. Errington – seeking comment on potential planning application Colliery Farm –on the assumption that the building is in the farmyard no objection	JJ
Barnsley MBC – consultation over supporting information for planning applications - noted	
Barnsley MBC – The Way Forward Rights of Way Improvement Plan - noted	
Barnsley MBC – Waste Development Plan Consultation - noted	
Mrs Hirst Co-ordinator Neighbourhood Watch Darfield – invitation to attend meetings –noted	
Yorkshire Bank – changes to bank charges - noted	
Audit Commission – notification of appointment of external auditor	
Communities & Local Gov't – consultation on regulations: Conduct of LA members - noted	

<b>5. Finance</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Accounts are due for payment from:</b>		
Mr. Gerrard Payment Jan/Feb	110.40	
Middlecliffe Club – Feb rent	20.00	
<b>Income received</b>		
No income was received		
<b>Financial Statement</b>		
Current Account	415.15	
Investment Account	12,550.00	
There was unanimous agreement to the payment of the above accounts.		
<b>6. Any other business</b>		
<b>Community Policeman</b>		
PC Jamieson is the community policeman for this area.		
<b>Street Lights Mary Street</b>		
Streetlights outside nos 1 & 9 Mary street are not working. <b>Action</b> Clerk to write to Barry Goodyear in Street Lighting.		JJ
<b>Dog Fouling</b>		
The problem of dog fouling has returned. <b>Action</b> Clerk to write Tim Simpson Environmental Health		JJ
<b>Tipping in the square rear of Middlecliffe Lane</b>		
New tenants are in the properties on Middlecliffe Lane and the problem of unauthorised tipping has returned. <b>Action</b> Clerk to write to Tim Simpson Environmental Health		JJ
<b>7. Date of next meeting</b>		
The next meetings will be held at 7pm on <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008</b> in Middlecliffe WMC. (Mrs Jones gave her apologies)		

Cc to Cclrs R Fisher, T Smith, D. Wainwright

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