

## WORTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Wortley Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor(s) R. England (Chair), Mrs. J. Bloodworth, K. Loxley, T. Smith, and Mrs. G. Tue

**In Attendance:** Mr. Johnathan da Rosa

**516. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s) P. Mitchell, J. Trafford and R. Taylor

**517. Johnathan da Rosa:** The Chair welcomed Johnathan da Rosa, Mr Da Rosa has been invited to serve on the Parish Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Mrs. Wilson.

**518. Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007 having been circulated were approved as a true record.

#### **519. Matters arising:**

**519.1. Christmas Trees:** The Christmas Trees provided by the Parish Council in Wortley and Howbrook were much appreciated by local residents.

**519.2. Records to Barnsley MBC Archives:** A letter of thanks and acknowledgement was received from the Archivist at BMBC thanking the Parish Council for the donation of the parish records.

**519.3. Collapsed Wall – Finkle Street Lane:** A collapsed wall near to Sycamore Farm has been reported to Barnsley MBC; they have acknowledged our concern but say that no monies will be available for works to be carried out during this financial year.

**519.4. List of Meetings 2008:** A list of meetings for 2008 was circulated to members.

#### **520. Finance:**

##### **520.1. Payments to be authorised:**

Barnsley MBC – Hanging Baskets	£427.47
Artisan Stone – Repairs to Lych Gate (War Memorial)	£5926.40
C. Swallow – 2 Christmas Trees	£275.00
Billy's Hill Farm Shop – Christmas Tree	£100.00
F. Sheldon – Salary & Expenses 01.10.07. – 31.12.07.	£390.57
Yorkshire Water – Supply to playing field	£62.14
Barnsley MBC – Playing Field Grounds Maintenance (2 <sup>nd</sup> inst.)	£159.39
Mico Lighting Ltd. – Christmas Tree lights	£28.20

##### **520.2. Receipts:**

Allianz Cornhill – Insurance Claim (Lych Gate)	£4918.75
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##### **520.3. Precept 2008-2009:**

It was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Loxley that the precept for the financial year 2008-2009 be £6200. The proposition was unanimously carried.

**520.4. National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks 2007/2008:** A National Salary Award has been agreed for Local Council Clerks, an increase of 2.475% back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007

Salary 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007: £1244/Annum.

Salary 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008: £1275/Annum.

This increase of the clerk's salary was approved by the Council.

#### **521. Committee Reports:**

##### **521.1. Planning:**

**521.2.** Planning Regulatory Board 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 – business (no Wortley involvement)

**521.3.** Report Precis 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 (no Wortley involvement)

**521.4.** Planning Regulatory Board 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 – business (no Wortley involvement)

**521.5.** Report Precis 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 (no Wortley involvement)

**521.6. Granting of Planning Permission:** Wharncliffe Estates Election of 11 dwellings on land off School Lane, Wortley. This is a re-submission of planning permission passed on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2003 – five year elapsed compliance rule.

**521.7. Observation on Planning Application:** 2007/1780 Construction of a ménage at Hollow Farm, Woodhead Road Wortley. The Planning Committee (Wortley) had no observations to make on this planning application.

**521.8. Observation on Planning Applications** 2008/0052 and 2008/0053 (listed Building Consent) Demolition of existing rear lean-to extension and internal subdivision of Carlton House into two dwellings. Alterations and extensions to existing Carlton House and Carlton House Cottage, Woodhead Road, Wortley.  
No observations were made on this planning application.

**521.9. Consultation:** New Planning Application submission information requirement – information available on web site via [www.barnsley.gov.uk](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk) Development, Planning and Transportation, Development Control. Comments to be received by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

## **522. Playing Field:**

**522.1. Toilet Block :** Repairs have been carried out to the toilet block and pavilion at the Playing Field . Councillor Smith said that the Rugby Club are satisfied with the improvements that the Rugby Club and Parish Council have carried out and didn't think that any further repairs were necessary at the moment.

**522.2. Playground Equipment:** Two discounted quotations were received from Playdale for play equipment at the Playing Field. One being an "Adventure Course" with 14 obstacles and the other to include swings but less obstacles at a similar price.

It was agreed by majority decision that the "Adventure Course" with 14 obstacles be ordered at a cost of £8151.00. Councillor Smith agreed to contact the company and then liaise with the Clerk.

**522.3. Playground – Public Liability Insurance:** Councillor Mrs. Tue asked about the Council's Public Liability Insurance cover. The Clerk said the cover is adequate, but would check with insurers.

**523. Footpaths:** Nil

## **524. Correspondence:**

### **524.1. From Barnsley MBC:**

**524.1.1.** Barnsley : Local Development- Consultation

**524.1.2.** Publication of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Barnsley

**524.1.3.** Highway Winter Service 2007 – 2008

**524.1.4.** Grounds Maintenance Service 2008- 2009: It was agreed that the Grounds Maintenance Service for the financial year 2008-2009 provided by Barnsley MBC be accepted at a cost of £391.16 plus VAT (costs being based on cuts on 14 occasions.

**524.1.5.** Area Forum at Penistone on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008: Agenda and Minutes

**524.2. From SYPTE:** Bus Service Changes – January 2008

**524.3. From CE Electric UK:** Preparing for Mother Nature

**524.4. From YRCC:** Advanced Notice of Parish Government Conference at Scarborough on 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**524.5. From Home Farm Conference Centre:** Publicity

**525. From South Yorkshire Forest:** newsletter

## **526. From Yorkshire LCA:**

**526.1.** White Rose Update

**526.2.** Advice Notes 20. 21 and 23

**526.3.** Assembly Digest – newsletter of Yorkshire and Humber Assembly

**527. Venue, Date and Time of next meeting:** The next meeting of the Council will be held at Wortley Hall on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008

## **528. Any other business:**

**528.1. Brick Kiln Cottage – A616 underpass:** The underpass leading to Brick Kiln Cottage under the A616 is flooded believed being caused by blocked drains. The Clerk said he would report the problem to Carillion WSP, contractors for the

Highway Agency.

- 528.2. Dumped Rubbish:** An accumulation of rubbish requires clearing on Carr Lane (150 metres Tankersley side of A616 underpass).
- 528.3. Luncheon Lunch – Grant for Training Course for First Aid:** Councillor Mrs Tue asked if the Parish Council could provide a grant towards the cost of this course. The Clerk pointed out that Parish Councils have no specific grant-making power for this type of expense.
- 528.4. Dumped Rubbish – Berry Lane:** Dumped rubbish is accumulating in Berry Lane (on the bend in the dip). The Clerk said he would ask for it to be cleared.
- 528.5. Large Pot – Hole:** A large pot-hole in Hollinberry Lane, Howbrook near to Hollinberry Lodge requires remedial works and the Clerk was asked to report the danger to the Highway Authority.
- 528.6. Blocked Grates:** Blocked grates on Howbrook Lane, near to the entrance of the disused Drift Mine require unblocking.
- 528.7. Agenda:** Request to produce the Agenda in larger print with more detail.
- 528.8. Newsletter:** Councillor England requested that the Parish Council publish a further newsletter. The Clerk agreed to do this provided that sufficient articles for publication were provided by the members.
- 528.9. Litter Pick 2008:** Councillor England suggested that a litter pick be organised – agenda item next meeting.
- 528.10. Dog Excrement:** The Clerk was asked to enquire as to whether Barnsley BMC would empty a dog foul bin on Finkle Street Lane (near to the entrance to the playing field) if this was provided by the Parish Council.
- 528.11. Post Office – Parish Statistics:** Councillor England asked if the Clerk had any statistics with regard to Wortley Parish to help the Post Office complete a submission against closure. The Clerk said that unfortunately he had no such statistics but suggested that the Post Office contact the statistician at Barnsley MBC.