

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 7th April 2008

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

Attended: Cclr Ron Fisher
Representatives of & advisors to UK Coal

Action

1. Proposed

A representative from UK Coal and their professional advisors attended to share early proposals for residential development in the village as part of the consultation process prior to submitting a planning application.

UK Coal's relationship as a long term investor with the village was outlined, the proposed site for development (3.5 hectares) to support village regeneration shown and constraints to development explored alongside the opportunities this site presents for development of residential and low level retail with environmental enhancement and additional public transport infrastructure.

Taking into account planning guidance 3 potential options were put forward for housing of a mix of affordable, possibly shared ownership partnering with a housing association and outright purchase:

- A maximum of 106 units with 15% open space which meets planning guidance.
- Possibility of 62 units on the same footprint however this falls short of government building density guidance.
- Possibility of 62 units on a smaller footprint creating more open space.

In discussion it was identified that the benefits of development are that it brings regeneration, more housing and possible employment into the village however a pre-requisite of any development should be that access is directly from the link road and not through Middlecliffe Lane/Rotherham Road which cannot accommodate further rush hour traffic.

Suggestion of alternative sites for development in the village and that there is likely to be a market for smaller rented and purchased homes for the elderly and an assisted living development potentially alongside the development on the smaller footprint. Opportunities for self sustaining community facilities, play facilities, facilities for the elderly etc, enhanced public transport were explored as part of ensuring any development brings wider community benefits.

Agreed that UK Coal would continue to develop the plans and consult further with the Parish Council at their next meeting 12th May.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received all Parish Councillors were present.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 3rd March

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

Traffic calming Rotherham Road.

Painting of the promised solid white lines around the chicanes on Rotherham Road is dependent on weather conditions and is scheduled for spring/summer. The results of the further speed survey are still awaited.

Chains on play equipment Little Houghton & Health & Safety checks on Playground Equipment

There has been no response from Derek Williams for the Borough Council to carry out at charge to the Parish Council the necessary repairs to the play equipment. Barnsley have offered both 2 monthly and annual independent inspection service, the latter is a requirement of our insurance as is remedial action in respect of any defects reported within 60 days. **Agreed** to contract for the 2 monthly inspection service (£264.36 incl VAT) and independent inspection (£44.06 incl VAT) and Cclr Fisher to contact Derek Williams and urge a response for the cost and timescales for them to undertake remedial works.

JJ
RF

Rotherham Road land at side of Post Office

The Clerk has written to BT and to Mr Williams regarding a tree trunk or surplus telegraph post that can be located to landscape this piece of land, a reply is awaited. **Agreed** Clerk to contact Mr Williams to urge a response.

JJ

Loose waste bin in play parks

Barnsley MBC have advised that the loose waste bin has been reinstated in Middlecliffe play park however the Little Houghton play park is the responsibility of the Parish Council and any repairs will be at cost to the Parish Council. **Agreed** to urge Mr Williams to address as part of repairs to the play equipment

Dog Fouling

Tim Simpson Environmental Health has visited and requested details of the offender so he can take enforcement action.

Tipping in the square rear of Middlecliffe Lane

Environmental Health have advised they have arranged for the fly tipping to be removed and are investigating preventative/enforcement action for repeat offending on this site and at the bus turning circle regarding the unauthorised tipping.

Rotherham Road drainage ditch & drain in footpath outside 52 Rotherham Road

Barnsley MBC have advised that work on the drainage ditch will be undertaken within new financial year to allow biodiversity issues to be addressed. The storm drain outside no 52 will be jetted as soon as possible.

Rotherham Road Roundabout

The tyres dumped down the bank side have been removed by Neighbourhood Pride.

Welcome Stone - graffiti

The graffiti on the Welcome stone has been removed by the Safer Neighbourhood team

Chicanes Rotherham Road

Highways have advised that repairs have been ordered for the potholes.

Traffic signs

Barnsley MBC have advised that the vehicle actuated signs are life expired and under 2002 Traffic Regulations cannot be replaced with similar, the signs will be removed in the new financial year and replaced with static signs.

Fencing around Recreation Ground

Mr Betton approached Village 4 for funding for re-fencing, the initial approach has been declined agreed Mr Betton to press further provided any cost is covered by grant income.

Middlecliffe Lane

Highways have advised that they are investigating the discharge of water onto the footpath and during extreme weather floods onto the highway at a site near the conker tree.

5. Correspondence

Barnsley MBC Borough Parish Council Liaison Meeting 16th April – noted

Barnsley MBC Planning decision making process - noted

Barnsley MBC detailed planning application extension to golf club house – no objection

Barnsley MBC planning decisions - noted

Barnsley MBC – Election notices - noted

SYPTTE – Bus service changes, National Concessions scheme update, salary sacrifice seminar – greener commuting - noted

Allianz – Insurance renewal for 2008/09 £258.19 – agreed the current level of cover is acceptable and to renew.

SY Fire & Rescue – Risk Management Plan - noted

Jeff Ennis MP Volunteer Fire Wardens – noted

YLCA – Invitation of membership –declined.

Country Air – noted.

6. Finance**Accounts are due for payment from:**

	£
Mr. Gerrard Payment March/April	110.40
Middlecliffe Club – April rent	20.00
Allianze – Insurance renewal	258.19
Barnsley MBC Commercial Waste contract	161.32

Income received

Precept	2000.00
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Financial Statement

Current Account	2,291.42
Investment Account	12,050.00

There was unanimous agreement to the payment of the above accounts.

Audit of Accounts 2007/08

The audit process for the accounts was discussed, the financial processes and checks reported and agreed. The report will now go to internal auditor

Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance 2007/08

The statement of assurance for last financial year was presented, agreed and signed by the chairman.

7. Any other business

Request for waste bin outside the shop

Suggested that resident approach Barnsley MBC directly.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held at 7pm on **Monday 12th May 2008** in Middlecliffe WMC.

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

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