

WORTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th March 2008 at Wortley Hall commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor(s) P. Mitchell (chair) R. England, Mrs. J. Bloodworth, K. Loxley, J. Da Rosa, J. Strafford, R. Taylor and Mrs. G. Tue

539. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T. Smith.

540. **General Notice of Registrable Interests:** A General Notice of Registrable Interests was returned by Councillor Johnathan Da Rosa.

541. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th February 2008 having been circulated were approved as a true record.

542. **Matters arising:**

542.1. **Dog Foul – Laminated Notices:** The Clerk said he had produced six laminated notices to be displayed on the playing field to advise dog owners to clear up after their dogs.

542.2. **Newsletter:** The Spring 2008 newsletter has been produced and distributed. Councillors Bloodworth, England, Smith and the Clerk were thanked for producing it.

542.3. **Dumping – Berry Lane:** The illegal dumping on Berry Lane has been cleared.

542.4. **Litter – Mc Donald's at Tankersley:** The Clerk said he had asked McDonalds to carry out a litter pick on Hollinberry Lane and Howbrook Lane. Councillor Strafford said that he had seen McDonalds' employees carrying out the work, but they were only picking up the litter that was attributed to their outlet.

542.5. **Litter Pick – A616 By-pass:** The Highway Agency contractors have informed the Clerk that although they carry out most of the maintenance on the road, litter picking is the responsibility of the Local Authority (Barnsley MBC). Barnsley MBC admit that they do litter pick the road but only once per year (maximum) because of the danger to operatives whilst litter picking. The Clerk had spoken to the Supervising Officer who said she would try to obtain authorisation to litter pick this summer. (Work is done on Sunday, less heavy traffic)

542.6. **Fly Tipping Surveillance:** Barnsley MBC have informed the Council that both the Environmental Regulatory Unit and Safer Neighbourhood teams regularly patrol the Borough to investigate fly tipping. Their pro-active stance has resulted in 17 prosecutions so far in 2007/2008. They also inform our Council that if we provide specific locations of concern, they will ensure an officer visit and considers what can be done at each location. Members were asked to bring details of problem sites near to them to the next meeting so they can be investigated.

542.7. **Litter Pick 2008:** The Litter Pick 2008 has been fixed for Sunday 6th April 2008 commencing at 1.30 p.m. from the Playing Field. Councillor Mrs. Tue agreed to prepare sandwiches and soup for the helpers. Posters will be distributed to all members who have been asked to display them in prominent positions (and don't forget to remove them afterwards)

542.8. **Insurance Excess – Allianz Cornhill:** This is still being investigated by our insurers.

543. **Finance:**

543.1. **Payments to be authorised:** Nil

543.2. **Receipts:** Nil

544. **Reports of Committees:**

544.1. **Planning:**

544.1.1. **Planning Regulatory Board 4th March 2008 – Business:** No planning business appertaining to Wortley Parish

544.1.2. **Planning Regulatory Board 4th March 2008 – Report of Assistant Director:** No planning business appertaining to Wortley Parish

544.1.3. Planning Observations:

544.1.3.1. 2008/0374: Erection of rear first floor extension to dwelling
Spout House, Spout House Lane, Bromley
The Council have no observations to make on this planning application

544.1.3.2. 2008/0367: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling house with attached double garage.
Bluebell Farm, Hermit Hill, Wortley
The Council have no observations to make on this planning application

544.1.4. Planning Decisions:

544.1.4.1. 2008/0201: Conversion of existing building to dwelling raising eaves height and garages
The Barns, Hermit Hill Farm, Hermit Hill Lane, Wortley
REFUSED

544.1.4.2. 2008/0204: Conversion of existing building to dwelling including an extension and garages
The Barns, Hermit Hill Farm, Hermit Hill Lane, Wortley
REFUSED

544.2. Playing Field:

544.2.1. New Playground Equipment – Adventure Playground: The new playground has been delivered today 25th March 2008. The Delivery vehicle could not access the playing field. Mr Stuart White assisted off-loading with his fork truck. It was agreed that £50.00 be donated to him for his services.

544.3. Footpaths: Nil

545. Correspondence:

545.1. Community Green Space Fund: Barnsley MBC has sent a Community Green Space Monitoring Form (grant for play equipment) for completion. This is being completed and will be returned by the Clerk.

545.2. From St. Leonard Church Wortley – Closed Graveyard notification: Notification that St Leonard Church, Wortley have applied to close the top graveyard and have informed Barnsley MBC of their intention.

545.3. Wicksteed Leisure: Publicity

545.4. BDO Stoy Hayward: External Auditors Local Council Briefing – Spring 2008

545.5. Barnsley MBC – Local Council Elections on 1st May 2008: Notice for posting on Notice Board passed to Councillor England

545.6. Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice: Notification of Scheme for recycling Computer Printer Ink Cartridges

545.7. YRCC – Rural Target Fund: Newsletter

545.8. Yorkshire LCA: Newsletter

545.9. SYPTE: Update on Travel Concessions Scheme

545.10. Standards Board for England: Newsletter

546. Venue, Date and Time of next meeting: The next meeting of the Council will be held at Wortley Hall on Tuesday, 29th April 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

547. Any other business:

547.1. Safety Camera Surveillance Van: The Clerk was asked to write to the Safety Camera Partnership to point out that their speed camera surveillance van would be better sited if stationed on the A629 on "the dip in the road" just before Finkle Street Lane in the Wortley direction or if not a considered safe an alternative being between Finkle Street Lane and the first bend near the Church in the same direction on the A629. All vehicles entering A629 from

Finkle Street Lane encounter a hazardous situation due to the speed of traffic on the A629 approaching Finkle Street Lane from the Sheffield direction. The Council believe that the present site used by the van on the A629/A616 flyover (Sheffield direction) serves little purpose other than a revenue earner as local lifetime knowledge indicates that accidents are negligible on this stretch of road.

547.2. Gates – Wortley Park: The gates at Wortley Park were completely destroyed on 24th/25th March 2008 by a vehicle escaping from an armed robbery.

547.3. Borough/Parish Council Charter: The Borough/Parish Council Charter written by Barnsley MBC with the help of the Parish Council Liaison Group was approved by the Parish Council.

547.4. 2007/2008 Audit Requirements:

547.4.1. The Review of effectiveness of the Internal Audit System: Checks to be carried out by the Clerk and Internal Auditor to satisfy the above requirement were approved by the Council

547.4.2. Report – System of Internal Control: The Report was approved by the Council

547.4.3. Risk Assessment 2007-2008: The Report was approved by the Council