

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 12th May 2008

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

Attended:

1. Proposed Development in Little Houghton

The representatives of UK Coal are not in attendance this evening, they are awaiting a response from Barnsley MBC to their proposals to gain access to the planned new development from the link road and therefore have nothing further on which to consult with the Parish Council. **Action** Clerk to advise when UK Coal indicate they are able to update on proposals

Action

JJ

2. Apologies

No apologies were received, all Parish Councillors were present.

3. Election of Chair & Vice Chairperson for 2008/09

Mr Betton was nominated by Mrs Harris seconded Mrs Turner and unanimously elected as chairperson and Mrs Jones was nominated by Mrs Turner and seconded Mr Betton and unanimously elected vice chairperson.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 7th April

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed and signed 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 still awaited; hopefully now the weather is more settled the work will be progressed. The results of the further speed survey are still awaited.

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

In order to expedite the process of inspection and repair the Borough Council have agreed provide an estimate of the cost of any repairs alongside the inspection reports and to provide a costed 'menu' of standard repairs that could be undertaken at the point of inspection to minimise costs.

The estimate to undertake the necessary repairs identified in the last independent inspection of the playground in Little Houghton was discussed at length and agreed to works necessary to ensure health and safety compliance: remove and replace the slide ramp and to remove the springer base and reinstate the wet pour surface around both. **Action** Clerk to instruct works to commence.

JJ

It was agreed that Mr Gerrard be asked to remove the wooden stump on the trim trail and that the wooden ends remain without a bridge fixing.

JB

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 still awaited. **Agreed** Clerk to again contact Mr Williams to urge a response.

JJ

Loose waste bin in play parks

The loose bin in Middlecliffe play park still needs attention. **Action** Clerk to write again to Barnsley MBC and urge Mr Williams to instigate repairs.

JJ

Tipping in the square rear of Middlecliffe Lane

Environmental Health removed the fly tipping and advised they were investigating preventative/enforcement action for repeat offending on this site however residents continue to fly tip. **Action** Clerk to write and urge enforcement action.

JJ

The fly tipping at the bus turning circle has been removed.

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

The storm drain outside no 52 has been jetted.

Work has commenced on the drainage ditch however further work is required including the removal of some trees and pruning of others on the length of the ditch to the 2nd lamp post past the bend in Rotherham Road to Great Houghton, **action** Clerk to write to Barnsley MBC to ask them to complete the work.

JJ

Chicanes Rotherham Road

Highways have advised that repairs have been ordered for the potholes, these are still outstanding. **Action** Clerk to write and remind.

JJ

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.

Audit of Accounts

Agreement was given by the Chairperson to a honorarium being paid as a thanks to the internal auditor and arrangements were made for the Notice of the Audit to be displayed.

5. Correspondence

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

Barnsley MBC Mayor's Parlour –invitation to Sunday Service 15th June - noted

6. Finance

Accounts are due for payment from:

	£
Mr. Gerrard Payment April/May	110.40
Middlecliffe Club – May rent	20.00
Mrs James Fee & Expenses	196.69

Income received

VAT refund	184.88
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Financial Statement

Current Account	2,099.71
Investment Account	12,050.00

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

Audit of Accounts 2007/08

The accounts have been sent to the BDO Stoy Hayward for audit.

7. Any other business

Fly tipping

There is fly tipping off Park Springs Road towards Grimethorpe opposite the lay-by on the old railway line/bridle path. **Action** Clerk to write to Environmental Health and ask for it to be removed.

JJ

Fence: Bus turning circle

The fence in the bus turning circle is in need of repair to prevent fly tipping and access by motorbikes. **Action** Clerk to write to the owners, UK Coal

JJ

Ragwort Rotherham Road Roundabout and neighbouring footpath.

Ragwort is starting grow, **action** Clerk to write to Barnsley MBC asking for weed treatment.

JJ

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held at 7pm on **Monday 2nd June 2008** in Middlecliffe WMC.

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

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