

WORTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2008 at Wortley Hall commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor(s) R. England (chair), K. Loxley, J. Da Rosa, T. Smith, J. Strafford and Mrs G. Tue

566. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s) Mrs. J. Bloodworth

567. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th May 2008 having been circulated were approved as a true record.

568. Matters arising:

568.1. **Car Parking – Playing Field:** Agreed that a working party (Councillors J. Da Rosa, T. Smith and J. Strafford) visit the site and recommend proposals. The Clerk was asked to then write to Wharnccliffe Estates to request financial help pointing out in the letter that profile of the ground has been improved by the provision of new playground equipment and the proposed parking area.

569. Finance:

569.1. **Payments to be authorised:** Books with internal auditor

569.2. **Received:** Books with internal auditor

569.3. **Annual Audit 2007/2008:** The accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

569.4. **The Annual Governance Statement:** The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Council and signed by the Chair of the meeting

569.5. **Review of effectiveness of internal audit:** The Council believes that all the expected standards have been carried out by the internal auditor, a competent professional auditor with no relationship with members of the Council and does not have any other role within the Council. It was also agreed, a new departure, that the Internal Auditor be invited to meet the Council and give an opinion.

569.6. **Audit 2007/08:** The Audit for the year ending 31st March 2008 will be held on 1st August 2008

570. Reports of Committees:

570.1. Planning:

570.1.1. **Granting of Planning Permission:** Changing of use of garage/store building into retail sales farm shop including single storey extension.
Garden Cottage, Park Avenue, Wortley

570.1.2. **Planning Regulatory Board 3rd June 2008 – business (Footpath diversion – Hollow Farm - approved)**

570.1.3. **Planning Regulatory Board 3rd June 2008 – report of Assistant Director (Footpath diversion – Hollow Farm – approved)**

570.1.4. **Planning Regulatory Road 24th June 2008 – business (no business appertaining to Wortley Parish)**

570.2. Playing Field:

570.2.1. **Dog Fouling Notices:** passed to Councillor Smith

570.3. Footpaths: Nil

571. Correspondence:

571.1. **From Safe@Last:** Request for donation

571.2. **From Hunshelf Parish Council: Request for a donation towards their purchase of “The Isle of Skye”:** The Parish Council believe that the small precept raised by the Council should be spent in the Parish and say no to Hunshelf Parish’s request for a donation, but suggest that if a Open Day, Picnic, or Fun Day were organised on the site some support might be forthcoming.

571.3. From Ministry of Justice: St. Leonard's Churchyard at Wortley will now close on 1st April 2009

571.4. From Yorkshire LCA:

- 571.4.1. Agenda – South Yorkshire Branch Annual Meeting
- 571.4.2. Nominations for Committee membership
- 571.4.3. Minutes of last meeting of South Yorkshire Branch
- 571.4.4. Standing Orders – South Yorkshire Branch (and Association)
- 571.4.5. Minutes of Joint Executive Board of Yorkshire LCA
- 571.4.6. Annual Report and Accounts 2007/2008
- 571.4.7. Joint Annual Meeting – 19th July 2008 – Agenda
- 571.4.8. Joint Annual Meeting – Minutes 21st July 2007
- 571.4.9. Resolutions to the Joint Annual Meeting 2008

571.5. From Barnsley MBC:

- 571.5.1. Highways and Engineering – Local Roads Programme 2008-2009
- 571.5.2. Updating of Parish Council Records and Casual Vacancy Procedures

572. Venue, Date and Time of next meeting: The next meeting of the Council will be held at Wortley Hall on **Tuesday 5th August 2008.**

573. Any other business:

573.1. Car Parking – Wortley Village: Councillor Da Rosa raised the problems caused by limited parking in Wortley Village and asked if any provision is forthcoming. The Clerk informed him that land on the LHS at the top of Wortley Hall Drive had been offered by Wharnccliffe Estates. Councillor Da Rosa offered to approach Business Link to ascertain if grants are available for this type of work. The Clerk also agreed to approach Yorkshire South Tourist Board.

573.2. Trees – Hollinberry Lane: Councillor Strafford said that the Local Authority had lopped a number of trees on Hollinberry Lane and asked if the Council intended replacing them. The Clerk said he would make enquiries.