

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 6th October 2008

Present: Mr J. Betton (Chairperson)
Mr V Keating
Ms T Seymour
Mrs B. Turner
Mrs J. James (Clerk to the Council)

Attended: Cclr Ron Fisher

Action

1. Questions from Parishioners

Proposed development in Little Houghton

The scheme put forward by UK Coal is for mixed residential and commercial development, so far there has been informal consultation with Barnsley MBC and with local residents, a number of options for developing the site are being explored all on the basis of access from the link road. To date there has been no formal planning application submitted, when UK Coal do submit a planning applications individuals will have the opportunity to comment on the detailed plans.

Barrier Chapel Lane

The barrier on Chapel Lane is illegal, Barnsley MBC are aware of its existence and the need for either removal or repair.

Little Houghton Play Park

It was advised that the lock has been removed from the gate to the play park **agreed** Mr Betton to ask Mr Gerrard to replace the lock.

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2. Apologies

Apologies were received fro Cclrs T Smith & D Wainwright.

3. Declarations of Office, Code of Conduct and Register of Interest

Tammy Seymour and Vincent Keating made their declarations of office and noted the Code of Conduct They have the Register of Interest for consideration and completion for the next meeting

4. Election of vice Chairperson

As a result of the resignation of Mrs Jones the post of vice chairperson is vacant, Mrs Turner was proposed by Mr Betton, seconded by Ms Seymour and unanimously appointed.

5. Minutes of previous meeting 8th September

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

6. Matters arsing

Proposed Development in Little Houghton

UK coal undertook an informal public consultation on their proposal, a formal planning application is awaited.

Traffic calming Rotherham Road and other Highways Issues

As a result of the retirement of Mr Carnall Darren Richardson the recently appointed Assistant Director for Highways & Engineering is taking forward a number of outstanding highways issues and has been asked to locate and review the numerous letters and requests for attention to highways matters.

Play equipment Little Houghton & Health & Safety checks on Playground Equipment

The Clerk has placed an order with Lightmain Leisure to progress the replacement of the wooden access ramp.

Trees on Kingstocks footpath

Neighbourhood Pride have made contact to locate this footpath, attention to the overgrown trees is awaited. .

50 Rotherham Road – wall to the square

The unsafe wall has been surveyed by Bernesai Homes who have acknowledged responsibility for making it safe.

7. Correspondence

Barnsley MBC Planning decisions – noted

Barnsley MBC – Planning Application Industrial units off Park Springs Road – no objection.

Communities & Local Government – Making and enforcement of byelaws consultation – noted

Standards Board – Town & Parish Standards – noted

SYLTE – Stakeholder briefing Bus Rapid Transit Southern - noted

| 8. Finance | £ |
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| Accounts are due for payment from: | |
| Barnsley MBC Playground Inspections Middlecliffe | 308.43 |
| Mr. Gerrard Payment Sept/Oct | 88.32 |
| Middlecliffe Club – Oct rent | 20.00 |
| Income | |
| Inland Revenue incentive for on line management of Income Tax payments | 100.00 |
| Financial Statement | |
| Current Account | 349.97 |
| Investment Account | 12,050.00 |
| There was unanimous agreement to the payment of the above accounts. | |
| 9. Any other business | |
| Overhanging Trees near play park Middlecliffe Lane | |
| Mr Betton reported that Neighbourhood Pride have been requested to cut back the overhanging branches. | |
| Grass verge Middlecliffe Lane/Rotherham Road | |
| Mr Betton reported that Neighbourhood Pride have been asked to cut the grass to ensure adequate visibility at the junction. | |
| Parking on junction Middlecliffe Lane/Rotherham Road and on the wide pavement Rotherham Road | |
| Concern was raised over inconsiderate parking and the potential for accident caused by obscured views, the limitations for traffic markings and management of parking were discussed and residents advised to raise concerns directly with Barnsley MBC traffic Management and S.Yorks Police to create an incident log as substantial evidence of incidents is needed to support any action. | |
| Water near Middlecliffe Lane Play Park | |
| The presence of water near the play park has been reported by Mr Betton to Yorkshire Water, this has been tested in the past and found not to be mains water supply. | |
| Square rear of Middlecliffe Lane | |
| Cc/r Fisher to arrange for the 4 refrigerators that have been dumped to be removed. | RF |
| 9. Date of next meeting | |
| The next meeting 3rd November 2008 in Middlecliffe WMC. (Apologies from Mrs Turner) | |

Cc to Cc/r R Fisher, T Smith, D. Wainwright

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