

## WORTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at Wortley Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor(s) P. Mitchell (chair), R. England, K. Loxley, T. Smith and J, Strafford,

**582. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Bloodworth, Mrs. G. Tue and R. Taylor.

**583. Lauren Simmons – Youth Participation Worker in Area 5:** Lauren Simmons addressed the meeting informing members what grants are available to encourage youth participation in the area. There are two types of grant, a grant to encourage youth participation from the Youth Opportunity Fund and a larger grant for “capital projects” for the Capital Grant Scheme. Application forms are still available for both types of grant, closing date being 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008. Councillor Smith said that the Rugby Club had applied for the grants under the scheme and have been unsuccessful on two occasions, Lauren Simmons couldn’t understand why, but promised to investigate. Councillor Smith said that in light of the meeting’s news, he would apply again.

**584. Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 having been circulated were approved as a true record.

**585. Matters arising:**

**585.1. Car Parking – Playing Field:** The Clerk reported that he had been successful in obtaining a grant of £500.00 from the BMBC Area Forum Community Fund towards the cost of the work; Councillor Smith said Councillor Taylor had obtained a quotation for the post and rail fencing and he would liaise with him with regard to the work proceeding.

**585.2. Car Parking – Wortley Village:** The long stay parking in Wortley Square and the request for limited waiting bays has been investigated by Barnsley MBC, the Highway Authority. Several visits have been made on various days at various times of the day and the occupancy of vacant bays was observed. On every visit vacant bays were available and BMBC do not consider it appropriate to implement limited bays at this time.

The Council suggested that the opening of a “Farm Shop” in the village might worsen the problem and that a similar parking survey be carried out after the shop has established.

**585.3. Trees – Hollinberry Lane, Howbrook:** Barnsley MBC have informed the Council that the owner of Windy Ridge maintains the council verge at this location and they have no plans to replace the felled cherry trees as they were planted over a covered culvert.

**585.4. Footpath – Berry Lane to Westside:** The obstructions on this path are being investigated by Barnsley MBC Enforcement.

**586. Finance:**

**586.1. Payments to be authorised:**

Barnsley MBC – Inspection of playground equipment	£44.06
Yorkshire Water – Supply to playing field	£42.90

Councillor England asked who paid for water usage at the playing field, the Clerk informed him that the account was paid by the Parish Council

**586.2. Received:** Nil

**587. Reports of Committees:**

**587.1. Planning:**

**587.1.1.** Planning Regulatory Board 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 – business (no business appertaining to Wortley Parish)

**587.1.2.** Planning Regulatory Board 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 – report of Assistant Director (no business appertaining to Wortley Parish)

**587.1.3.** Planning Regulatory Board 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 – business (no business appertaining to Wortley Parish)

**587.1.4. Planning Observation 2008/1242 –** Erection of rear single storey conservatory to dwelling  
Park House, Bromley

The Parish Council had no observations to make on this planning application

**587.1.5. Planning Observation 2008/1378 –** Alterations and extensions to existing outbuilding to form replacement tractor store and garden staff accommodation.

Wortley Hall Stable Block, Wortley Hall

The Parish Council had no observations to make on this planning application

**587.1.6. Planning Observation: 2008/1455 –** Removal of canopy at the stable block (listed Building Consent)

Stable Blocks, Wortley Hall, Wortley

The Parish Council believe that this planning application should be refused for the following reasons

The Canopy is part of the fabric of the Stable Block.

It is aesthetically pleasing and part of the historical heritage.

Don't believe that the best efforts have been made to find an alternative.

## **587.2. Playing Fields:**

**587.2.1. New Deeds:** The revised deeds for the playing field were signed by the Chair and Clerk to the Council, these will now be returned to Wharncliffe Estates with the two amendments recently agreed between the Estates, the tenant farmer Mr. Alex Tue and the Parish Council namely the extra small piece of land between the western boundary of the playing field and Finkle Street Lane and the land to accommodate the new car parking arrangements at the entrance to the playing field.

**587.2.2. Proposed levelling and drainage of the playing fields:** A tentative agreement has been reached between the tenant farmer and the Rugby Club to level and drain the playing field. The Clerk of the Council stressed that permission must be obtained from the Parish Council before work proceeds.

**587.2.3. Mr Orme – Land Agent, Wharncliffe Estates:** Mr. Orme has expressed a wish to attend a future Council Meeting to discuss land/playground facilities in Wortley Village.

## **587.3. Footpaths:**

**587.3.1. “Horse Jumps” ???**

## **588. Correspondence:**

### **588.1. YLCA:**

**588.1.1.** Ballot to select two additional representatives to Barnsley BMC Standards Committee.

**588.1.2.** Footsey 2008 – social economy trade fair

**588.1.3.** Reducing you carbon footprint (DEW)

**588.1.4.** Minutes/Agenda – South Yorkshire Branch

**588.1.5.** Seminar on Employment Issues

**588.2. SYPTE:** Bus Rapid Transit

**588.3. nPower:** Energy prices

**588.4. BMBC:** Information Event – environmental issues

**588.5. South Yorkshire Industrial History Society:** Launch of Wortley Top Forge Nature Trail (passed to The Chair)

**588.6. Standards Board;** Newsletter (passed to Councillor England)

**588.7. Communities and Local Government:** The making and enforcement of byelaws – Consultation

**588.8. Vitalise:** Charity – request for donation

**589. Venue, date & time of next meeting:** The next Council Meeting will be held at Wortley Hall on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

## **590. Any Other Business:**

**590.1. Christmas comes Early:** Screen Yorkshire has chosen Wortley as one of the preferred locations for the filming of a Supermarket Christmas Commercial – more details when available if Wortley is chosen.

**590.2. 2000 Millennium Sign:** The bronze 2000 Millennium Sign erected on the Chestnut Tree in the Village Square to mark the Millennium has been stolen. Unfortunately it was decided that the sign should be replaced as it's life on the tree will be

short lived. Councillor England agreed to remove the wooden mounting block from the tree.

**590.3. Yellow Box - Bus Stop Wortley Square:** A further request has been made for a yellow box to be painted on the road in Wortley Square to signify the bus stop. The Clerk said that he had requested this provision on a number of occasions in the past but would try again.

**590.4. Realigned Road Markings – Tankersley Roundabout:** Councillors suggested that the new road marking at Tankersley Roundabout is an environmental disaster causing build-ups of large volumes of traffic.