

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 8th December 2008

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

Attended: --

Action

1. Questions from Parishioners

None

2. Apologies

There were no apologies, all parish councillors were present.

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

Declaration for the Register of Interest were received from Mrs Seymour and Mr Keating.

4. Minutes of previous meeting 3rd November

The action taken on the authority of the Chairman on the above date was confirmed by the Parish Council meeting, the consequent note of the meeting agreed by the chairman and signed for the meeting as a correct record.

5. Matters arising

Traffic issues in Little Houghton

There has still been no further communication as a result of Darren Richardson taking over appointment of Assistant Director for Highways & Engineering in respect of the number of outstanding highways issues.

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

A recent inspection of the Middlecliffe playground has identified that repairs were needed to the gate, these were authorised as part of the arrangement with Barnsley MBC that they would carry out repairs to the value of £100 during their health and safety checks. Barnsley MBC will bill £50+vat for this work. Mr Betton confirmed that he had fitted a new lock to the gate to the park.

Grass verge Middlecliffe Lane/Rotherham Road

Mr Betton reported that Neighbourhood Pride have cut the grass to ensure improved visibility at the junction however further cutting is needed and that a strimming team is needed to complete the work

6. Correspondence

Barnsley MBC - Planning decisions – noted

Barnsley MBC - Mayors Parlour – invitation to the Civic Carol Service 18 Dec - noted

Barnsley MBC Single Equality Scheme 2008-2011 – noted

UK Coal - phone call to advise that they will be submitting a formal planning application for the development in Little Houghton and confirmation that all access including that for emergency vehicles will be from a roundabout off the link road.

Information Commissioner's Office - New model publication scheme – agreed to adopt the model Scheme

SYPTA – Draft rail strategy – noted

Quill Architecture – proposals to alter The Mill House, consultation in advance of planning application – no objections

7. Finance

Accounts are due for payment from:

	£
Mr. Gerrard Payment Nov/Dec	183.36
Middlecliffe Club – Dec rent	20.00
Barnsley MBC 2 nd instalment of grounds maintenance contract	342.16
Q3 HMRC payment of income tax deductions	40.50
Mr Betton contribution to phone bill	25.00

Income

Interest on transfer from Barnsley MBC Investment Account	6.99
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Financial Statement

Current Account

956.63

Investment Account

10,050.00

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

8. Any other business**Albert Crescent – pothole**

Mr Betton reported that he had been in contact with Highways over a pothole and that whilst they have been to visit no action has taken place yet.

Terraces and square Middlecliffe Lane/Rotherham Road

There is ongoing tipping of debris and inappropriate disposal of animal waste. **Action** Clerk to contact Neighbourhood Pride and Environmental Health.

JJ

Water on the site of the old Parish Hall

Yorkshire Water have investigated and identified that whilst there may be a leak it is not significant enough to be located

Trees around Middlecliffe Play park

Mr Betton confirmed that the trees have been cut back.

Request for donation for footballs

Mr Haynes has been asked to make his request for a donation in writing.

Trees Rotherham Road to Roundabout

The Clerk to write to Highways to ask that the trees on Rotherham Road from the speed retarders round the traffic roundabout be cut back.

JJ

Seats and picnic tables in recreation ground

These have been vandalised and removed, **agreed** that they should not be replaced.

Collection of waste needles

Post meeting note: Mr Betton has confirmed with Mr Gerrard that he does not collect sharps and needles, the red bin is used for industrial waste and any sharps/needles are reported to Environmental Health for collection.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting 7.00pm **2nd February 2009** in Middlecliffe WMC.

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

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