

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 9th February 2009

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

Attended: --

Meeting rearranged from 2nd February due to inclement weather

Action

1. Questions from Parishioners

Dustbin collection – advice given of the plans to demolish houses – the PC

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Harris and Ms Seymour.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 8th December

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

4. Matters arising

Traffic issues in Little Houghton

A speed recording system is in place on Middlecliffe Lane, it is intended to report the outcome to the area forum.

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

A recent inspection of the Little Houghton playground identified that repairs were needed to the wet pour, the Clerk has received a quote from Lightmain Leisure for £150 + VAT and has agreed the works progress to minimise further damage.

The invoice from Barnsley MBC for £50+ VAT for repairs to the gate is still awaited.

Albert Crescent – pothole

Highways have been to visit no action has taken place.

Terraces and square Middlecliffe Lane/Rotherham Road

The Clerk has contacted Neighbourhood Pride and Environmental Health who have advised they will clear the area and write to the residents regarding unauthorised dumping and advise that enforcement action will be taken.

Request for donations

A letter requesting a donation for footballs has been received from Houghton Main Junior Football Club, similarly a request for a donation has been received from Houghton Main Junior Cricket Club agreed a donation of £50 each.

Trees Rotherham Road to Roundabout

The Clerk has written to Highways to ask that the trees on Rotherham Road from be cut back and been advised that they do not consider the level of growth requires attention. **Action** Clerk to write again and advise that when in leaf the hedge does present a hazard.

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5. Correspondence

Barnsley MBC – Parish Precept agreed to remain at £2000 pa.

Barnsley MBC – Grounds Maintenance Contract £589.98 & £306.98 agreed to continue contract.

Barnsley MBC – Consultation on draft home to school transport policy 2010-2011 - noted

Barnsley MBC - Planning decisions – noted

Barnsley MBC & Haworth Estates – Planning application for former Houghton Main Colliery, no objection other than to reflect concern over increased traffic on the link road and request consideration to traffic lights or other traffic management arrangements to ensure that traffic can leave the village safely.

Barnsley MBC Single Equality Scheme 2008-2011 – noted

Age Concern – Community Mapping project – noted

SYPTA – Barnsley Interchange A61 Bs Partnership – noted

SYFire & Rescue –monthly briefing note - noted

Communities & Local Government – Communities in Control Consultation – noted

Village Ventures & Country Air - noted

6. Finance

Accounts are due for payment from:

	£
Mr. Gerrard Payment Jan/Feb	114.60
Middlecliffe Club – Feb rent	20.00
Lightmain Leisure repairs to wet pour surface Little Houghton play ground	172.50

Houghton Main Jnr Football Club donation	50.00
Houghton Main Jnr Cricket Club donation	50.00

Income

There is no income to report

Financial Statement

Current Account	549.53
Investment Account	10,050.00

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

7. Any other business

Allotments – Rotherham Road

Concern was raised regarding a suggested intent to graze animals on the above land and whether this was in accordance with it being identified as allotments. **Action** Clerk to write to Barnsley MBC.

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Planning Application for erection of a wind turbine

Concern was expressed over the potential noise nuisance and impact on visual amenity should the proposed development progress. **Action** Clerk to write to Barnsley MBC

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8. Date of next meeting

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

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

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