

# Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009

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

**Attended:** Mr. R Fisher

## Action

### 1. Questions from Parishioners

Anti-social behaviour – a resident raised concern that the work of the Safer Neighbourhood team was taking place during the day not the evening when there are concerns over young people collecting in numbers by the bus stops. The meeting was advised that they do undertake work in the evening. The aim is to ensure antisocial behaviour across all ages is addressed. The complainant was advised to write to Inspector Glyn Bates of the Policy and Martin Kenworthy co-ordinator Safer Neighbourhood team at Wombwell Police Headquarters to raise his further concerns.

Enquiries were made over the garage site on John Street and confirmed that this is now up for sale by auction as being surplus to requirements with the aim of the receipt from the sale being used to support further investment in the Berneslai housing stock.

Concern was raised over young people gathering in the bus stop and a suggestion that the bus shelter be removed as it has little use. The view of the Parish Council was an acknowledgement that young people do gather but that apart from unauthorised entry on to the club premises which is a matter for the club there was insufficient evidence to support removing the bus shelter. A suggestion was made about installing a youth shelter which was agreed not to progress.

### 2. Apologies

No apologies all Parish councillors present.

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February

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

### 4. Matters arising

#### Traffic issues in Little Houghton

There has been no report from Barnsley MBC on the outcomes of the speed recording system in place on Middlecliffe Lane.

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

A recent inspection of the Little Houghton playground confirmed that the repairs to the wet pour were still to be completed.

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. **Action** Cclr Fisher to pursue.

#### Trees Rotherham Road to Roundabout

The Clerk has written again to Highways to advise that when in leaf the hedge does present a hazard, they have responded to advise the hedge and shrubs will be cut back.

#### Allotments – Rotherham Road

The Clerk has been in contact with Barnsley MBC who have advised they are inspecting these allotments and that at present there are 2 people on the waiting list. Historically there has not been a high demand for these allotments hence they have been given over on a temporary basis for grazing; any such agreement is closely managed and is terminable by 3 months notice.

#### Planning Application for residential development

The concerns of the Parish Council over additional traffic flows was reflected back to Barnsley MBC

#### Planning Application for erection of a wind turbine

The concerns over the potential noise nuisance and impact on visual amenity was reflected back to Barnsley MBC

### 5. Correspondence

Barnsley MBC – Commercial Waste contract for 2009/10. Agreed

Barnsley MBC – Invitation to renew contract for inspection of children's play equipment. Agreed.

Barnsley MBC – HM Revenue & Customs Tax process for year end and 2009/10. Clerk to action

RF

**6. Finance**

**Accounts are due for payment from:**

Mr. Gerrard Payment Jan/Feb  
Mrs James Fee & expenses  
CISWO rent fro recreation ground 09/10  
Middlecliffe Club – Mar rent  
Q4 HMRC Income tax payment

£

91.68  
200.26  
68.14  
20.00  
45.00

**Income**

Rent was received for the garage

26.00

**Financial Statement**

Current Account  
Investment Account

150.45  
10,050.00

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

**7. Any other business**

No items of further business

**8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting 7.00pm **11<sup>th</sup> May 2009** in Middlecliffe WMC.

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

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