

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 11th May 2009

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

Attended: Cclr Fisher

1. Questions from Parishioners

- Concerns raised over a large hole and exposed pipe on the bypass **agreed** that Cclr Fisher will address with Highways.
- Concerns raised over the lack of lighting at the bus turning circle, solar lighting was explored some time ago by Barnsley MBC, their response was that there is insufficient public use in this area to warrant lighting and further that experience of solar lighting is that it not effective. **Agreed** that the Clerk write and Cclr Fisher make further representations to Barnsley MBC regarding the lighting and that Cclr Fisher will request that the dumped items are removed.
- Concern raised about the lack of fence around UK Coal land in Little Houghton, representations were made to UK Coal repeatedly some months ago but to no avail, **agreed** that the Clerk will write again.
- A request was made for a seat to be located in Little Houghton bus turning circle, **agreed** no action as this may encourage the congregating of people in the vicinity and potentially anti-social behaviour.
- Proposals by Haworth Estates for residential development – concerns were raised by the statement made by Haworth Estates that the Parish Council had no objections other than concern over additional traffic flows. It was confirmed that the Parish Council did not object to current plans provided there was no traffic access from Middlecliffe Lane and potential solutions to address concerns over additional traffic flows to the roundabout on the link road were explored.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Harris.

3. Election of Chair & Vice Chairperson for 2009/10

Mr Betton was nominated by Mrs Seymour and seconded by Mr Keating and unanimously elected as Chairperson. Mrs Harris was nominated by Mrs Turner and seconded by Mr Keating and unanimously elected vice chairperson.

4. Minutes of previous meeting 2nd March

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

5. Matters Arising

Work of the Safer Neighbourhood Team

Paul Jameson of SYorks Police advised in response to the issues raised by a parishioner that there have been fewer than 5 complaints against young people in the Parish and therefore there is no evidence to substantiate any allegations of antisocial behaviour. He further advised that safer neighbourhood patrols do take place during the day and evening

Albert Crescent – pothole

The pothole has been filled.

Trees Rotherham Road to Roundabout

The hedge and shrubs have been cut back.

Planning Application Haworth Estates for residential development

Barnsley MBC officer recommendation to decline the application a decision by the Planning Committee was deferred pending a site visit.

Planning Application wind turbine

Barnsley MBC have granted the planning application.

6. Correspondence

Barnsley MBC Planning applications and recommendations – noted
Borough Parish Council Liaison Meeting 30th April – noted
Barnsley MBC – Local Development Framework – noted
Barnsley MBC Mayor's Parlour –invitation to Sunday Service – noted
YLCA – Invitation to become a member – declined

Action

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S. Yorks Fire & Rescue - update & Safety Watch – noted
Equalities and Human Rights Commission – Public Sector duties – noted
Country Air – noted

7. Finance

Accounts are due for payment from:

	£
Mr Gerrard Payment March/April	114.60
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Allianz Insurance 2009/10 premium	267.27
Middlecliffe Club – May rent	20.00
Barnsley MBC – Playground Inspections 2009/10	627.90
Barnsley MBC Commercial Waste 2009/10	198.49
Mrs James Fee & Expenses	180.00

Income received

None

Financial Statement

Current Account	627.59
Investment Account	10,050.00

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

Audit of Accounts 2008/09

The audit process for the accounts was discussed, the financial processes and checks reported and agreed. The report was signed by the chairman and will now go to internal auditor

Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance 2008/09

The statement of assurance for last financial year was presented, agreed and signed by the chairman.

8. Any other business

Overgrown footpath - Middlecliffe Lane

Clerk to ask for the bank side on the right hand side of Middlecliffe Lane towards the golf club to be cut back and for the overgrown footpath from the conker tree into Little Houghton to be cleared.

JJ

Bus Shelter Middlecliffe Lane outside the club

Clerk to write to SYPTA to ask they give attention to the roof.

JJ

Sign on Rotherham Road regarding speed humps

Clerk to ask for the sign to be turned to face the right direction and tightened

JJ

Request for sign to advise of horses on Rotherham Road

A resident has requested a sign be erected between the roundabout and speed retarders agreed that the Clerk write to Highways

JJ

Request for additional dustbins and replaced flawed green bin

Agreed that Cclr Fisher will take up the flaw with Environmental Health

RF

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held at 7pm on **Monday 1st June 2008** in Middlecliffe WMC.

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

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