

# Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009

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

**Attended:** Cclr Fisher

## 1. Questions from Parishioners

Damaged and unsafe disused BT Manhole covers were identified on Ings Lane and on Little Houghton bus turning circle. **Action** Clerk to contact BT. Giving Mr Hollins as a contact for them to locate the sites.

Attention was drawn to overgrown hedges by the conker tree on Middlecliffe Lane. **Action** Mr Fisher to draw to the attention of Neighbourhood Pride

Attention was drawn to potholes on Ings Lane. **Action** Cclr Fisher to draw to the attention of Highways

Attention was drawn to dumping at the entrance to the pit. **Action** Cclr Fisher to ask Neighbourhood Pride to remove the waste.

A road name sign was requested for Ings Lane. **Action** Cclr Fisher to request from Highways.

## 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Betton.

## 3. Minutes of previous meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May

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

## 4. Matters Arising

### Large hole and exposed pipe on the bypass

Cclr Fisher has raised with Highways concerns over a large hole and exposed pipe on the bypass and arrangements are in hand to excavate and reinstate.

### Lighting around the bus turning circle and

Cclr Fisher and the Clerk have requested lighting to the footpath and road area around the bus turning circle in the interests of public safety. A representative from Barnsley MBC attended and advised that the cost of laying cables to light the area to the required standard would cost around £6,500 and in terms of cost/benefit does not provide value for money.

An alternative suggestion would be given that there is a request for outline planning permission to develop then potentially provision of street lighting could be a condition of the full planning consent. **Agreed** to review after the planning decision has been taken.

### Unauthorised tipping in the bus turning circle.

The illegally dumped debris has been removed by Neighbourhood Pride.

### Fencing around UK Coal land near the bus turning circle

The Clerk has written again to UK Coal requesting the repair/erect a fence around their land to prevent vehicular access and unauthorised tipping, a reply is awaited.

### Planning Application Haworth Estates for residential development

A site visit by Barnsley MBC is planned for this week.

### Overgrown footpath - Middlecliffe Lane

The Clerk has written 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. Neighbourhood services have advised that the bank area has been cut back and that they have checked the footpaths but cannot locate any overgrown area and have asked that a parish councillor contacts them with details. **Action** Mr Keating to contact Colin Greaves.

### Bus Shelter Middlecliffe Lane outside the club

The Clerk has written to SYPTA to ask they give attention to the roof, they completed the repairs.

### Sign on Rotherham Road regarding speed humps

The Clerk has written to Highways to ask for the sign to be turned to face the right direction and for the fastenings to be tightened, no action has yet been taken. **Action** Clerk to write and remind.

### Request for sign to advise of horses on Rotherham Road

The Clerk has written to Highways requesting a sign be erected between the roundabout and speed retarders to warn of horse and riders. Highways have inspected and the

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circumstances, lack of a bridleway and there being insufficient proven use of people on horseback on the highway means that the site does not meet the requirements of the Road Traffic Acts which regulate when and where a sign may be placed.

**Request for additional dustbins and replaced flawed green bin**

Cclr Fisher has taken up the flawed bin with Environmental Health; no action has yet been taken. **Action** Cclr Fisher to contact and remind.

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**5. Correspondence**

Barnsley MBC Playground inspection identified a further hole in the play surface – the Clerk has obtained a quote from Lightmain Leisure for the repairs £50 **agreed** that the Clerk progress repairs.

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Barnsley MBC Mayor's Parlour –invitation to ladies to meet the Lady Mayoress - noted

**6. Finance**

**Accounts are due for payment**

Mr. Gerrard Payment May/June

£

68.76

Middlecliffe Club – rent June

20.00

Inland Revenue Q1 Income tax payment

45.00

**Income received**

384.97

VAT refund

**Financial Statement**

Current Account

878.80

Investment Account

10,050.00

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

**Audit of Accounts 2008/09**

The accounts have been audited by the internal auditor and sent to BDO Stoy Haywood for external audit. **Agreed** an exgratia payment of £25 to the internal auditor.

**7. Any other business**

**Golden Line**

A parishioner has asked that the number for Golden Line be publicised, it is 736457 or 736408. The Police number if a crime is being committed is 0114 2202020

**Grass at the end of Mary Street**

This area of grass is overgrown. **Action** Clerk to write to Neighbourhood Pride and ask them to cut the grass.

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**Middlecliffe Lane by the Driving Range - Over hanging trees**

**Action** Clerk to write to Neighbourhood Pride and ask for the trees to be cut back.

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**Albert Crescent Overgrown trees**

**Action** Clerk to write to Neighbourhood Pride and ask for the trees to be cut back

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**Overgrown Grass Middlecliffe Lane**

The grass on the right hand side of the road travelling towards the bus turning circle has not been cut. **Action** Clerk to write to Neighbourhood Pride and request that it be cut.

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**8. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held at 7pm on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008** in Middlecliffe WMC.

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

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