

Little Houghton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council held Monday 7th December 2009

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

Attended:

1. Questions from Parishioners

There were no parishioners in attendance.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 2nd November

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

4. Matters Arising

Rotherham Road/Middlecliffe Lane toward Billingley

Barnsley MBC have replaced the 'Give Way' sign.

Overgrown grass into the edges to footpath Middlecliffe Lane

Barnsley MBC have repaired the footpath.

Lesmond Crescent/Rotherham Road and pathway to allotments

Barnsley MBC have cut back the overgrown hawthorn hedge.

Overgrown hedge by the Bus Shelter

Mr Betton to speak to the resident about cutting back to hedge so approaching buses can be seen

Land bottom of Mary Street

The Clerk has written to Barnsley MBC requesting that a no dog fouling sign is erected, a reply is awaited.

Bus Services

SYPTTE have responded to concerns over bus service 219 not turning up and advised that they will report the matter to Stagecoach the operator of this service however and they would need specific dates and times to be able to investigate further. Mr Betton has made a personal approach to SYPTTE and relayed his experience on a recent journey.

5. Correspondence

Barnsley MBC playground inspections – no safety issues reported

Mayor's Parlour – invitation to civic carol service 17 December - noted

Barnsley MBC Planning application – excavation of 3 ponds to improve wetland habitat at Houghton washlands – no objection.

SYorks Fire & Rescue Newsletter - noted

CE Electric UP – preparing for winter posters - noted

6. Finance

Accounts are due for payment

Mr. Gerrard Payment Nov/Dec/Jan

£

208.80

Clerk fee & postage expenses

235.80

Middlecliffe Club – rent Dec

20.00

Barnsley MBC Grounds Maintenance 2nd Instalment

515.75

Income received

Interest on investment account at Barnsley MBC

21.43

Inland Revenue incentive for online tax administration

75.00

Financial Statement

Current Account

5.83

Investment Account

8550.00

There was unanimous agreement to the payment of the above accounts and to the withdrawal of £550 from the investment account to fund remaining expenditure planned during 2009.10

Financial Management

Agreed that the level of precept for 2010/11 will be £3,500

Action

JB

7. Any other business

Debris on the square at the rear of houses Middlecliffe Lane

Tyres, a gas bottle and debris from a fire are part of the accumulating debris. **Action** Clerk to write to Neighbourhood Pride to ask for the debris to be removed.

JJ

10 year re-development plan

There were proposals 10 years ago for substantial redevelopment of the village funded through European funding and concern expressed that there has been no evidence of progress. **Action** Clerk to write to Barnsley MBC to seek an update of any proposals.

JJ

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on **Monday 8th February 2010** in Middlecliffe WMC.

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

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