

Aberford & District Parish Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 August 2008 in the Methodist Church.

PRESENT: Councillors: D Howson (Chairman), D Stainton, P Hancock, R Alderson, I Forster & G Broadley.

APOLOGIES: None

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public, the Clerk, P.C. A Katkowski & PCSO S Wales.

08/72 POLICE MATTERS

P.C. Katkowski & PCSO S Wales remained in the meeting only briefly but submitted a written report on the crime figures which included criminal damage regarding hanging baskets, theft of lead at Priory Park Lodge (4th time in 6 months) & suspects arrested for going equipped at Parlington Court. Such figures recorded an increase as no incidents were reported in 2007.

08/73 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2008 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr I Forster, & seconded by Cllr P Hancock that the same were a true record and were approved.

08/74 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Referring to Minute 08/64 (a) South Lodge footpath. Cllr D Stainton reported that his initial attempts at contacting the contractors had failed.

(b) Referring to Minute 08/64 (b) Speed Awareness Signs. Cllr D Stainton reported that the posts for the signs had been erected but no heads fitted due to a dispute with neighbouring residents at the north end of the village. LCC appeared to have mistakenly given the wrong location for the posts when seeking residents' approval/objections to the scheme. Residents hadn't objected on the grounds that they believed the site was in a different location but now objected strongly having seen where the posts had been planted. The costs of relocating the posts would have been £500 but Cllr Stainton had negotiated this down to £350 and half of which cost LCC agreed to pay. In the interests of goodwill, Cllr Stainton proposed and Cllr Broadley seconded the proposal that the relocation take place and the Parish Council pay a proportion of the costs. This was agreed.

(c) Referring to Minute 08/64 (c) N.E. Area Management Team Planning for Real Event. In the absence of Cllr D Gluck this matter is ongoing.

(d) Referring to Minute 08/64 (e) Parish Plan Review. In the absence of Cllr D Gluck this matter is ongoing.

(e) Referring to Minute 08/64 (g) Paths Partnership Scheme. The revised copy of the Agreement as amended still awaited from LCC. Cllr Hancock to mention this to Footpaths Officer Rosie Watts at their next meeting.

(f) Referring to Minute 08/64 (h) Beckside Play Area. The Chairman reported that the surface had been vandalised in the area around the 'telephone posts' and that this had been referred to ARCC who had contacted the contractors and asked them to inspect same.

08/75 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES – None

08/76 CORRESPONDENCE

- LCC Learning & Leisure Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation Draft
- Metro W.Y. Rural Transport Partnership meeting 16.10.08.
- LCC Strategy & Policy Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documentation on Public Transport Improvements & Developer Contribution.
- LCC Legal & Democratic Services Notice of Parish & Town Council Forum Meeting 25.09.08.
- Jeremy Keats Area Management Team e-mail Aberford Community Engagement Event Comments
- Mrs M Piper Request for Book Publishing funding.

08/77 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications:

Application No P/08/04582/FU/NE. 1 X 4 bed detached dwelling opposite 7 North End Cottages, Main Street. Objections lodged for the reasons the previous application was declined.

Application No P/08/04345/FU/HE. External staircase & dormer with juliet balconies to garage @ Rowan House, Main Street. Objections lodged as it was felt to be an inappropriate development and concerns of overpowering & overlooking neighbouring properties and possible introduction of commercial use.

Application No P/08/04322/FU/HE. Garage to room @ 4 Anning Fold, Garforth. No objections.

Application No P/08/04142/FU/HE. Single storey ext. to garage @ Edgehill House, Bunkers Hill. No objections.

Application No P/08/04096/FU/HE. Single story side ext. @ 1 Moule Rise, Garforth. No objections.

(b) Planning Decisions received.

Application No 08/02699/FU. Conservatory @ 7 Parlington Villas. Permission granted.

Application No 08/02778/FU. Conservatory @ 7 Highfield Road. Permission granted.

Application No 08/02919/FU. Conservatory @ 5 Lotherton Lane. Permission granted.

Application No 08/02574/FU. Replacement building @ Procter Bros, Isabella Works, Garforth. Permission granted.

Application No 08/24842/FU. New buildings @ Silverhills, Collier Lane. Permission granted.

Application No 08/03436/FU. Revised access & internal road layout @ Silverhills, Collier Lane. Permission granted.

Application No 08/03307/ADV. Fascia & totem signs @ Priory Park. Permission refused.

08/78 ACCOUNTS

(a) Cheque No 100206 for £116.66 in favour of the Clerk for agreed monthly payment was approved and issued.

(b) Cheque No 100207 for £12.00 in favour of Aberford Methodist Church for hall hire was approved and issued.

(c) Referring to Minute 08/68 (c) Cheque No 100205 was for £1633.25 and not as previously recorded.

(d) The balance in the Treasurer Account was recorded as £1532.12 as at 05.08.08.

08/79 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(a) Regarding the letter from Mrs M Piper regarding funding for book publication, Cllr Stainton felt this to be a worthwhile cause as profits were for school funds. He proposed underwriting the £500 costs by way of a loan which was agreed.

(b) Cllr P Hancock agreed to respond to the questionnaire contained in the Rights of Way Approval Plan Consultation document.

(c) Overhanging vegetation on Cattle Lane. The Chairman to speak to the Landlord of The Swan.

(d) Despite the police being notified, motorists were continuing to park over the dropped kerbs at the entrance to Becca Lane. Cllr Stainton to bring this to the attention of LCC Highways Dept.

(e) Other instances of overgrown hedges, verges, vegetation etc. on Lotherton Lane and between Hook Moor & Isabella Road to be reported.

08/80 OPEN TO PUBLIC

(a) Mrs Piper expressed her gratitude at the offer of funding.

(b) It was reported that a spooked horse had broken some of the boundary fencing on Pump Hill. The Chairman to contact a local contractor to replace/repair same.

(c) Queries were raised regarding the duties of the lengthsman.

(d) Queries raised as to whether Lotherton Lane was being omitted from Glendales rota when cutting Main Street verges or whether it was on a different one.

08/81 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance before closing the meeting at 8:40 p.m.