

## **Aberford & District Parish Council**

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 February 2008 in the School Hall.

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

**APOLOGIES:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 3 members of the public, the Clerk, PCSO S Wales & PCSO G Duffy.

### **08/11 POLICE MATTERS**

Following a request by the Parish Council, a police presence at the bottom of School Lane at the school start and finish times appeared to have made an improvement, and police no parking cones had been placed on Main Street to the north of the highways markings. It was suggested, with police backing, that these markings be extended and that the Highways Dept be contacted accordingly and the correspondence copied to the Ward Councillors seeking their support to the idea. Cllr D Stainton made the police aware of the proposed speed awareness signs for the north and south entrances to the village and requested their support should Highways consult with the police authority. The crime figures for January 08 had increased from 3 in the previous January to 5. PCSOs answered queries from councillors and members of the public before leaving the meeting.

### **08/12 MINUTES**

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

### **08/13 MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Referring to Minute 08/02 (a) Tennis Courts. This matter is ongoing.

(b) Referring to Minute 08/02 (b) South Lodge footpath. Cllr D Stainton reported that Footpaths Officer Rosie Watts had been informed by the developers that the work had been done but this was not the case. The matter to be pursued.

(c) Referring to Minute 08/02 (e) Speed Awareness Signs. Cllr D Stainton reported having been in correspondence with the contractors and it was proposed that the Parish Council seek contributions from various sources to offset costs. In any event it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would pay the costs involved whether or not outside funds were obtained.

(d) Referring to Minute 08/02 (f) Lengthsman. There being still no response from LCC to previous correspondence the Clerk to chase up the matter and also specifically request a clearance of the hedge bottoms of accumulated rubbish.

(e) Referring to Minute 08/02 (g) N.E. Area Management Team proposals. In the absence of Cllr D Gluck it was agreed this matter be taken forward.

(f) Referring to Minute 08/07 (b) Pump Hill trees. The Clerk reported that the Christmas lights had now been removed from the trees but the Chairman was still awaiting quotes from the contractors for the lopping.

(g) Referring to Minute 08/07 (c) Parking on Moon Hill. The Chairman confirmed having discussed the situation with the police who had promised to monitor the situation.

### **08/14 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

(a) School Matters. Cllr R Alderson reported that the next Governors' meeting would take place the following evening. A provisional start date of 19 May had been given for the installation of the new classrooms but this may be postponed until the summer break to cut the costs of providing tracking across the adjacent fields. A parent felt that leaving it until summer could be counter productive as there would be no staff around to oversee the project especially with regard to internal furnishings and placements. It was suggested that a meeting between Education Leeds/School Governors/Headteacher & the Chairman be initiated to progress matters.

(b) Paths Partnership Scheme. Footpaths Officer Rosie Watts had submitted a contract under the Scheme for signature by the Parish Council. Cllr D Stainton felt it was a one sided document in favour of LCC as all liability appeared to be passed to the Parish Council. Cllr R Alderson requested that copies of the contract be circulated prior to further discussion at the March meeting.

(c) Almshouses Trust. Cllr D Stainton reported that there was still some outstanding snagging work required. One current concern was the high cost of electricity charges. Interviews were also being held following the retirement of the treasurer.

(d) Medical Provisions. Cllr D Stainton reported on his attendance at a recent Doctors Practice meeting and having expressed his disappointment at the unimproved disabled access at the Aberford surgery. National talks regarding extra opening hours for doctors' practices in general were not liable to affect Aberford.

## 08/15 CORRESPONDENCE

• Education Leeds	Letting Charges 2008/09
• North Yorkshire County Council	N.Y. Minerals & Waste Development Framework Core Strategy Submissions.
• Communities & Local Government	Consultation on Orders & Regulations relating to Conduct of LA Members in England.
• National Grid	Aberford to Pannal Pipeline Project.
• LCC Planning Services	Becca Hall – Notice of Appeal 04.03.08.
• N.E. Area Management Team	Extracts Bramham PC. Minutes 5.12.07 re flooding issues.
• Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Acknowledgement
• YLCA	Agenda 14.02.08
• Ward Councillors Joint Letter	Sewerage Improvement work affecting traffic in Barwick.
• Audit Commission	Appointment of External Auditor
• Metro	W.Y. Rural Transport Partnership
• Banks Developments	Notice of Exhibition for Hook Moor Wind Farm proposal 20.02.08.
• S & J Services	Garden maintenance contractors
• Local Councils update	Issue 99/100
• LCC Standards Committee	Agenda 13.02.08
• Parker March Solicitors	Account re Aberford Horticultural Society
• LCC Legal & Licensing	Review of Polling Stations
• Connect Roads	Annual Report Year 11 & Update Year 12
• Hook Moor Wind Farm Action Group	
• Weetwood Environmental Engineering	Post Flood Event Data Collection re Collingham, Bramham, Thorner & surrounds.
• W.Y. Police	Boxing Day Hunt meeting.

## 08/16 PLANNING MATTERS

### (a) Applications

App P/07/07702/LI App P07/07701/FU	Change of use of offices to a 9 bedroom house + swimming pool @ Becca Hall	No objections
App P/07/07365/FU	Ext @ The Laurels, Cattle Lane	No objection from Parish Council. The matter to be left to the Planning Department for official decision.
App P/07/07997/FU/NE	4 livestock buildings @ Silverhills, Collier Lane	It was felt the building proposed between the service road and Collier Lane was inappropriate and too high and should be retained within the enclave.

(b) Planning decisions received

App 07/07157/FU	Conservatory @ 4 East Ridge View, Garforth	Approved.
App 07/06753.FU	New dwelling adj. Laurieknowe, Field Lane	Refused
App 07/07255/LI	Alterations @ Pike Head Lodge, Cattle Lane	Approved with conditions
App 07/07187/FU	Ext @ Sunnyside, Bunkers Hill	Approved
App 07/07755/FU	Conservatory @ 20 Brierlands Close	Approved
App 07/07749/FU	Ext @ 5 Abbots Close	Approved
App 07/07393/FU	Temporary dwelling @ Silverhills, Collier Lane	Refused
App 07/07427/FU	Wind turbine @ Whitewell Farm, York Road	Approved

(c) Becca Hall. Cllr R Alderson sought clarification of why the Parish Council had objected to the proposal to erect two new houses within the grounds of Becca Hall in conjunction with previous applications as he personally felt such objections were wrong. Discussions followed but it was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council had no reason to change its opinion.

**08/17 ACCOUNTS**

(a) Cheque No 100189 for £116.66 in favour of the Clerk for agreed monthly payment was approved and issued.

(b) Cheque No 100190 for £587.50 in favour of Parker March re legal costs incurred on behalf of Aberford Horticultural Society was approved and issued.

(c) The balance of the Treasurer Account was recorded as £117.94 as at 5 February 2008.

**08/18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

(a) Cllr G Broadley expressed interest in creating a new website for the Parish Council's use. The Clerk to contact YLCA to ascertain best way forward. She also requested copies of back minutes to familiarise herself with recent events.

**08/19 OPEN TO PUBLIC**

(a) Residents felt that the speed awareness signs should be erected within a month but were informed that legal procedures had to be adhered to. However, Cllr D Stainton agreed to pass on the concerns to the contractors.

(b) It was noted that the pipeline contractors' plant and machinery appeared to be using Main Street contrary to previous information given by the National Grid representatives at their meeting with the Parish Council. The Chairman to contact National Grid.

(c) Residents were urged to attend the Wind Farm exhibition being held at Micklefield on 20 February. It was considered that the proposed entrance to the site would be within Lotherton Parish.

(d) Concerns were raised at the increased amount of incidents of dog fouling. A bin was requested on Lotherton Lane.

**08/20 CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance before closing the meeting at 9:45 p.m.