

## **Aberford & District Parish Council**

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 January 2008 in the School Hall.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs D Stainton, D Gluck & P.C. A Katkowski.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 7 members of the public and the Clerk.

### **08/01 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2007 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.

### **08/02 MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Referring to Minute 07/117 (a) Tennis courts. This matter ongoing.

(b) Referring to Minute 07/117 (b) South Lodge footpath. This matter ongoing.

(c) Referring to Minute 07/117 (c) Aberford.net. Cllr R Alderson reported no further progress in this matter.

(d) Referring to Minute 07/117 (d) Helicopter use at Helios 47. Cllr Forster informed the meeting that LCC had written to the offending company asking it to submit the appropriate application for consideration.

(e) Referring to Minute 07/117 (e) Speed Awareness Signs. Cllr R Alderson reported on the meeting held on 6 January when the sites for the proposed signs were agreed and that the contractors had undertaken to obtain all necessary consents. The next step would be considering the funding.

(f) Referring to Minute 07/117 (f) Lengthsman. The Clerk reported still awaiting a reply to correspondence submitted.

(g) Referring to Minute 07/118 (b) N.E. Area Management Team proposals. In the absence of Cllr D Gluck it was agreed this matter be taken forward.

(h) Referring to Minute 07/123 (a) Pond off Field Lane. The Chairman reported having spoken to the owners and that security fencing was now in place.

## 08/03 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

(a) School Matters. Cllr R Alderson reported that plans confirming access to the playing fields had been located and given to the head teacher who in turn proposed to contact the owner of The Old Vicarage. The new classrooms were expected in the not too distant future. It was also reported that graffiti had appeared on one of the outside classrooms. The matter to be reported to PC Katkowski.

## 08/04 CORRESPONDENCE

• LCC Planning Services	Acknowledgement re landing strip @ Sturton Grange Farm
• LCC Planning Services	Notice of Appeal against erection of small building @ Sturton Grange Farm.
• Clerks & Councils Direct	Issue 55 January 08
• LCC Planning & Economic Policy	Local Development Framework – Tall Building Design Guide.
• LCC Planning Services	Notice of Appeal re Becca Hall
• Planning & Development Solutions Ltd	Copy correspondence re ext @ The Laurels, Cattle Lane
• LCC Planning Services	Consultation on the validation criteria for planning applications.

## 08/05 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

App P/07/07255/LI/HE	Exts @ Pikes Head Lodge, Cattle Lane	Revised plans. No objections but original objection to roofing materials re-affirmed.
App P/07/07702/LI App P/07/07701/FU	Change of use of offices to a 9 bedroom house + swimming pool @ Becca Hall	To be considered at a site meeting.
App P/07/07365/FU	Ext @ The Laurels, Cattle Lane	To be considered at a site meeting.
App P/07/07755/FU	Conservatory @ 20 Brierlands Close, Garforth	No objections
App P/07/07749/FU	Ext @ 5 Abbots Close	No objections

(b) Planning decisions received

App 07/06614/FU	Exts @ The Old Vicarage	Permission granted
App 07/07118/FU	Satellite car parking for private hire booking office, Newhold & Aberford Road, Garforth.	Application withdrawn.

## **08/06 ACCOUNTS**

- (a) Cheque No 100188 for £116.66 in favour of the Clerk for agreed monthly payment was approved and issued.
- (b) The balance in the Treasurer Account was recorded as £253.60 as at 05 January 2008.  
The balance in the BMM I Account was recorded as £36717.70 as at 05 January 2008.  
The balance in the BMM II Account was recorded as £76791.36 as at 05 January 2008.

## **08/07 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- (a) In his absence PC A Katkowski had provided the crime figures for December 07 which amounted to 1 theft. He reminded residents that free home security checks were still ongoing and that all doors and windows should be kept locked.
- (b) The Chairman reported that quotes were being sought for the pruning of the trees on Pump Hill which had not been carried out last spring.
- (c) Concerns were expressed about the inadequate sight lines for vehicles using the concealed entrances on Moon Hill, Main Street, caused by irresponsible parking. The Chairman agreed to seek the views of the police initially.
- (d) It was felt that the cleaning operatives were failing to deal with obvious areas requiring attention especially to the north of the Royal Oak. The matter to be reported.

## **08/08 OPEN TO PUBLIC**

- (a) The resident who had raised concerns regarding the unfenced pond off Field Lane welcomed the prompt attention given to the area.
- (b) Views were expressed that some measures were required regarding parking on Main Street. The police to be asked to attend at the bottom of School Lane at both start and finishing times to monitor the parking situation with a view to trying to make the area safer.
- (c) Queries raised regarding Aberford.net were answered.

## **08/09 CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR**

It was proposed and agreed that Mrs Gillian Broadley be co-opted to serve as a Parish Councillor commencing at the February meeting.

## **08/10 CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance before closing the meeting at 08:40 p.m.