

## **ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in the school.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. D. Howson (Chairman), D. Gluck, Mrs R. Reed, P. Hancock, I. Forster

**Also Present:** 2 Police representatives, 6 members of the public and the Clerk

### **10/118 POLICE REPORT**

The two officers gave their report – there had been little crime in the previous period but there had been a public order incident on Boxing Day when many travellers came into the village and were racing horse-drawn vehicles and betting. There would be a meeting with representatives from the Hunt with the police to discuss to try to prevent any repeat of the incident. Priorities remained the same.

### **10/119 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009, had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Reed and seconded by Cllr Hancock that these were a true record. This was agreed.

### **Councillors**

Before the meeting proceeded the Chairman announced that Cllr Mrs G. Broadley had tendered her resignation verbally from the Parish Council. She had been suffering from ill health for some time and found that she was no longer able to continue. He wanted to thank Mrs Broadley for her service and the Clerk was asked to send a letter to her.

Additionally the Chairman introduced Mrs Ann Roberts to the meeting and said that she had expressed a wish to serve as a Councillor. Mrs Roberts had been a resident for over 25 years and had attended many recent meetings of the Council. Councillors unanimously voted Mrs Roberts should be co-opted as a Councillor – there still being 3 vacancies remaining. Clerk was instructed to complete the necessary paperwork.

### **10/120 MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Min 09/110(a) War Memorial – ongoing

(b) Min 09/110(b) Street Lights – waiting start date from SEC

(c) Min 09/110(c) School Field – ongoing

(d) Min 09/110(d) Speed sign – ongoing

(e) Min 09/110(e) Humphreydale Cottage – no plans yet received

(f) Min 09/110(h) Lotherton Lane – ongoing

(g) Min 09/110(j) Parish Footpaths – ongoing

(h) Min 09/110(j) & Min 09/110(m) Footpath Makin land/Garforth end pavement – ongoing

(i) Min 09/110(k) Old Watermill – Clerk to inform Enforcement Officer that the owner was now back in residence.

(j) Min 09/110(n) Rubbish in Cock Beck – Cllr Gluck said he would have a look and see if he could remove anything by the ford. Additionally the Environment Agency were to conduct a survey of the whole of Cock Beck as soon as weather permitted and they had been asked to let the Chairman know of the date so that he might go with them and give them the benefit of his local knowledge – particularly in relation to the silting and build-up of debris under the motorway bridge.

(k) Min 09/110(o) Slippery Pavement Bunkers Hill – Highways were to deal with this – it would have to be checked to see if the work had been done.

(l) Min 09/110(p) North End overgrown trees etc – ongoing and would be done when weather permitted.

(m) Min 09/110(q) Litter Bins – Cllr Gluck asked that one should be provided by LCC for the area by the Bus Shelter in Cattle Lane where one which had been attached to a streetlight had been removed when the light was changed.

(n) Min 09/110(r) Noticeboard – Planning permission being investigated.

(o) Min 09/112 (b) Waiting Restriction Order – LCC had declined to extend the white lines further up Cattle Lane but would ask Metro if the buses did experience difficulty in this area from parked cars. The situation would be monitored by the PC when the lines had been painted.

## **10/121 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **Almshouse Trust**

The Chairman reported on behalf of Cllr Stainton that there was to be a meeting of the Trustees the following evening to discuss the repairs necessary to Parlinton House. More information would be available at the next PC meeting.

## **10/122 CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Information had been received from LCC concerning some aspects of the future plans for the city – waste disposal, air quality, minerals extraction etc. Cllr Gluck undertook to look into the plans to see if anything would affect the village.

(b) A completed application form for financial assistance had been received from the Village Hall Committee – this had been given to the Clerk earlier in the day. Cllrs noted this but required more information to enable a proper discussion to take place and the Clerk was asked to ask the Hall Committee to supply this.

## **10/123 PLANNING**

(a) Application P/09/05346/FU/HE – S/s front extension Ash Tree House, Cattle Lane – Cllrs had no objection.

(b) Application P/09/05590/FU/HE – S/s side and rear extensions 3 Haverthwaites Drive – Cllrs had no objections.

(c) Application P/09/00048/FU/HE – Ext. and rooflight Lotherton Lodge, Lotherton Hall – The Chairman recommended that Cllrs study this application. There was disquiet that LCC may have been intending to sell the Lodge which had formed part of the Gascoigne estate given to the city by Col. Gascoigne. The fencing once enclosed the Lodge, as it was within the Hall grounds, but LCC had moved the fencing inwards some time ago making the Lodge appear separate. LCC had possibly exchanged some land with the person who was intending to occupy the Lodge and the Lodge may have been effectively 'sold' in this manner. The Clerk was asked to clarify the situation with LCC.

## **Decisions**

Application P/09/04902 – Continuation of approval Training Building and Borehole

## **10/124 ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk reported the balances as follows:

In HSBC current a/c	£1,300.40
In HSBC No 1 int. a/c	£30,663.76
In HSBC No 2 int. a/c	£38,830.21
In Barclays Bank a/c	£489.80
In Barclays Bank Bond	£40,000.00

Note: The last 3 amounts can only be spent on capital projects.

## **To Pay**

(a) Cheque number 100251, in the sum of £3292.91, for Pump Hill fencing, was agreed and issued to Norex Fencing.

(b) Cheque number 100252, in the sum of £115.00 for erection and maintenance of Christmas lights, was agreed and issued to Leeds City Council. A charge had not been levied before but was found to be general according to other PCs. Cllr Mrs Reed commented that the lights should be installed earlier if the PC was now being asked to pay for this. To be born in mind for next year.

(c) Cheque number 100253, in the sum of £116.66 for Clerk's remuneration, was agreed and issued.

(d) Cheque number 100254, in the sum of £400.00 for rental of the Methodist Hall, was agreed and issued to Globe Youth Group.

### **10/125 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

(a) Clerk reported that a transfer of funds would be necessary between HSBC accounts – this was agreed.

(b) Official notification had been received from the Leeds N.E. Area Outer Committee that they would make a grant to the PC towards the heritage treatment of the streetlights. They would grant the sum of £3250.00 which would be reimbursed against appropriate paperwork.

(c) A resident had requested that the flowering cherry tree on the verge at the north end of the village be 'lopped' – this request had been passed to Highways Dept.

(d) LCC Highways had rejected a request that local farmers be employed to grit and clear snow if there was a lengthy spell of bad weather in future. This was mainly on insurance grounds. After discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Gluck and Mrs Reed would raise this at the Forum meeting as it was felt that other PCs would probably want to have the same service put in place for the future.

(e) The condition of the pavement over the bridge had been reported to Highways. They had inspected and were monitoring the situation. It was felt that further movement had taken place and the Clerk was asked to report this again.

(f) The Chairman said that dustbins were still being put on a narrow strip of Pump Hill where the new fencing had left just a small space. The Clerk was asked to write to residents nearby to ask them to stop this. A suggestion for decorative boulders to be put there was made.

### **10/126 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

(a) A resident said that the Newsletter had not been delivered to him and it appeared a section at the south end of the village might have been similarly affected. This was noted for the future.

(b) A resident commented on the Village Hall Committee's request for financial assistance – he was glad the PC were asking for full financial information. There was general agreement on this point from the public present.

(c) A tree which had fallen across and into Cock Beck needed to be dealt with. Some branches had been taken off but it presented a possible hazard if water backed up. The Chairman said he intended to deal with this when the land dried up sufficiently to allow a tractor to get access.

**10/127 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45p.m.

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