

ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th July 2008 in the School Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors: D Howson (Chairman), D Stainton, P Hancock, D Gluck, R Alderson & L Forster.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. G Broadley

IN ATTENDANCE: 7 members of the public. The Clerk, P.C. Lauren Say & colleague.

08/62 POLICE MATTERS

P.C. Say presented the crime figures which were 3 burglaries which were from garages or sheds & 4 thefts or attempted thefts of vehicles. She asked that all residents take precautions to minimise such incidences. She also reported that a number of speeding tickets had been issued on Cattle Lane. Councillors requested that the speed gun be put into use within the village more often. She answered queries from councillors and residents before leaving the meeting.

08/63 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2008 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr . P. Hancock & seconded by Cllr. D. Stainton that the same were a true record and were approved.

08/64 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Referring to Minute 08/53 (a) South Lodge footpath. Cllr. D> Stainton reported that he had been given contact names but as the contractors appeared to now be in liquidation he did not hold out much hope of obtaining the requisite information.
- (b) Referring to Minute 08/53 (b) Speed Awareness Signs. Cllr. D. Stainton reported that LCC had given the scheme its' approval and would be contacting the contractors accordingly.
- (c) Referring to Minute 08/53 (d) N.E. Area Management Team Planning for Real Event. Cllr. D. Gluck reported that the event had been well worth while and well attended. He was currently awaiting the Management Team's report.
- (d) Referring to Minute 08/53 (e) Web Site. Through Cllr. Alderson, Cllr Broadley reported the site as being up and running. With regard to the domain name, Cllr Alderson felt undertaking registration would be a waste of money as new regulations were soon to be announced.
- (e) Referring to Minute 08/55 Parish Plan Review. As minuted at 08/64 © Cllr. D. Gluck awaited the Management Team's report before any further action could be taken.

- (f) Referring to Minute 08/54 School matters. It was reported that no progress had been made regarding access to the tennis court area. Cllr. D. Stainton reported having carried out checks at the Land Registry.
- (g) Paths Partnership Scheme. A revised Agreement had been received and was signed by the Chairman with one amendment to the commencement date. Queries raised by Cllr. Alderson were answered. Cllr. P. Hancock to undertake a survey and look into initial/annual costs.
- (h) Referring to Minute 08/59 (c) Becksid e play area. Mrs. G. Knowles of ARCC reported that although some of the graffiti had been removed the area still required attention.

08/65 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- (a) School Governors. Cllr. R. Alderson reported that the Board of Governors was looking into the pros and cons of joining Garforth Trust or remaining in the Elmet Partnership of Schools. He asked that the Ward Councillors be contacted seeking their views regarding opposition to the Elmet Partnership forming a limited company as no consultation appeared to have taken place.

08/66 CORRESPONDENCE

- LCC Democratic Services Standards Committee Agenda 1.7.08
- LCC Democratic Services Standards Committee Additional Meeting Agenda 14.7.08
- CE Electric UK Parish Liaison Details
- Aberford School Landscaping Project
- Licensees of Arabian Horse Re proposals to open village shop adjacent to public house.

08/67 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

Application No	Description	Council Comment
P/08/03995/FU/HE	Garage to rooms @ 3 Cedar Ridge.	No objections.
P/08/03251/FU/HE	Rear ext @ 9 Briarlands Fold.	No objections.
P/08/03730/LI/NE.	Signage for Masternaut, Priory Park.	No objections as long as Listed Building Policy adhered to.
P/08/03985/FU/E.	Enlarged car park @ Garforth Town Football Ground.	No objections.
P/08/03436/FU/NE.	Revised access & internal road layout @ Silverhills, Collier Lane.	No objection to the road but objections to the building shown outside the enclave.

(b) Planning Decisions received.

Application No	Description	Decision
08/02334/FU	Extensions @ 11 St. Johns Close	Permission granted
07/06733/FU	New dwelling adj Lilac Cottage, Bunkers Hill	Application withdrawn

(c) Although the Parish Council had received no notification it was reported that Application No 07/06753/FU (new dwelling adj Laurieknowe, Field Lane) previously refused had now gone to appeal.

08/68 ACCOUNTS

- (a) Cheque no 100203 was cancelled (written, as cheque No 100202 thought lost by payee has since been found)
- (b) Cheque No 100204 for £116.66 in favour of the Clerk for agreed monthly payment was approved and issued.
- (c) Cheque No 100205 for £2633.25 in favour of Aberford C of E Primary School (see Minute 08/69 (a) for new perimeter fencing was approved and issued.
- (d) The balance of the Treasurer Account was recorded as £6038.73 as at 05.07.08
- (e) The balance in the BMM I Account was recorded as £35269.37 as at 05.07.08
- (f) The balance in the BMM II Account was recorded as £77923.44 as at 05.07.08

08/69 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- (a) Regarding the letter from school regarding funds for a new perimeter fence in place of those allocated to landscaping, there were no objections to the change of policy and it was agreed to sponsor the new fencing and a cheque issued accordingly.
- (b) Regarding the letter from the licensees of the Arabian Horse, Mr & Mrs Ridgeon, considering opening a village shop in the premises next door to the public house, discussions took place and it was agreed to send a letter supporting the idea.
- (c) Cllr. I. Forster gave notice of an Open Meeting to be held on 25th July 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Firthfield Community Centre regarding the current proposals at Makins Farm.
- (d) Councillors expressed concerns regarding the parking outside Yew Trees Main Street as there appeared to be many more vehicles than anticipated and although some were parking astride the pavement presumably to lessen congestion on the road this was extending to the point where the pavement narrowed thus prohibiting safe passage by mobility scooters, prams etc.
- (e) The overgrown trees on Lotherton Lane require lopping as they are obscuring the road signs and obstructing pedestrians.

08/70 OPEN TO PUBLIC

- (a) It was reported that the School PTA had raised the sum of £1300 at the gala and a further £300 at the BBQ.
- (b) Concerns were again raised as to how long Kingfisher Lane would remain without replacement drain covers following the theft of the originals.
- (c) Queries regarding flooding in the proximity of the Almshouses were answered.
- (d) One resident commended the Parish Council in its support of the village school by providing funds for various projects but hoped that the school would be willing to put something back into the community.
- (e) The provision by LCC of brown refuse bins for the collection of garden waste was commented upon as not every household appeared to have received one.
- (f) Support was shown for the idea of a new village shop but concerns were expressed regarding possible traffic problems which should be given careful consideration if an application was to be submitted.

08/71 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance before closing the meeting at 9.25 p.m.