

Aberford & District Parish Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 June 2008 in the School Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors: D Howson (Chairman), D Stainton, P Hancock, D Gluck.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: I Forster, R Alderson, G Broadley, & P.C. A Katkowski.

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 members of the public and the Clerk.

08/51 POLICE MATTERS

In his absence, P C Katkowski had provided a written report of crime figures for May which totalled 9, again a large increase from the previous year. As a result of a traffic speed control, 4 persons had been prosecuted and 1 person had his vehicle confiscated for no insurance and licence.

08/52 MINUTES

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

08/53 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Referring to Minute 08/43 (a) South Lodge footpath. Cllr D Stainton reported that LCC were still looking to Oakapple, the South Lodge developers, for confirmation that the parcel of land would be handed over for school use.

(b) Referring to Minute 08/43 (b) Speed Awareness Signs. Cllr D Stainton reported that as yet no residents had objected to the erection of the signs with only one day to go. Nick Borrás of LCC had prepared his report and hoped to get it on to the Committee agenda for 30 June or, failing that, 14 July. As the Parish Council can reclaim VAT, control of placing the order for the signs had been passed back to Cllr Stainton.

(c) Referring to Minute 08/43 (c) Lengthsman. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding the procedure for the Parish Council being responsible for paying its' own lengthsman.

(d) Referring to Minute 08/43 (d) N.E. Area Management Team Planning for Real Event. Cllr D Gluck reported that the event would be incorporated into the School Gala on 28 June. Leaflets to be circulated and publicity sought.

(e) Referring to Minute 08/43 (e) Web Site. It was noted that the web site had still not been updated. The question of ownership of domain name was raised.

(f) Referring to Minute 08/43 (h) New Seat. The Chairman, having with the family concerned, reported their wish to place a matching seat on Pump Hill.

(g) Referring to Minute 08/48 (c) Pipe Line vehicles. In addition to previous correspondence it was agreed to send a letter of complaint direct to the Compound.

08/54 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

(a) School Matters. It was reported that the tennis court area had now been cleared courtesy of a local farmer. The Chairman & Cllr D Stainton had met with LCC Leisure Services to whom responsibility for the site had been transferred with no notification to the Parish Council. The continuing access route for the school children looked promising but the general issue had still to be resolved at a future meeting with the Estate agent.

(b) Paths Partnership Scheme. Cllr D Stainton reported that the revised Agreement was still awaited. Cllr P Hancock and his volunteers to commence surveying the paths.

08/55 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Cllr D Gluck circulated a written Review of the Key Facts five years on from the original Plan, it being an initial look back at the 2003 Plan and the progress, or otherwise, made at dealing with the issues raised. Three papers had been prepared for publication on Aberford.net and view would be sought at the July meeting. Work continues on statistical data.

08/56 CORRESPONDENCE

• LCC Environmental Services	Dealing with rubbish survey
• Connect M1/A1 Ltd	M1/A1 Link Road Annual Report
• Post Office	Response to objections to closure letter re East Garforth Post Office.
• WY NHS Central Services Agency	Barwick in Elmet Pharmacy – Refusal decision re Maqbool.
• WY NHS Central Services Agency	Barwick in Elmet Pharmacy – Abdullah application withdrawn.
• Mr L Mosby	Request for copy of Code of Conduct

08/57 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

App P/08/02919/FU/HE	Conservatory @ 5 Lotherton Lane	No Objections
App P/08/02778/FU/HE	Conservatory @ 7 Highfield Road	No objections
App P/08/02699/FU/HE	Conservatory @ 7 Parlington Villas	No objections
App P/08/02574/FU/E	Works @ Proctor Bros, Ash Lane, Garforth	No objections
App P/02842/FU/NE	Detached corn drier store & livestock building @ Silverhills, Collier Lane.	No objections were raised to having the purpose built buildings but conditional upon them being within the enclave.

(b) Planning Decisions Received

App 08/01603/FU	Pair of new houses opposite 7 North End Cottages	Refused
App 08/01283/FU	Attached dwelling to side of Kennimar, Lotherton Lane.	Refused
App 08/01833/FU	Extension at 26 Greystones Close	Refused
App 08/01099?FU	Substitution of 4 bed to 5 bed house White House Farm, Bunkers Hill	Permission granted
App 08/02093/FU	Replace flat roof with pitched roof, 18 Greystones Close	Permission granted

08/58 ACCOUNTS

(a) Cheque No 100198 for £20.00 in favour of St Gemma's Hospice for Internal Auditors donation in lieu of payment was approved and issued.

(b) Cheque No 100199 for £150.31 in favour of the Clerk for agreed monthly payment plus quarterly telephone expenses was approved and issued.

(c) Cheque No 100200 for £1045.00 in favour of Leeds City Council for hanging baskets was approved and issued.

(d) Cheque No 100201 for £176.25 in favour of D Y Watson & Son for tennis court clearance was approved and issued.

(e) Cheque No 100202 for £2756.70 in favour of Aberford C of E Primary School for new furniture was approved and issued.

(f) The balance in the Treasurer Account was recorded as £4190.29 as at 05.06.08.

08/59 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(a) It was recorded that the Clerk had submitted her letter of resignation. A vacancy notice to be put on the notice board seeking a replacement.

(b) Through the Chair, Cllr G Broadley reported on her attendance at the New Councillors course having found it very informative and beneficial.

(c) Referring to Minute 08/48 (a), Gail Knowles of ARCC reported having spoken to Saxton Parish Council. Regrettably the graffiti had still to be removed.

(d) The Chairman reported having met with LCC regarding the blocked culverts and that work was to be undertaken to clear them.

(e) The hedge on the south side of Lotherton Lane required cutting back as it was obscuring the road signs.

(f) The condition of the grass verges following a recent cut was commented upon as they had been left extremely uneven and Glendales appeared to have omitted the area between Toll Bar House and the Gas Station.

(g) A local resident requested permission to plant a commemorative tree. No objections were raised to the idea conditional upon type of tree. A site to be agreed.

(h) It was proposed that a letter be put on the Notice Board listing and thanking those residents who had kindly sponsored hanging baskets. This to be done when all sponsorship monies received.

(i) It was agreed that Cllr D Gluck should respond on behalf of the Parish Council to a National Resources and Waste Strategy in accordance with the Parish Plan.

(j) It was noted that the bridge waterproofing works had been completed but the regeneration of the ground to the south side of the beck and the resurfacing of the bridge area of Main Street be monitored.

(k) It was noted that the Wind Farm test mast had been given the go ahead following appeal. No decision yet on the controversial wind farm proposals.

08/60 OPEN TO PUBLIC

(a) Residents congratulated Cllr D Stainton for all his efforts in achieving the necessary permissions for the erection of the Speed Awareness Signs.

(b) Residents commented on the poor results of the grass cutting by Glendales and the apparent lack of quality control.

(c) Queries were raised as to how long it would be before replacement grates were put on Kingfisher Lane following the theft of the originals several months ago.

(d) Queries were answered regarding South Lodge footpath.

08/61 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance before closing the meeting at 9:00 p.m.