

Aberford & District Parish Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 March 2008 in the School Hall.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Alderson & P.C. A Katkowski

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

08/21 POLICE MATTERS

In his absence PC Katkowski had submitted a written report which showed the February crime figures as 2 as opposed to 7 the previous year.

08/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2008 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr G Broadley & seconded by Cllr P Hancock that the same were a true record and were approved.

08/23 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Referring to Minute 08/13 (b) South Lodge footpath. Cllr D Stainton reported having spoken to Footpaths Officer Rosie Watts who in turn had written to the contractors but a response was still awaited. Cllr Stainton said he had asked her to pursue the matter vigorously.

(b) Referring to Minute 08/13 (c) Speed Awareness Signs. Cllr D Stainton confirmed that the signs had been made and were ready for installation. However LCC had still to take speed readings by way of information cables. These would be laid after the school holidays for a 7 day period. The results of the readings would determine whether the necessary criteria had been met. If the results were negative it was agreed that the fight to get the signs installed would continue. Following a conversation with them, Cllr D Howson was hopeful that National Grid would write in support. He also reported that PC Katkowski had now qualified to use the speed gun which it was agreed should be used within the village whenever possible.

(c) Referring to Minute 08/13 (d) Lengthsman. This matter still ongoing due to lack of response from LCC.

(d) Referring to Minute 08/13 (e) N.E. Area Management Team proposals. Unfortunately Cllr Gluck was again absent. Should he be unable to attend the April meeting it was suggested that he be asked to submit written notes.

(e) Referring to Minute 08/13 (f) Pump Hill trees. Quotes still awaited.

(f) Referring to Minute 08/18 (a) Web site. Enquiries of YLCA regarding the building of a website indicated that it should not prove necessary to pay for a professionally built site. Cllr G Broadley said she was to meet with Mark Wheeler to look at taking over Aberford.net.

(g) Referring to Minute 08/19 (c) Hook Moor Wind Farm. Cllr D Howson reported on his attendance at the Micklefield exhibition. An invitation to visit with the Planning Department an existing location in the North East was extended to one councillor each from Aberford and Micklefield. Cllr G Broadley agreed to represent Aberford.

08/24 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

(a) School Matters. Cllr D Howson said it was still intended to install the classrooms on 19 May 2008. He was due to meet with the headteacher, Jo Heggie, on various issues.

(b) Paths Partnership Scheme. As requested, all Councillors had been provided with a copy of the proposed contract. It was agreed that the contract in the current form was not suitable to this council and it was proposed that Councillors would meet with Footpaths Officer Rosie Watts to discuss the same. Cllr Stainton agreed to arrange a meeting.

(c) Almshouses Trust. Cllr D Stainton reported that a new secretary/treasurer had been appointed. Mr Richard Hind takes up office in June.

08/25 CORRESPONDENCE

• National Grid	Asselby to Pannal Gas Pipeline project brochure
• LCC Democratic Services	Spring Conference
• Parker March	Aberford Horticultural Society
• LCC Democratic Services	Standards Committee Agenda 13.03.08.
• Clerks & Councils Direct	March 08 Issue 56
• Country Air	Issue 106 Winter 07/08
• LCC Legal & Licensing	Speed Limit No. 8 Order 07
• Metro	WY Rural Transport Partnership Minutes 20.02.08.
• Standards Board for England	Town & Parish Standards
• Highways Agency	Plan Your Journey brochures NE. March/May 08.
• Aberford Horticultural society	Letter of thanks re allotments' legal issues.
• LCC Development Dept	Invitation to Wind Farm in Hartlepool

08/26 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

App p/08/01346/FU/HE	Ext to 1 Moule Rise, Garforth	No objections
App P/08/01061/FU/HE	Change of garage to room + single storey ext to 1 Parlinton Villas	No objections
App P/08	Hook Moor Wind turbines	As this application was extremely important and could have long term effects on the area, an extension of time was requested before submitting the Parish Council's decisions. It was felt that the contractors had not sufficiently canvassed the northern end of the village nor had a suggested public meeting been held by Ward Cllr A Shelbrooke. Also the proposed fact finding visit to Hartlepool was not scheduled until the original deadline date and feedback from such visit was necessary.

(b) Planning decisions received

App 07/07365/FU	Side ext @ The Laurels, Cattle Lane	Permission refused
App 07/07701/FU App 07/07701/LI	Offices to 9 bedroom house with pool & garaging complex, Becca Hall	Permission granted

08/27 ACCOUNTS

(a) Cheque No 100191 for £181.39 in favour of the Clerk for agreed monthly payment, agreed quarterly telephone expenses & reimbursement of petty cash expenditure 07/08 was approved and issued.

(b) The balance of the Treasurer Account was recorded as £1413.78 as at 5 March 2008.

08/28 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(a) The Methodist Minister had approached the Parish Council regarding a possible commemoration of service by Mr Frank Watson to the Chapel, Parish Council and the village. Further details awaited.

(b) A workman's advertising sign noticed on Pump Hill to be removed.

(c) Compliments received on the show of spring bulbs throughout the village. It was agreed to order hanging baskets again for the summer.

08/29 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(a) A resident remarked on having counted 90 vehicles pass him in a 5 minute period on Main Street and that such a high number should go in favour of the proposed signage.

(b) A resident expressed serious concerns at what he felt to be the lack of progress in erecting the Speed Awareness Signs and felt LCC were dragging their feet. He was informed that the Parish Council would, in the interim, ensure that all licenses were in place so that once permission was received there would be no further delays.

(c) Reasons for and against a 'clean up day' by residents were discussed.

(d) Following queries raised, the Clerk agreed to contact the lighting contractors to enquire whether a plan of the proposed distribution of the lights was yet available.

08/30 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance before closing the meeting at 9:15 p.m.