

## **Aberford & District Parish Council**

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

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

**APOLOGIES:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 4 members of the public, the Clerk and 2 PCS Officers.

### **08/41 POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Geoff Nottingham presented the crime figures which regrettably showed an increase from previous months. A recent spate of thefts from motor vehicles proved that leaving items in vehicles especially overnight was unwise and he requested residents to report anything suspicious and to be security conscious. The police were requested to put cones back alongside the railings outside the Church where they have really helped to alleviate a problem area. After answering questions from Councillors and the public, the PCS Officers left the meeting.

### **08/42 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 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.

### **08/43 MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Referring to Minute 08/33 (a) South Lodge footpath. Cllr D Stainton reported that following a meeting with Footpaths Officer Rosie Watts, the footpath was hopefully to be dedicated & added to the definitive map. It was intended that the spur path to the school would be taken over and then loaned to the school for the children to landscape.

(b) Referring to Minute 08/33 (b) Speed Awareness Signs. Cllr D Stainton reported having heard from Nick Boras of LCC Highways that following the results of the recent readings from the information cables, Aberford now met the criteria needed to progress the installation of the signs. The good news was very welcome; however LCC had now to write to local residents informing them and giving a ten day period for response. Also statutory utilities which could take six weeks, and then submit a report to Committee. LCC had also insisted that the order for the signs was placed by them and that the Parish Council would ultimately reimburse LCC. Cllr Stainton, who was awaiting confirmation of the data produced by the cables, was congratulated on his hard work progressing this matter. It was also reported that other aspects of road safety were to be taken forward i.e. possibly changing the sites of the 30 mph signs at the boundaries.

(c) Referring to Minute 08/33 (c) Lengthsman. The Clerk reported on the item from the Forum Meeting. It appeared that all villages were experiencing the same problems regarding street cleaning, or lack of it. LCC stated that Aberford did have a lengthsman and provided a name. However, his presence appeared to have gone un-noticed. It was suggested that the Parish Council look into the costs of employing its' own lengthsman.

(d) Referring to Minute 08/33 (d) N.E. Area Management Team Planning for Real Event. Cllr D Gluck reported that a review of the Parish Plan was currently in progress and that Lee Toon had volunteered to assist and was currently undertaking an audit of the village and looking at alternative sources of up to date information as the official census was out of date. Key facts would be presented and used as a starting point for new projects and ideas. He reported that the Headteacher was an enthusiastic supporter and extended an invitation to any other volunteers.

(e) Referring to Minute 08/33 (f) Web site. Cllr G Broadley reported the web site should be up and running by the end of that week and it was intended to include a Forum Board for comments. The name of the site remained the same at Aberford.net.

(f) Referring to Minute 08/33 (h) Street Lighting. The Clerk reported having received literature regarding the proposed designs of the lamps but that a site plan was not yet ready. A copy of the paperwork to be circulated to each Parish Councillor.

(g) Referring to Minute 08/38 (d) New Bus Service. It was felt this be monitored further as the service did not appear to be well used and might possibly withdrawn. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Metro regarding the complaints of drivers' misuse of the area.

(h) Referring to Minute 08/39 (c) New Seat. The Parish Council decided to accept the offer of a new seat, the siting of which had yet to be confirmed. It was felt that if one was placed on Pump Hill it should match the existing seats as opposed to the design of the newer seats around the village.

#### **08/44 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

(a) School Matters. It was reported that agreement had been reached that the costs of tidying up the tennis courts be deducted from the promised Parish Council grant to the school for levelling off the field area of the playground. A meeting was proposed with Strutt Parker, the new Agents for the Estate, to push for progress regarding a regular access to the area.

(b) Paths Partnership Scheme. Cllr D Stainton reported meeting with Rosie Watts, LCC Footpaths Officer, regarding this scheme and the documentation involved. It was recorded that LCC would still be the authority liable for maintenance and any mishaps but only sub-contractors with appropriate insurance cover be employed thus making the Agreement a lot less onerous than was first thought. Cllr D Stainton was still awaiting amended papers prior to recommendation. Cllr P Hancock to liaise with Rosie Watts regarding a footpath survey.

## 08/45 CORRESPONDENCE

• LCC Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd	LCC Natural Resources & Waste Development Plan
• LCC Democratic Services	Training available to Parish & Town Councillors
• Ward Councillor Rachael Procter	Re Planning App 08/01603/FU/NE – 2 new cottages opposite 7 Southern Cottages.
• Cllr A Castle (e-mail)	Speed Awareness Signs
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• Clerks & Councils Direct	Issue 57 May 2008
• YLCA	Councillor Training Programme 08
• WY NHS Central Services Agency	Approval of application for Preliminary Consent for Pharmaceutical Provision in Barwick-in-Elmet.
• LCC Environmental Services	Home composting leaflet
• Southern Electric Lighting Services	Leeds Street Lighting provision for Aberford.

## 08/46 PLANNING MATTERS

### (a) Applications

App P/08/00988/FU/E	Workers Caravans & additional polytunnels @ Sturton Grange Farm, Berry Lane.	Objections to caravans as inappropriate development on Green Belt and should any polytunnels be permitted they should be green.
App P/08/02334/FU/HE	Extensions @ 11 St Johns Close.	No objections.
App P/08/02093/FU/HE	Replace flat roof with pitched roof @ 18 Greystones Close.	No objections (Cllr D Stainton having declared an interest took no part in this decision).

### (b) Planning Decisions Received

App 08/01346/FU	Side ext @ 1 Moule Rise Garforth	Application refused.
App 07/07997/FU	4 detached livestock buildings @ Silverhills, Collier Lane.	Application withdrawn.
App 08/01160/FU	Exts @ Humphreydale, Kingfisher Lane	Refused
App 08/01061/FU	Garage to room, 1 Parlinton Villas.	Approved.

## 08/47 ACCOUNTS

(a) Cheque No 100195 for £116.66 in favour of the Clerk for agreed monthly payment was approved and issued.

(b) Cheque No 100196 for £1162.53 in favour of Allianz Insurance plc for annual premium was approved and issued.

(c) Cheque No 100197 for £35.25 in favour of Yorkshire Local Councils Associations for councillor training fees was approved and issued.

(d) The balance of the Treasurer Account was recorded as £504.73 as at 5 May 2008.

(e) The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been successfully carried out and that the papers would be submitted to Mazars forthwith.

#### **08/47 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

(a) Vandals had thrown white paint over some equipment and the surface of the play area at Becksides. The matter had been reported to the police but cleaning up remained to be done. Saxton Parish Council had sought advice for a similar play area project in their village. Gail Knowles of ARCC to liaise.

(b) The licensee of the Arabian Horse had requested permission to put benches & seats on Pump Hill. Following debate and on the Chairman's casting vote it was agreed permission be given but only on the basis that they are removed each evening. The first signs of misuse would result in the goodwill offer being withdrawn.

(c) Following sightings of the pipeline contractors' vehicles on Main Street it was agreed that a letter of complaint be sent to National Grid.

(d) Cllr D Gluck reported on a fortuitous meeting with a man who might be of help with noise monitoring. The matter to be taken forward but permission was given for any monitoring equipment to be sited at the bus turn round.

#### **08/49 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

(a) The proposed closure of East Garforth Post Office was brought to the meeting's attention. It was agreed a letter of objection be sent in as a closure would affect many residents.

#### **08/50 CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance before closing the meeting at 9:50 p.m.