

## **Aberford & District Parish Council**

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 September in Aberford Church of England School.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Alderson & Cllr G Broadley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 3 members of the public, the Clerk, PCSO Dan Sillers.

### **08/82 POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Dan Sillers presented the crime figures for August 08 which amounted to 1 theft from a motor vehicle and 2 charges of driving whilst over the prescribed limit. The police felt that the additional patrols used during the Bramham Festival had minimised the instances of crime locally. As nights were now drawing in all residents were asked to take appropriate actions to avoid break-ins and keep an eye on elderly residents who tended to leave doors and windows unlocked. He also asked that those residents with Yorkshire Stone pathways etc. take steps to ensure that the stone is tightly bedded down. PCSO Sillers promised to have the cones replaced on Swan Corner and at the bottom of School Lane. After answering queries from Councillors and residents PCSO Sillers left the meeting.

### **08/83 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 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.

### **08/84 MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Referring to Minute 08/74 (a) South Lodge footpath. Cllr D Stainton reported that having received no response from the Contractors any further progress from that source appeared extremely unlikely although he proposed to look into the possibility of registering the parcel of land. The general consensus was that the school children should plant and maintain the area in any event.

(b) Referring to Minute 08/74 (b) Speed Awareness Signs. Cllr D Stainton reported that the signs were now in place although the one at the north end of the village did not appear to be functioning correctly. The contractors to be asked to check it.

(c) Referring to Minutes 08/74 (c) & (d) N.E. Area Management Team Planning for Real Event and the Parish Plan Review. Cllr D Gluck reported that he was now in receipt of the information needed to take the matter a step further by way of a revised schedule. He proposed bringing it to the October meeting for councillors to consider before going public.

(d) Referring to Minute 08/74 (f) Becksid Play Area. The remedial work remained undone. The Clerk to contact ARCC for an update of its' dealings with the contractors.

(e) Referring to Minute 08/79 (c) Overhanging vegetation on Cattle Lane. The Chairman apologised for the lack of progress but he had been away on holiday but would contact the Landlord as soon as possible.

(f) Referring to Minute 08/80 (b) Pump Hill fence. The fence has now been reinstated.

### **08/85 REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

(a) Cllr D Gluck said he would be attending the next meeting of the Area Forum on 18 September and would report back with any items of significance.

(b) Cllr D Stainton reported having attended a recent meeting of the Almshouses Trust but had nothing onerous to report.

### **08/86 CORRESPONDENCE**

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| • LCC Democratic Services | Parish & Town Council Forum Agenda 25.09.08   |
| • YRCA                    | Country Air – Summer 08 edition               |
| • NE Area Management Team | Forum Agenda 18.09.08                         |
| • Aberford C of E School  | Receipt and acknowledgement of recent finance |
| • Grantscape              | Post project monitoring requirements          |
| • Strutt Parker           | Plan of Common Land at Hook Moor              |

### **08/87 PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) Applications:

Application No P/08/04835/FU/E. Change of use of shop to residential @ Bankfield House, Main Street. No objections.

(b) Planning decisions received.

Application No 08/03985/FU. Enlarged car park @ Garforth Town AFC. Permission granted.

Application No 08/03995/FU. Garage to habitable rooms @ 3 Cedar Ridge. Permission granted.

Application No 08/06752/CA. Application for demolition of part of existing dwelling @ Laurieknowle, Field Lane. Permission refused.

### **08/88 ACCOUNTS**

- (a) Cheque No 100208 for £158.62 in favour of Mazars for external audit fees was approved and issued.
- (b) Cheque No 100209 for £150.31 in favour of the Clerk for agreed monthly payment plus quarterly telephone expenses was approved and issued.
- (c) Cheque No 100210 for £20.00 in favour of Richard Parkinson Joinery for repairs to Pump Hill fence was approved and issued.
- (d) The balance in the Treasurer Account was recorded as £1403.46 as at 05.09.08.

### **08/89 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- (a) Regarding the letter from Grantscape, the Chairman signed the required declaration that their terms had been complied with.
- (b) Regarding the plan submitted by Strutt Parker, the Chairman proposed to make further enquiries.
- (c) A coffee morning has been planned to commemorate the work done by former Councillor Frank Watson whilst serving on various committees in the village. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council should purchase a picture from Heather Walker to present to him on its' behalf.
- (d) The idea of erecting Christmas lights on Bunkers Hill in addition to those on Pump Hill was discussed but decided to be unfeasible. However it was suggested that it might be possible to string lights in the trees in the Church grounds alongside Main Street. Cllr D Gluck agreed to enquire at the Forum meeting whether any funding would be available and the Clerk agreed to ask whether such an idea would be acceptable to the Parochial Church Council.
- (e) When it was noted that the village was not part of the "In Bloom" campaign, Cllr I Forster felt that perhaps the idea of an independent committee should be looked into and he proposed to seek advice from Leeds in Bloom.

- (f) Cllr P Hancock confirmed having ordered bulbs for this autumn's planting, some to be given to the school, but volunteers sought for the planting of the remainder.

**08/90 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- (a) It was reported that the 2008 Annual Show of the Aberford Horticultural Society had been the best so far.
- (b) A resident supported the idea of the provision of additional Christmas lights.
- (c) A resident raised the question of when the next Newsletter would be published. No timescale was set.
- (d) It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council should purchase a wreath for the Remembrance Service

**08/91 CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those in attendance before closing the meeting at 8:50 p.m.