

Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday 19th April 2004 that commenced at 7.30PM.

Present

Cllrs: Ken Blackwood (Chair), June Ferguson, Roy Ingleton, Derek Partington and Lena Taylor. Emily Wren (Clerk). Apologies were received from Janet Pederson and Olwen Young. 1 member of the public attended: District Councillor Bridget Fortune.

1. Public Comment

Cllr Ingleton reported he had been asked to raise an issue on behalf of a member of the public who was unable to attend the meeting. It had been noted that a hard path had been laid across the village green to Briarmead. The issue of consistency was raised when a request to lay a path across the village green to Front Street from Lane Cottage and neighbouring houses had been refused. The Chairman advised that the resident of Briarmead had asked, and been advised, of village green policy. Any other resident wishing to make such a request should make a formal application to the Council.

2. Minutes of the February and March 2004 Meetings

The minutes of the February and March 2004 Meetings had been circulated. It was resolved that the minutes of these meetings be confirmed, and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

- a) **Village Green Access** – Solicitors have approved an easement deed for Garth House. The Council has been asked to execute the agreement. It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk should sign the agreement. The Clerk was asked to contact YLCA for an interpretation of the recent House of Lords' ruling which it is believed applies to common land rather than village green. The new resident of the Lord Nelson pub has written to the Council requesting permission to park on the village green outside the pub. The Chairman had replied that this was not possible, but that he could confirm that action had not been taken against parking here in the past, and that the current Council had no plans to take action. With regard to Westbrooke Cottage, a map supplied by County Hall has been drawn up and is to be sent for approval. An agreement for Stockton House is imminent and those for Venscott and Pear Tree House are in preparation. It was resolved that Cllrs. Blackwood and Partington should measure and record the dimensions for Venscott and Pear Tree House. The Chairman was asked to check that paperwork relating to Stoneycroft was with Forth & Co.
- b) **ARA Constitution** – Cllrs. Blackwood, Ferguson and Partington attended the AGM of the ARA. They proposed that the Parish Council should assume responsibility for the safety inspection and insurance of the Skatepark, Playground and Recreation field, because they are public spaces open to all residents of the parish. It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain quotations with a view to adding these facilities to the Council's insurance policy. It was also noted that the Recreation field had again flooded. Cllr Partington suspects that the overflow drain to the Wiske near the bridge has collapsed. The Chairman agreed to raise this with the ARA at their next meeting, and with the River Authority as the problem of flooding has become so much worse in recent years.
- c) **Boundary Black Swan Crossing on A19** – Cllr Blackwood reported the 15th March meeting was well attended, and views opposed to the Highway Agency's proposals were strongly argued. The Highways Agency was reluctant to respond to or consider alternative proposals, and had no plans for the impact on other crossings. The meeting resolved not to support the closure; however, the Highways Agency has the power to make the closure despite local opposition. Dist. Cllr. Fortune shared her concerns about the crossing that have been raised with the Highways Agency over a period of 9 months. It was resolved that the Parish Council is willing to support others who wish to pursue this issue, but it should leave those more directly affected to lead any opposition.

- d) **Village Newsletter** – Cllr Ferguson is looking for articles for the next issue. The Chairman agreed to produce an article on the A19 crossing closure. The problem of dog fouling was raised again, and it was agreed that this should be covered in the Newsletter. Dist. Cllr. Fortune advised that this is covered by new antisocial behaviour legislation, and that the community police should be able to assist. Cllr Blackwood agreed to talk to the Dog Warden. Dogs have been walked in the field at the back of Hunters Ride, although there is no footpath, but cows are now being moved to this field. It was agreed that the Chairman should seek to secure a speaker from the police recommended by Dist. Cllr. Fortune to address the Parish Assembly on issues of Antisocial Behaviour. Other community contacts might be able to help with concerns expressed over cars at the Recreation field during the evening.

4. Correspondence

- a) **NYCC: Hornby Road, Appleton Wiske, flood alleviation scheme included in 2004/5 Approved Works Programme** – This correspondence was noted.
- b) **Invitation to Reception & Briefing by Army at Catterick Garrison on 10th May 2004** – the invitation was noted, however Dist. Cllr. Fortune advised she believed the event was now full.
- c) **HDC: Addition of name ‘Corner House’ to 21 Hunters Ride**– this copied correspondence was noted.
- c) **Copies of correspondence from HDC and Potto Parish Council expressing concerns regarding proposed closure of A19 Black Swan Crossing** – This correspondence was noted.
- d) **Certificate of Attendance** - It was noted that the Clerk had attended a course in preparation for studying for a ‘Quality Council’ qualification.

5. Circulars

Other circulars received were considered not urgent and were passed to councillors to read.

6. Planning Matters

- a) **Change of use of redundant farm buildings to livery stables, Church House Farm, Front St., Appleton Wiske** – It was resolved that the application is supported with a number of observations: the footpath should not be obstructed; concern that there is adequate parking for ancillary vehicles away from Front Street; consideration of fire risks; adequate space for related equipment (hay, feed, tack).
- b) **Alterations and 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling, 14 Hunters Ride, Appleton Wiske** – Cllrs Blackwood and Ferguson declared an interest as neighbours. It was resolved that there were no observations.
- c) **Change of use of agricultural land to all weather menage and the installation of 6 floodlights, Emmerson House, Appleton Wiske** - Cllrs Blackwood and Ferguson declared an interest as near neighbours. It was resolved that the application is supported with a number of observations: the lighting is not appropriate and would result in light pollution; the removal of the hedge is contrary to Hambleton’s Biodiversity Plan; the scale could be consistent with business rather than domestic use.

7. Financial Matters

- a) Agreed to pay E Wren £60.42 for Clerk’s salary Apr 04 (8hrs x £7.553) (Ch. 300462)
- b) Agreed to pay Village hall £6.80 for hire of meeting room Mar 04 (Ch. 300463)
- c) Agreed to pay BHA £120 for garage rental Mar-Aug 04 (Ch 300464).
- d) Agreed to pay YLCA annual membership 04/05 £111(Ch 300465).
- e) Agreed to pay SLCC £72.50 for ‘Working With Your Council’ training manual (Ch 300466).

- f) Agreed to Purchase a replacement grasscutter from Sam Turner for £2,161.70 + VAT (see reports from Representatives below).
- g) Agreed that the Parish Council takes on the responsibility for the Safety Inspections and the Insurance of the Skate Park.

8. Parking on Village Green adjacent to Lord Nelson pub

This was covered in Matters Arising above.

9. Reports from Representatives

a) **AiB** – 3 quotations were received from Sam Turner (£2,161.70), Dick Lawson (£2,166.60) and Simon Winstanley (£2,229.79) for a Countax C600 with 44” mulching deck. These were compared with a quotation of £75 per cut for grasscutting using Facilities Management who currently cut the village school grass. On these figures it was agreed to purchase the mower from Sam Turner. Cllr Partington reported a grant of £2,000 had been secured from Hambleton Area Committee, although disappointingly, nothing has been forthcoming from HDC or Yorventure. It is planned to plant a Black Poplar on the playing field. A design was presented and approved for 4 new village signs at a cost of £1,372.70, to be purchased through the Parish Council. The Chairman advised these new signs require the approval of the Highways Authority, and should be mounted by Highways staff. Cllr Blackwood agreed to remove a dead tree between The Paddock and Hunters Ride, which will be replaced by Mr Toulson.

b) **Minibus** – the engine management system that was repaired a few weeks ago has failed again, and is once more being repaired.

c) **Village Hall** – It was agreed that the order to resurface the village hall car park should be placed through the Parish Council. This work is scheduled for the last 2 weeks in August.

10. AOB

A more visible notice was requested to deter persistent dog fouling between Prospect View and the Shorthorn.

Cllr Taylor agreed to pursue the issue of road markings on the Rounton entrance to the village.

A Renaissance Market Town event will launch ambitious plans for Northallerton for the next 25 years.

11. Public Comment

None.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and Assembly on Monday 10th May 2004 at the earlier time of 7pm.