

Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday 12th January 2004, that commenced at 7.30PM.

Present

Cllrs: Ken Blackwood (Chair), June Ferguson, Roy Ingleton, Derek Partington, Janet Pederson, Lena Taylor and Olwen Young. Emily Wren (Clerk). No member of the public attended.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Minutes of the December 2003 Meeting

The minutes of the December 2003 Meeting had been circulated. It was resolved that the minutes of this meeting be confirmed and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

- a) **Reinstatement & movement of Slow & speed restriction signs** – Cllr Blackwood is to make a formal application to the traffic department.
- b) **Village Newsletter** – Cllr Ferguson was promised articles on the Village Hall tote; Appleton in Bloom; Pantomime; Thanks for Christmas tree recycling; and Neighbourhood Watch to be submitted by the end of January.
- c) **Appleton in Bloom** – Cllr Partington reported that in 2003 AiB had spent £300 more than they received, and highlighted that they had not taken part in a national competition as they will this year. Yorwaste have declined to support AiB on the basis that the village is more than 10miles away from their nearest site. Cllr Blackwood disputed this, believing the distance to be 9.6miles, and is pursuing this issue.
- d) **Village Green Access** – Cllr Blackwood provided an update: in brief there has been no progress with the solicitor since the last meeting. Cllr Blackwood telephoned twice to be told the solicitor was busy, and would ring back another day. It was resolved that if inadequate progress has been made the Council should move solicitors. It was noted that letters have been sent to Pear Tree Cottage and Lime Tree House confirming no application for an easement has been made and that it should not be assumed that newcomers would have access.
- e) **Ingram Grange Footpath** – An alternative solution to this issue was put forward, that the footpath might be redirected on a voluntary basis, using signs produced by the Landowners' Association.
- f) **Post Office Footpath** – A quotation had been received to repair this path. It was suggested that to repair the worst of the path would cost around £100, but the problem was deciding how much to repair. It was resolved that a meeting should be held with Cllr Blackwood who has the authority to agree to additional repair work.

4. Correspondence

- a) **Community Transport Strategy** – A meeting is being held on 9th February which Cllr Blackwood is to attend.
- b) **Fire & Rescue Service** – Cllr Blackwood confirmed he had returned his survey.
- c) **Parish Councillor Training**- there was no interest expressed in this training.
- d) **HDC /NYCC Charter** – Work is going into a joint Charter between HDC, NYCC and Parish Councils to support working relations with Quality Councils.
- e) **CPRE Planning Lobby** – A letter was received requesting Parish Councils should lobby their MPs about changes to the planning process. Cllr Blackwood agreed to consider the document.

5. Circulars

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

6. Planning Matters

None

7. Financial Matters

- a) Agreed to pay E Wren £60.42 for salary as Clerk Dec 03 & Jan 04 total £120.84 (16hrs x £7.553) (Ch 300446)
- b) Agreed to pay Village hall £6.80 for hire of meeting room Dec 03 (Ch. 300447)
- c) Agreed to pay A Walters £350 for agreed tree surgery (Ch. 300448).
- d) Agreed to pay S Turners £13.79 for mower repairs (Ch. 300449)
- e) A further financial report was received from the Chairman to assist with the setting of the precept for the next financial year. It was resolved that expenses totalling £7,800 should be budgeted for (to include new mowers, noticeboards, and other improvements to support AiB's competition entry); and consequently a precept of £4,350 was set for 2004/2005, a modest increase of approximately 5%.

8. Reports from Representatives

It was reported that the Village Hall had organised a very successful dance.

9. AOB

- a) **Broadband** – It was agreed that the Parish Council newsletter should advertise for interest in Broadband.
- b) **State of Front Street** – It was noted that significant potholes have appeared in Front Street. Cllr Blackwood agreed to raise this with Mike Roberts, Highways Department.
- c) **Noticeboards** – It was resolved that the purchase of new noticeboards at approximately £300 should be placed on next month's agenda.

11. Public Comment

None.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.