

Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday 8th March 2004, that commenced at 7.30PM.

Present

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

1. Public Comment

None

2. Minutes of the February 2004 Meetings

The minutes of the February 2004 Meetings had been circulated. It was resolved that the minutes of these meetings needed some minor amendments.

3. Matters arising

- a) **Black Swan Crossing on A19** – Cllr Blackwood reported he had contacted first the BBC and subsequently Tyne Tees who had filmed and reported on the issue of the crossing closure. It has been confirmed that N. Yorks. Police does support the closure. Cllr Blackwood has taken some slides which he proposes to show at the County Hambleton Area Committee meeting, and at which he will speak. After discussion it was resolved that AW Parish Council agrees that action needs to be taken to deal with the dangerous junction. However, the Council's preferred option is a bridge, as the diversion is unsuitable, with the alternative option of constructing a staggered junction. The Clerk agreed to pass this view to HDC to be presented to the forthcoming meeting.
- b) **Village Newsletter** – Cllr Ferguson was congratulated on another well produced newsletter, which had attracted positive feedback.. Following on from an item, training for minibus drivers is arranged for 22nd April 2004.
- c) **Village Green Access** – The meeting was delighted to receive Cllr Blackwood's update reporting progress. A draft document for Mr and Mrs Young has been produced and 8 others are in preparation. The solicitor is still working on Mr R Atkinson's application, and Lime Tree Cottage. The draft document for Garth House was tabled, Cllr Young declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting. The draft agreement was carefully considered and it was resolved that it should be approved. Cllr Young rejoined the meeting.
- d) **Boundary Commission Review** – It was confirmed that the Council's views had been submitted.

4. Correspondence

- a) **Citizen's Advice Bureau** – A request for funding was considered but rejected. It was suggested that Appleton Players might wish to make a donation.
- b) **Mr M O'Carroll, Welbury, regarding puncture damage from hedge trimmings** – An email had been copied to the Parish Council expressing concern at the damage caused to tyres as a consequence of uncleared hedge trimmings. This issue, together with concern at the state of disrepair of some roads leading out of the village, was discussed, and it was resolved that the Chairman should draft a letter of support.

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 Mar 04 (8hrs x £7.553) (Ch 300458)
- b) Agreed to pay Village hall £13.60 for hire of meeting room twice Feb 04 (Ch. 300459)
- c) Agreed to pay J Ferguson £123.98 for costs in printing 2 newsletters and the 2003 Xmas tree (Ch. 300460).
- d) Agreed to pay Voice Systems £58.75 for annual webmaster fee (Ch. 300461)

8. ARA Constitution

It was agreed that the Chairman should draft some amendments and discuss these with the ARA Chairman Tony Harris.

9. Reports from Representatives

It was reported that the Minibus has had a problem with its engine management system, which is being repaired.

10. AOB

None

11. Public Comment

None.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall meeting room on Wednesday 17th March 2004, that commenced at 6.40PM.

Present

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

1. Public Comment

An update on progress with applications for access was requested. It was explained that the delays in progressing applications were attributable to the poor performance of the previous solicitor. However the first draft document has now been approved. It was resolved that the new solicitor should be asked for advice on when the 'straightforward' applications are likely to be completed.

2. Village Green Access

Members of the public were excluded to discuss 2 specific applications.

- a) With regard to Mr R Atkinson's application it was resolved that access could be agreed if it is clearly documented that this refers to current access to the existing garage. It was agreed that it should be made explicit, in a covering letter, that this would not be transferable to cover the planning application proposal. The solicitor was to be asked to confirm that if the property were developed with new access, a new application would be based on the age of the current property.
- b) It was agreed that the Stockton House early valuation should be accepted on the basis that the Parish Council shares responsibility for the slow progress of the application. It was agreed that in the interest of clarity any new expression of interest must be calculated on current value.
- c) It was agreed that an independent valuation should be sought for the Pear Tree House application. It was also agreed existing dimensions should be measured and recorded.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm