

Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th May 2015 that commenced at 7:30 p.m

Present

Ruth Garrett (Chair), Cllr Ken Blackwood, Andrew l'Anson, Richard Johnson, Derek Partington, Leonie Smith (Clerk) Cllr Tim Swales.

1. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Ruth Garrett should continue as Chairman (DP & RJ). It was proposed that Ken Blackwood be nominated as Vice-Chairman; this was seconded and agreed by all present (RG & RJ)

2. Declaration of Acceptance

To be prepared for June 2014 meeting ready for all councillors to sign

3. Declaration of interest and apologies

13 members of the public present

No declarations of interest.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ken Blackwood and Cllr Steven Watson

4. Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting of Parish Council

Minutes of the 2014 Annual meeting of the Parish Council were agreed and signed off

5. Presentation form HDC Dog Warden -

- Area covered Nunthorpe to York.
- Authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices if actually catch someones dog fouling and not cleared up.
- Do not work office hours, flexible to do early mornings or evenings if this is required.
- If a member of the public witnesses a dog fouling and this is reported then a Fixed Penalty notice is issued. If they choose not to pay then court action will be taken.
- Will only issue Fixed Penalty Notice if confident that if went to court it would be a successful prosecution. Individual reporting would need to be prepared to go to court.
- Areas that are not enforced include agricultural land and areas outside the 40 mph speed limit areas.
- If the fouling is on the width of a footpath across a field and within the speed limit are then people can be prosecuted although this can be difficult.
- Guidance can be found on the HDC website and this has been issued in the newsletter.
- Press release will be coming out regarding the stencilling on pavements.
- Confirmed that Dog Fouling can be deposited in street litter bins, black bins and dog foul bins.
- Additional signage left with LS and contact details for the Dog Warden – Dave Granger.

6. Chairmans report

Chairmans report delivered by Ruth Garrett, available on Appleton Wiske website.

7. Financial Report

Financial report delivered by Leonie Smith, available on Appleton Wiske Website

8. Stokesley Safer Neighbourhood Team report – delivered by Leonie Smith in the absence of PCSO Richard Stringer

Report as presented at recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting on recent activities and future developments.

9. Update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan – delivered by Derek Partington

- We thought that the plan would be completed by the end of 2014, but have incurred a delay of 6 – 9 months. Why?
- We had to undertake a detailed housing needs analysis. The results showed that the village needed 10 houses. It also told us that the houses should be 2 or 3 bedroomed and that 3 or 4 should be affordable homes. The Rural Housing Enabler, Amanda Madden, was involved throughout and is a joint author of the finished report.
- We also had to advertise that we were looking for about 1 acre of land for housing development - we ended up with six possible sites, including the three originally considered.
- Planning Aid England engaged a firm of Planning Consultants in London (URS) to assess the sites but all they did was complete a desk based exercise and produced a report which included several inaccuracies and which we did not accept.
- We therefore asked HDC for help again and they came out to visit each site in late January this year, but were unable to complete their report until quite recently. However, it does contain key information on the various sites and they have also sought comment from NYCC Highways, who are a key consultee.
- The Team are now seeking a meeting with Planning to discuss the pros and cons of each site from a planning perspective, as it is no use us selecting a site which will be rejected by HDC or NYCC or any other key consultee when planning permission is sought.
- We then intend to present the chosen site or sites to the village to ensure we get approval before including the chosen site in the Plan so that we will get approval at the referendum stage.
- There are several other stages to go through before we get to the referendum and we are hoping to go to consultation in early October and should, hopefully, have the Plan completed ready for a referendum in early 2016.
- The NP Team have been very frustrated by the way things have progressed, in particular being forced to use a firm of consultants who

could not be bothered to come to the village, but we realise that the Plan must pass independent inspection and we have to continue to jump through all the planning hoops put in front of us.

10. Village Issues

Drainage of the area between Hunters Ride and The Paddock – It was raised by members of the public that the piece of land between Hunters Ride and The Paddock can get water logged particularly down the side of the wall that separates this area from residents gardens. Members of the PC agreed that they would look at this area, although at this time there has been a dry spell so would wait until a time when we have experienced higher levels of rain.

Meeting closed 20:45