

Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 1st February 2016 that commenced at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllrs Ruth Barker (Chair), Ken Blackwood, Derek Partington, Richard Johnson, Kim Smith, Jane Strickland & Cllr Steve Watson

1. Public Comment

5 members of the public present.

2. Apologies and Declaration of interest for any agenda item

Apologies – Leonie Smith (Clerk) & Cllr Tim Swales

No declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the January 2016 meeting

Minutes of the January 2016 meeting were agreed and signed off

4. Matters Arising

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan – RB** read out the response from HDC Planning to the letter which we had sent to them on 15 January regarding the position of the developing Neighbourhood Plan vis a vis HDC's Interim Planning Policy Guidance (IPG) and Rural Exception Sites (RES). The letter seemed to imply that HDC could sanction small housing developments under IPG or RES even if the NP was in place. The letter also suggests a meeting to clarify any issues and **RB** will arrange a meeting.

DP had been to a presentation on the issues and options consultation on the HDC Local Plan. He will complete a response on behalf of AWPC based on the work done on the NP to date. Copies are available for any individual who wishes to take part in the consultation – closing date 19 February 2016. HDC have also published a new document, the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), which will inform the new Local Plan.

The NP Group had again met with Fiona Coleman (Broadacres) and visited all 4 sites still available. She had given her opinion on the pros and cons of each. **DP** and Dick Simpson had also met with a colleague of Dick's, David Rhodes, who is a property developer. Mr Rhodes had offered to undertake an economic evaluation of the preferred site, at no charge, to the NP Group. A meeting between him and the landowner will be arranged..

- b) **Drainage at Village Farm & Beech House – KB** is awaiting a response from Yorkshire Water on this issue as there is still a dispute as to whose responsibility this matter is. Request to be made to NYCC for a plan of surface water drainage in the village - **KB** to request this. **LS** has sent information to YLCA as requested and awaiting response still.
- c) **Feedback on correspondence to Yorkshire Water and anyone wishing to carry out work on Village Green** – still awaiting response from K Bazeley.
- d) **Maintenance and general up keep of the village and grass cutting** – Simon Golding requested extended grass cutting, early start and for the first and last cuts to be picked up. **KS** will look into the cost of a surface to go on the areas of the village green that are getting dug up with vehicles crossing that will allow grass to grow up through. A village tidy up day has been decided for the 19th March. Simon Golding will communicate this. There have also been cases of Dog fouling in the church yard again. Simon Golding also voiced a concern in relation to flooding on Hornby Road – he will report this matter to highways.
- e) **Post Office** – Concern expressed about the future of the post office, it has been

designated as a community post office and we are a secondary village because of having a post office and shop. Concern about how long it will be before it reopens or indeed if ever.

f) Report on progress and outstanding matters from previous meetings –

g) Matters arising for information only –

Discussion regarding opt out of the Audit – a vote will be taken on this matter at the March meeting.

RB & LS to apply for a grant to support small authorities to purchase a new laptop for the Parish Council.

Gill Rawling attended to enquire if the Parish Council insurance covered the Scarecrow Festival. **RB & LS** to respond.

5. Correspondence

- a. YLCA e-mails – issued as they arrive
- b. E-mail from Ann Wilkinson regarding Queens Birthday – **KB** to contact Ann Wilkinson and ask for the list of requirements for a street party.
- c. No other correspondence

6. Circulars

No Circulars issued.

7. Planning Matters

- a) No Planning matters.

8. Financial matters

- a) Agreed to pay Appleton Wiske Village Hall £8.00 for January Meeting – BACS payment
- b) Agreed to pay PKF Littlejohn LLP £120.00 for audit of accounts – BACS payment
- c) Agreed to pay SLCC £77.00 membership fee – BACS payment
- d) Any other financial matters

9. Reports from Representatives

Minibus update – we have a loan of a 14 seater minibus from NYCC until we get the new minibus.

Community Car Scheme – awaiting response from volunteer bureau on article for the village newsletter.

10. AOB for information or December agenda

- **All Councillors to provide LS** with articles for newsletter by the agreed quarterly deadlines of 15th April, 15th July, 15th October & 15th January

11. Public Comment

No public comment.

Meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

Next meeting Monday 07 March 2016.