

Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 06 June 2016 that commenced at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllrs Ruth Barker (Chair), Ken Blackwood, Derek Partington, Kim Smith, Paula Gudger, Leonie Smith (Clerk), Cllr Tim Swales and Cllr Steve Watson.

1. Public Comment

5 Members of the public present

2. Apologies and Declaration of interest for any agenda item

Cllr Jane Strickland, Barry Pope
No declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the May 2016 meeting

Minutes of the May 2016 meeting were agreed and signed off

4. Matters Arising

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan – DP** had previously circulated notes of a meeting held with Rob Atkinson, Derek McKenzie and Peter Jones (HDC) and Dick Simpson on 19 May 2016. Mr Atkinson's developer had submitted an outline plan showing a development covering the whole field, with the potential for 20 – 25 dwellings. The plan included off street parking, open green space and emergency access to and from Hunters Ride. He said that a 1 acre site is not viable with 10 dwellings of which 4 affordable - the same conclusion had been reached by an independent planner who had been helping the NP Group. **DP** and **RS** had said at the meeting that they did not believe this number of houses would be acceptable to the Parish and Mr McKenzie was asked to consider what may be a minimum viable number, possibly with a lower percentage of affordable housing. The meeting also discussed possible access from Front Street, over Village Green, as this had been suggested by a parishioner at the Annual Parish Assembly. Mr McKenzie thought this may be a possible option. He suggested a further consultation exercise held in the Village Hall where he could outline the plan to villagers and canvas their opinions. He had asked the NP Group/Parish Council to facilitate this.

KB commented that access can not go across Village Green as the legislation that would allow this was withdrawn some years ago, although he believed the existing route could be used for access to parking. If this was to be allowed then there should be a formal agreement to ensure that this is not just a temporary measure and ownership should be with AWPC or HDC. He did not agree with the size of the development and said that if consultation is offered then we should not be seen to be favouring one developer over another. He asked why the Shorthorn site should not be included. **DP** noted the Shorthorn development was not put forward when the NP group called for sites. Sites which were put forward for inclusion in the NP had been assessed from a planning perspective, firstly by UPS Planning Consultants and then by HDC Planning. This had resulted in two preferred sites being selected and these had been the subject of consultation with the Parish in 2015. This had resulted in Mr Atkinson's site being selected and Mr Atkinson wished to work with the NP Group/Parish Council to reach a solution which was acceptable to all. **DP** also noted that neither had the Shorthorn site been offered as part of HDC's Call for Sites to support their developing Local Plan. It was agreed that **DP** go back to David McKenzie to ask that he arrange a consultation for members of the Parish to

give their views.

DP asked **KB** to give councillors details of the legislation that he referred to regarding access over Village Green.

KB has stated that he will actively oppose the development and will do so prior to the consultation if this is to go ahead, as an individual and not as a representative of AWPC.

- b) **Post Office** – **DP** has spoken to Yvonne who has been asked to send dimensions of the shop and sign an agreement with regard to running the post office. She has asked how she can sign an agreement when she has not been offered a job. AWPC to send a letter inviting the Post Office to attend a meeting to put to the PC what is happening with this situation - **LS** and **RB** to carry this out. **LS** has completed the paperwork regarding registering as a community asset.
- c) **Allocation of responsibilities** – List was updated and copy to be emailed with the minutes.
- d) **Byelaws** – The issue of Byelaws was raised approx 20 years ago by P Smith – Clerk to PC - (also involved in the ARA) due to dog fouling on the playing field and caravans parked on the field. There was no legislation to prohibit it. This then went to HDC and the Deputy Prime Ministers department – was amended to be bought in line with this but was then lost. **KB** was taking basic byelaws and was trying to get it introduced into the Department for the Environment. Dave Goodwin has said that they are fine and no need to resubmit to HDC and can simply submit to Dept of Environment. ARA has asked for consultation on this matter as they were unsure who would be responsible for policing this. Ask advice from Gary Nelson (cc Dave Goodwin) on this matter.
- e) **ARA progression** –
 - a. Removal of tree stumps at the rear of the tennis courts – Kristian Stephenson will look to do this for us using his mini digger.
 - b. Security of the Gate – ARA to speak to Nev Gill and get his thoughts on what we can do/weld to this that cannot just be cut with bolt cutters. The ARA will find this.
 - c. Recycling area fence – request that we have approval to remove this as we believe it will act as a shelter for people when we already know we have a problem with drug misuse. Also may encourage fly tipping in this area as out of site. All agreed that the fence could be removed other than the section that runs along the hedges and level with the gate. This also allows for extra car parking to remove the need to open the gate. Also in the Autumn to ask Paul Robson to cut the hedge down to half its existing height, to open this area up further so that passersby can see what's going on. This hopefully may inhibit antisocial behaviour.
 - d. Flower bed next to recycling – request to remove this once the fence is taken down to allow for another car parking space, kerbing will be reinstated further back. This bed is particularly difficult to dig over. **DP** will speak with Simon Golding.
 - e. Tennis Court Fence – the ARA are currently working hard to try and secure funding to replace the Tennis Court fence, gates and locks. Already secured a £5,000 grant towards the £14,500 (excl VAT) that is required. Will keep AWPC up to date with how this progresses.
 - f. Clean up day at the Play park/tennis court area on 26th June in preparation for the Scarecrow festival.
 - g. ARA has been approached by an organisation with regard to putting a Mobile phone mast in the area to the rear of the Skate Park. They would make a lump sum donation to the ARA and cover all legal and planning costs. This is being investigated further.

- f) **Report on progress and outstanding matters from previous meetings –**
KS – were the flares ever sorted out for Venscott Easement. £20 per square metre and 10 – 15 square feet required. DP to speak with Simon Golding
 Extra meeting held on Tuesday 24 May to discuss the opting in/out of the auditing process and a majority vote to opt in was cast.
 LS has reported the section prior to Manor Farm on the Picton Road and been told that it is scheduled for work when the ground dries up – Ref 101003597431-1
- g) **Matters arising for information only –**
 No other matters arising.

5. Correspondence

- a. YLCA e-mails – issued as they arrive
- b. Email received from Mark and Nikki Easby re Stockton House, LS to provide form with regard to storage of items on village green
- c. Letter from AiB requesting support for funding of the beds at the village to planting at the village hall – agreed to donate £200.
- d. No other correspondence

6. Circulars

No Circulars issued.

7. Planning Matters

- a) Prior notification for a larger home extension to the rear of the dwelling house, extending 4.3m beyond the rear of the original dwelling 2.7 m fat the eaves, and a maximum height of 4.2m above Ground level – 10 Hunters Ride. – No observations
- b) No Planning matters.

8. Financial matters

- a. Agreed to pay Appleton Wiske Village Hall £10.00 for May Meeting – BACS payment
- b. Agreed to pay J & J Ground Maintenance £408.00 for Grass cutting in May – BACS payment
- c. Agreed to pay Alan Wilson £2,886 for Fence repairs – BACS payment
- d. Agreed to pay RGPS £331.20 for car parking signage – BACS payment
- e. Acknowledge receipt of £20 allotment rental from all tenants.
- f. Acknowledge receipt of £2,405 donation from ARA towards fence repairs
- g. Accounts for 2015/2016 agreed and signed off
- h. Any other financial matters

9. Reports from Representatives

- KB still awaiting the new minibus.
- The School has offered the post of Head Teacher, waiting for confirmation in writing.

10. AOB for information or July agenda

- Discussed offer of planting Oak Tree to commemorate the planting of the Oak Tree, Helen Arnold has approved it going in the School but **RB** thought that it was agreed that it was now going in the Church Yard.
- Queens Birthday BBQ – tickets sold so far approx 60.
- Steve Watson is no longer on the planning committee now on Licencing Committee and Portfolio holder for Environmental services, Refuse and Recycling.

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

11. Public Comment

Fly Tipping – this can be accessed through the internet.

Housing development – it was stated that a landowner had put forward the whole of his site as one of 496 sites offered to HDC in response to their Call for Sites to support the Local Plan. However, no formal planning application has been submitted and the landowner has said that he wants to work with the Parish so that what is proposed is acceptable. At present HDC can only give permission for a site with up to 5 dwellings under their Interim Planning Guidance. If the NP is developed, then it would supersede the IPG (Interim Planning Guidance) and a greater number of dwellings could be put forward. If the NP is not developed then the HDC Local Plan would come into force and this may recommend even more housing. HDC are very keen that Appleton Wiske should complete their NP and believe that a consultation with the developer was good way forward.

A comment was made that if it was agreed that 10 properties was the requirement, why would we accept 15 – 20 properties? It was reiterated that no agreement has been made and the Parish will decide what goes in the NP providing that due process is followed which will pass inspection by an independent planning officer.

The landowner's proposal was passed around to show that it was purely an outline at this stage – this will open for discussion at the consultation.

Shorthorn Development – this is outline planning at present and the PC have stated that as it stands it does not meet the NP requirements.

The NP Group have been given to understand that the strip between numbers 18 & 35 Hunters Ride is owned by NYCC Highways.

Meeting closed at 21:16 p.m.

Next meeting Monday 04 July 2016.