

## **DRAFT**

### **Minutes of the Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council Meeting** **Hovingham Village Hall Community Room** **7pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

#### **Present.**

Councillor I. Battersby, Councillor Mrs M. Bell, Councillor R. Matthews, Councillor R. Wainwright, Councillor M. Wilson. Clerk. Mrs S Wainwright.

North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Wood.

Residents. Mr K. Harrison, Mr R. Orange-Bromehead, Mr D. Richardson, Mrs M. Ross, Mr R. Thompson, Mrs M Wilson.

#### **Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence. Councillor P. Chapman, Councillor Mrs W. Swann

#### **Award**

- Councillor I. Battersby, as Acting Chairman, opened the meeting by congratulating the Market Group on being awarded the Duke of York's Community Initiative Award, given in respect of the commitment and dedication of all the volunteers who make the market a success. .
- Councillor Mrs M. Bell appealed for more volunteers to help with the market.
- The Chairman of the Market Group, Mr M. Bell, is to stand down in the New Year.

#### **REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS C. WOOD.**

North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Wood added her congratulations to Mr M. Bell and the Market Group.

#### **Shale Gas Extraction - 'Fracking'**

- Any decision to extract shale gas would be made locally.
- The AONB strongly believes Ryedale is not the right place to carry out extraction.
- Head of NYCC Planning Department, Ms Vicky Perkin, had given a factual presentation to the Parish Liaison Meeting at Ryedale House.
- There is an active anti-fracking movement but NYCC is unable to produce an expert to present the case for fracking.
- Suggest the clerk contact Miss A, McIntosh M.P. to ask if the government can put forward someone to present the case for 'fracking'.
- Third Energy has not made contact with NYCC for a year.

#### **Grass Cutting.**

- Parish Councils had been notified of the funding cuts.
- NYCC would continue to cut the grass at rural junctions.

#### **Buses.**

- A temporary contract is in place and the timetable is roughly the same.
- Tenders are to be submitted before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015.
- Currently there is no competition for the current contractors, Stephenson of Easingwold.
- There are no plans to change the current financial support.

#### **Libraries.**

- The future of libraries is under consultation.
- Possibility there may be 7 main libraries one in each of the seven main districts.
- The main library for this area would probably be in Malton with a second in Pickering.
- Other libraries might continue with volunteer support.

#### **Broad band**

- Everyone should be encouraged to take up the super fast broad band connection.

#### **Questions/Statements.**

Councillor Mrs M. Bell voiced her concerns as well as those of some residents.

- The the public had not be able to attend the Parish Liaison meeting at Ryedale House where

the NYCC Head of Planning had given a presentation on Shale Gas extraction.

- Not all information is being shared and in the public arena.
- The eventuality that Mr E. Pickles could be responsible in determining whether shale gas extraction takes place in Ryedale
- Sources of energy in the future.
- Will North Yorkshire like York City Council register opposition to 'fracking'?
- Parish Councils would support a public meeting to discuss the issues.

#### North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Wood

- A public meeting can be arranged by anyone.
- A written response from NYCC had be sent to the Parish Council.(circulated to Councillors)
- The time to arrange a public meeting would be when NYCC receives a planning application.
- Registering an opposition to 'fracking' would make no difference.
- NYCC Planning Committee have to look at every application with an open mind.
- The Member of Parliament would have more power of finding an expert to put forward the 'pro-fracking' argument.

#### Councillor R. Wainwright

- RDC is looking at holding an extraordinary meeting to determine an RDC view on 'fracking'.

#### Action

- Clerk to write to Miss A. McIntosh M.P. and ask if she, as the Chairman of the Environment Select Committee, could recommend someone who would present the pro-fracking point of view.
- Forward a copy of the letter from Brandon Lewis MP to North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Wood.

#### Councillor M. Wilson. Residents had expressed their concerns to him about:

- the installation of a short stretch of kerb between Hovingham and Coulton.
- diversion signs erected but not removed at the end of the day
- the amount of money spent.
- the time it has taken i.e. approximately 5 weeks.

#### North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Wood.

- NYCC Highways and Council have been very disappointed with the current contractor.
- The lack of diligence over the cancelling of diversion signs is not a new problem.
- Apologies for the length of time the work has taken and will pass the message on.
- Will find out why the work was deemed necessary now.

Councillor I. Battersby thanked North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Wood. for her report and for answering questions. She then left the meeting.

#### **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR R. WAINWRIGHT.**

- Council Tax is likely to rise by 1.99% in April.
- Fees and Charges are likely to go up between 0% and 4%.
- Currently two legal enquiries are taking place as follows Kirkbymoorside – Gladman. Wentworth Street, Malton – Fitzwilliam Estate.
- Terrington is not a service village so any new build housing would have a local housing occupancy clause. Hovingham as a service village can have 30 free market properties over the period of the Local Plan.

#### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

- Councillor Mrs M. Bell asked that amendments be made to the DRAFT minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- It was agreed that amendments be made, circulated and presented at the next meeting for approval.

#### **ACTIONS**

To deal with matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting and new actions (bold)

## **General (Hovingham & Scackleton)**

### **Dogs.**

- Comprehensive information had been made available on the notice boards and in the Newsletter.

### **Grass cutting.**

- Details had been received of the areas to be cut by NYCC.
- Contribution of £57 from NYCC towards grass cutting in Hovingham and Scackleton 2015/16 as opposed to £1553 in 2014/15.
- Councillor M. Wilson to consult J. E. Clifford and Sons about a final cut if weather permits.

### **Highways**

- Councillors had met officers from the Highways Department to point out areas of work on Church Street that they considered unsatisfactory and incomplete.

### **TESLA Donation**

- All the groups had been consulted and all had accepted a share of the money.

### **“Open and Accountable Local Government”**

- It was agreed to look at the RDC policy to inform and produce an action plan.

### **Police**

- Continue to have a visible presence in the village.
- Mobile Unit to visit 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014, Village Hall car park 4.30pm to 7pm.

### **Scackleton**

**Action Group Report.** Nothing to report.

**Dog Bins** In place and in use.

**Scackleton Lake.** The area of concern had been filled with hard core by person/s unknown.

### **Hovingham**

**Action Group Report** (attached)

- Church Clock. Work due to be finished week ending 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**War Memorial** Presented by Mr R. Orange-Bromehead and Mr R. Thompson.

- Proposal by the Hovingham branch of the British Legion to fix 16 ceramic plaques to the war memorial in the church yard, each giving details of the person who lost their life in WW1 or WW2.
- Mr R. Thompson explained that it was the intention to consult with the community for their views and not to carry out the work in a covert way.
- Additional work to make the memorial more accessible by installing steps in the perimeter wall was being investigated. Council members pointed out that the removal of part of the wall would require planning permission and disabled access should be considered.

### **Action**

Councillor I. Battersby proposed, Councillor M. Wilson seconded and it was agreed to support the proposal in principle, of improving the war memorial in accordance with the drawing provided. Mr R. Orange-Bromehead and Mr R. Thompson then left the meeting.

**Buses -New Contract from 3<sup>rd</sup> November.** See North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Wood's Report.

**Maintenance Cemetery Gates and Wall Repairs. Rail Painting.**

- The railings and cemetery gates have been painted.
- Five eighths of the work to the cemetery wall is complete.

**Notice Board** – Hovingham

- Estimate for the repair £334.28 + VAT from Mr A. Thackray.
- The purchase of a new board of similar size and quality would be in the region of £1,400.

### **Action.**

Councillor R. Wainwright proposed, Councillor M. Wilson seconded that Mr A. Thackray be asked to carry out the repairs. This was agreed.

### Pasture Lane Development.

- Most of the properties have been sold.
- Understood that the final pair to be built would be occupied before Christmas.
- Councillor M. Wilson pointed out that the development had not generated the anticipated additional pupils at the school.

### Action

The clerk to ask the developer when the footpath giving the residents access to Main Street would be completed.

### Village Hall Car Park Maintenance.

- The weeding and hedge cutting had been carried out.

### Seats.

- Village seats to be brought in Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November.
- It was agreed to ask Mr J. Anderson to carry out any maintenance required.

## **FINANCE**

### Financial Update (attached)

Proposed Expenditure. It was agreed to make the following payments.

- Weeding and Hedge Maintenance village hall. £115
- Plants and compost for flower tubs £50
- Purchase replacement flower tub for Market Green. £34.99.
- Scackleton Dog Bins £274.

### Precept for 2015-2016

- The Treasurer, Councillor P. Chapman, had suggested that no increase be made to the 2015/16 Precept. Councillor R. Wainwright proposed Councillor I. Battersby seconded and it was unanimously agreed that there be no increase in the 2015/15 Precept.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- No applications to be considered.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** Not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Hovingham Playground. Letter of thanks for contribution to the insurance and for forwarding the sixth share of the contribution from TESLA

Miss A. McIntosh MP x 2 NYCC (see report from NYCC Mrs C. Wood.)

Ian Kaye, Bracken Lodge. Proposed Planning Application. No application received by Parish Council.

- Councillor R. Matthews explained that a survey had been carried out and identified a suitable site for a mobile 'phone mast on land at Scackleton Wood Yard.
- The company would make any application to RDC.
- The Parish Council would be asked to comment.
- If approved the company would rent the mast out.

### Maggie Farey Village Agents Scheme.

- It was agreed that both villages already have good neighbour networks.

### Hovingham School Federation Consultation

- Councillor M. Wilson outlined the background and explained the process of the proposal that, Hovingham School and St Hilda's School, Ampleforth have one Governing Body.
- Open meetings to discuss the consultation. Hovingham School 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Ampleforth School 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- Consultation ends 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Malton and Norton Lion's Club Christmas Sleigh to visit Hovingham 3rd December.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

### **Dates for the next Parish Council Meetings.**

**2015** – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> May (post election), 8<sup>th</sup> July (Scackleton), 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov