

Minutes of the Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council Meeting held in Hovingham Village Hall Community Room at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd September.

Present. Councillor P. Chapman, Chairman. Councillor I. Battersby, Councillor R. Matthews, Councillor M. Wilson.

Clerk. Mrs S. Wainwright

Electors. Mr D. Richardson, Mr R. Thompson

Apologies

Councillor Mrs W. Swann, Councillor Ms M. Gripaios, Councillor R. Wainwright. North Yorkshire County Councillor Mrs C. Wood.

Ryedale Community Transport.

- Mr R. Thompson outlined the service provided by Ryedale Community Transport who use volunteer drivers.
- More volunteers are needed. Volunteer drivers using their own cars receive a payment of 45p per mile. The service is now free for those attending medical appointments.
- Anyone interested should be contacted Ryedale Community Transport 01653 699059. Information leaflets are available from the clerk or Mr R. Thompson.
- Ryedale Community Transport accepted the offer of a Community Stall at the December Market and a promotional article in the next Newsletter has been arranged.
- Mr R. Thompson then left the meeting.

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE.

PC 1922 Nick Coning, Southern Ryedale Beat Manager and PCSO 4873 Nicki Pounder outlined changes the Police Force will be adopting in relation to technology. The issues discussed were;

- Anti-social behaviour
- Unsolicited telephone calls and fraudulent tradesmen.
- Speeding
- Poachers and Coursers
- Theft
- PCSO Nicki Pounder gave information about the True Call box. It is to help those who, for whatever reason, are unable to deal with nuisance calls. The box is fitted to the telephone and re-directs these calls to a family member or neighbour.
- Councillor P. Chapman had just received details of the traffic survey carried out in August by the NYFRS. Over the twelve days 52,000 traffic movements had been recorded. Further analysis of the information would be submitted to the police to help progress the registered interest in Community Speed Watch when it is introduced in the Scarborough/Ryedale area.
- Reminder to lock things away as thefts increase during the dark winter nights and to ring 101 about any criminal or suspicious behaviour.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- Councillor I. Battersby proposed and Councillor R. Matthews seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2015 be signed as a true record.

GENERAL (Hovingham & Scackleton)

Grass Cutting

- There had been positive feedback on the appearance of the bottom green.
- Grass at the end of (New) Pasture Lane is currently private property, the situation may change if this is adopted by NYCC.
- Concerns about areas in Scackleton and Hovingham had been reported to the contractor. Parked cars may have caused problems for the contractor.

Police - Community Speed Watch - See above

Village Seats

- It was agreed the seats be brought in and put under cover for winter.
- The clerk to arrange for maintenance to be carried out.

SCACKLETON

Action Group Report - No report available.

HOVINGHAM

Action Group Report - Attached.

Cemetery Wall Repairs - Nothing to report.

Tree on Cemetery Path

- The last tree on the path to the cemetery has been trimmed.
- Currently it is firm but is leaning over the path and may need attention in the near future.

Pasture Lane

- All dwellings are now occupied.
- RDC Enforcement Officers are to investigate the provision of the wearing surface of the road and pavements
- Once the road is completed the process of adoption by NYCC can begin.
- Until the road is adopted any responsibility lies with the developer and home owners.

Hand Rail – York Hill

- No date can be confirmed for this work to be carried out.
- The clerk had been informed that the fence between the Stone House and the village hall was the responsibility of the village hall. Clerk to contact Hovingham Estate to clarify the problem.

Use of Village Green

- The Parish Council is the Guardian Trustee of the ‘top green’. Anyone wishing to use the facility should in the first instance contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.
- Replacement/repair of posts on the top green. Nothing to report.

Flood Emergency Plan

- A review needs to be made of the current plan and a new guardian found for the plan to take over from Mr D Richardson, who is thanked for his significant efforts creating this plan.
- The chairman proposed that Councillor Ms M. Gripaios be asked to find a qualified resident to take over, as she has first-hand experience of the problems.

Grit Bins

- A meeting is to be arranged with NYCC Highways to discuss the provision of grit bins/heaps.

Play Ground Parking

- Comments continue to be received regarding parking around the Playground entrance
- As previously agreed; the solution relies on the sensible and considerate parking of vehicles by their owners at this location and throughout the village.

Tennis Club proposal to apply for flood lights

- It was agreed that the application could be made in the name of the Parish Council but without prejudice.

Beck maintenance

- Water is being held up in the village and is altering the pattern of flow. Councillor M. Wilson had contacted the Environment Agency. They plan to carry out work in the next 2/3 weeks.

FINANCE

Budget update - Attached

Audit Report

- This had been received and there were no matters that gave the auditors cause for concern.
- The Annual Return is available for inspection by applying to the Clerk to the Parish Council.
- Copies can be provided on payment of £5.

Proposal to purchase winter grit

- Councillor I. Battersby proposed and Councillor P. Chapman seconded the proposal to increase the budget to £300. This was agreed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS All information previously circulated. Available on RDC website. To view hard copies contact Parish Clerk.

- Felicity Hirst **15/00671/HOUSE** Souters Cottage, Brookside, Hovingham. YO62 4LG **Approved 7th August.**
- Sir William Worsley. **15/00675/HOUSE** Erection of building to house wood pellet biomass boiler and pellet fuel store to serve Hovingham Hall. Comments by 6th September 2015.
- Hovingham Estate. **15/00850/FUL** Received 27.08.2015. **WITHDRAWN**

CORRESPONDENCE (Not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

Letter of thanks for donation to charity fund from RDC Chairman.

Councillor Ms M. Gripaios

- Wished to highlight her concern about the latest round of fracking licenses in the area and suggested residents contact our County Councillor to oppose the planning application.
- This was noted by the meeting

Mr R. Orange-Bromehead

- The update and progress on refurbishment of the War Memorial in church yard had been circulated.
- The Parish Council had no objections to the make-up of the plaques.
- Consultation with a wider audience, via say the Village Newsletter, should be encouraged especially relatives of the service-men.

Local Plan Consultation

- To be received by the end of the month.
- RDC is not going to provide officer support to any public meetings.
- The Council agreed that it is essential all residents are aware of the proposed 20 year Local Plan and the sites proposed for inclusion, and that any residents wanting to make submissions should be informed of the consultation taking place.
- Plans to ensure that all residents know about the consultation were discussed. It was agreed that, once the Local Plan is received, the best way forward could be to distribute the information via the News Letter circulation. The cost could be in the region of £50.

Mr F Colenso

- Asked to make a 20min presentation of the findings from Frack Free Ryedale's recent traffic study in Hovingham and their estimation of the impact traffic generated by the proposed fracking, with the opportunity to follow this with a 10min Q&A session.
- Due to time pressures at this meeting this could not take place at this meeting and hard copies of this report are now being distributed to all residents with the October Village Newsletter.
- Residents and Councillors are encouraged to contact Mr F Colenso directly if they have any questions, or want to discuss the findings further.
- The Council unanimously emphasised their opposition to the proposed fracking and the potential industrialisation and heavy traffic this would cause, encouraging Residents and Councillors to contact our County Councillor Mrs C Wood with their opinions on this matter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Plaque in memory of Mr S. Ellis. The Parish Council had no objection to a plaque being placed by the tree planted in memory of Mr S. Ellis.

Date of the next Parish Council Meetings.

2015 – 11th Nov