## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 At 7.30pm. in Arkendale Community Hall

Present: Cllr P Topham, Cllr P Houseman, Cllr S Shipman, Cllr D Bailey, Cllr M Robertshaw

NYCC Cllr R Windass,

In Attendance: Mrs G Bartle (Clerk), Zoe Hartley-Metcalfe (New Clerk)

7 members of the Public

**2013.121 Apologies** 

Cllr Anthony Alton

2013.122 **Declarations of Interest** – There were none

2013.123 Minutes of the Previous Meeting –

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2013.124 **Public Participation** – nothing was raised at this time.

## 2013.125 Planning Decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council

1. There were none

## 2013.126 Planning Applications dealt with between meetings

- Application 6.87.37.FUL 14/00321/FUL Erection of single storey extension at 9 Green Lane, Coneythorpe No Objections
- Application 6.87.16.E.DVCON 14/00663/DVCON
   Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 6.87.16.D.FUL to allow the repositioning of vehicle access gates at Clareton Farm, Clareton Lane, Coneythorpe
   No Objections
- Application 6.78.90.PNG 14/00630/PNG
   Prior notification for a flexible use of agricultural building to B1 Business and D2 Assembly & Leisure at Castle Farm, Hay a Park, Knaresborough
   No objections but with a note about possibility of time restrictions due to noise and the direction of the prevailing winds.

### 2013.127 Planning Applications

There were none

#### 2013.128 Finance

- 1. Payment of Fee for Training Course Cllr Robertshaw £50.00
- 2. Payment of Fee for Clerk Advert with YLCA £15.00
- 3. Payment of Clerks Salary for February & March £200.70
- 4. Payment of Clerks Expenses to 12.03.14 £25.70
- 5. Payment for Refreshments £9.39

Review of Current Financial position of the Council

## 2013.129 Reports from Other Councillors

Cllr. R. Windass reported on matters from NYCC & HBC relating to the parishes covered by the Parish Council.

HBC are not introducing any increase to Council Tax or any cuts in services.

NYCC had informed that there would be an increase in Council Tax of just under 2%. And there would be some cuts to services.

There was no further news on the incinerator at Allerton Park.

Area 6 – A new system had been introduced for the reporting of Highways issues. Cllr Robertshaw has taken on the responsibility of dealing with this on behalf of the Parish. There is a need for road repairs but not a lot of money available. The Council have to find reductions of 92 million in this financial year and 74 million in the future.

The Tour de France is expected to bring 100,000 people to Harrogate over the two days. There will be some road closures for up to 8 hours prior to and during the race. Skipton Road and the A59 will be affected.

## 2013.130 Allerton Waste Recovery Park: (minute 2011.73 refers)

Cllr. Topham provided an update on the current situation. There was not a lot happening currently. The PC Group have 5 applications in against NYCC with Europe but progress is slow. There are also application in with the local government ombudsman.

### 2013.131 Resignation of Clerk

The current clerk has tendered her resignation but will complete the audit and year end. The Council welcomed Zoe Hartley-Metcalfe who will be the new clerk.

### 2013.132 **Planning Training – Cllr Shipman**

Cllr Shipman attended a Training Course on Planning held by YLCA. Cllr Shipman reported that the course had proved very useful.

#### 2013.133 YLCA

Cllr Topham outlined for those present what the YLCA did and the services they provided and advised that the YLCA publication 'White Rose Update' as a useful source of information. Cllr Topham had also attended recent YLCA area meetings and found those very informative.

#### 2013.134 Commuted Sums

A quotation had been submitted by the Church for new external lighting. Nothing had been heard back from HBC.

## 2013.135 Boroughbridge Area Joint Parish Council Meeting 13h March

Our parish had received an invite to this group which meets 4 times per year and Cllr Topham had agreed to attend and report back.

#### 2013.136 Church War Memorial & War Graves

Cllr Robertshaw had submitted a pre-application with the War Memorials Trust and sent photos and information.

He was also investigating help available through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

## 2013.137 Road Safety – Junction on Lower Arkendale – Where it exits 'The Reins' on to Moor Lane.

This was brought up at the Area Six Meeting, which was attended by Cllrs Topham and Robertshaw and this area had been reported under the new Highways Reporting Scheme.

#### 2013.138 Cherry Trees on the Greens

These had been replaced by HBC with Hornbeam Trees.

The Council extended a note of thanks to Cllr Alton for his assistance with this.

### 2013.139 Benches on the Green and in the Churchyard.

The Clerk had contacted Area 6 and HBC to enquire if they knew anything of its whereabouts. Both had responded that they had no knowledge of the benches and so it was determined that both must have been stolen.

#### 2013.140 Village Spring Cleans

Cllr Topham had booked the equipment from HBC and these would take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Arkendale and 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Coneythorpe.

#### 2013.141 The Bluebell

Cllr Topham had contacted Richard Sykes and was awaiting a response regarding timescales and a timetable for the works to be carried out.

## 2013.142 Holgate Bridge

This is still being monitored by NYCC but it is not expected that anything will be done until further deterioration is apparent.

### 2013.143 Correspondence:

- 1. Notification of Harrogate Branch Meeting of YLCA on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- 2. Notification of Local & Family History Day 15th March 2014
- 3. Notification of Minerals & Waste Joint Plan Consultation
- 4. Receipt of Register of Electors
- 5. Notification of North Yorkshire County Area Committee Meeting 27th February 2014
- 6. Notification of Boroughbridge Area Joint Parish Council Meeting 13h March 2014

## 2013.144 Reports from Representatives of Other Organisations

Alan Stokes – Chairman of Arkendale Community Hall informed the meeting that there had been a number of very successful events at the Hall and that the Hall continued to prosper with some events being over-subscribed.

### 2013.145 Matters for inclusion on the Next Agenda

Question of only one signatory on cheques

Question of Electronic payments

Register of Interests to be looked at in September

Boroughbridge Area Joint Parish Council Meeting 13h March 2014

Church War memorial & War Graves

**Commuted Sums** 

Grass cutting

YLCA

## 2013.146 Date & Time of Next Meeting

To confirm that the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and will also include the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm. In the Community Hall, Arkendale. It was also agreed to change the date of AGM of the Parish Council to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May and this would be held in the Church at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.