



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
18th September 2019

	Present
Parish Councillors:	J Kennedy; I Marr; N Pocklington; J Asquith; R Ryde
District Councillors:	M Barningham
County Councillor:	A Wilkinson
Apologies:	K Whittaker; J. Weighell; C Les; J. Noone

Public Question Time Notes:

The Chairman introduced himself at 7pm and offered time for open question to the public.

Question:

- Members from the HUB wanted to know about meetings and information discussed by Councillors outside the parish meeting concerning the issue of the request for funding? They also requested details about the letter stating the request was for £4000 when it was only a £1000 and how £4500 had been recorded as donations to them They also wanted to know why further Councillors to attend their meetings would be beneficial?

Answer

- The Chair stated that there had been no formal meetings regarding the matter of the request. The only meeting was with the clerk to respond to your letter. The clerk apologies for a typing error of £4000 when it should have read £1000. The Clerk stated that she had checked the previous accounts and the amount was noted as payment to them. The Chair also stated that Leeming Bar Councillors could attend their meetings as it would give them an insight into the work that the Hub is doing and ensure the parish is kept up to date with developments.

Question:

- Carol Gill stated she was disappointed and wanted to know why she had not being advised until the decision was closed about the Wilbert Farm Site development?

Answer

- The Chair stated that the Parish Council had only got to know via residents and the clerk had to contact Hambleton District Council to get information that had not been sent to us. That is certainly a consultation error and HDC have been notified accordingly. The Chair had attended the site visit and was unhappy with various aspects of the officer's report including Highways identification that only an extra 30 movements a day on 106 houses, flooding issues, affordable housing reduction; and other aspects of the plans. The case had caused discussion from various member of the public that felt HDC had not consulted or taken into account any of the observations or comments made. MB started that the once the decision is made on Thursday the only route would be via a Judicial Review which would be extremely costly. JA is to speak for the Parish at the HDC meeting on Thursday.

Question

- Can you advise what the Parish stance is on the proposed new industrial site?

Answer

- The Chair stated that the parish did not support the current plans and had completed the local plan comments and had made it clear that they were not in favour of the proposed site. However, there had not been any formal proposal or planning put to the parish at this stage.

The Chair closed the public session and opened the Parish Meeting at 7.25pm.

57. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

58. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest received.

59. Minutes from all meetings dated 17th July 2019

Resolved: All the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

60. Matters Arising / Action from last meeting not on this agenda.

All matters are on the agenda

61. Parish Vacancies

1. Aiskew

The Chair stated that there was some interested and this would be resolved asap.

Ongoing

62. External Sector Reports

1) Police Report

A report was circulated and noted.

2) District Council Report

Cllr MB reported:

- a) The UCI race on the 25th September and the A684 road through Leeming Bar and Aiskew would be closed from 11-15.45pm. Bin collections on that day will move to the following day and collection days thereafter a day later. He expected Bus services to be suspended for that day.
- b) There is a consultative portal for the HDC 2020/21 budget.
- c) There is a new app for booking via the Zest at Leisure centres
- d) The Hambleton District council Cremation is being developed around the Skipton on Swale area.
- e) The old Lambert Hospital has been given over to hospice / respite care together with a £90K donation.

3) County Council Report

Cllr AW stated on the following:

- a) NYCC has agreed to the roundabouts markings.
- b) Signage for Aiskew has been agreed around the White Bear in Bedale and another one possible on Leases road (that is still to be decided). The Chair requested a firm proposal from the County Council to provide comments.

63. Local External Committee Reports

1) HUB

A report had been received giving details of various events and issues that are relevant to the parish.

The Polar Express evenings on the 13th and 19th October is likely to generate a lot of interest. There was some concern about parking at this event and others provided by Wensleydale Railway. The parish was assured that every endeavour will be made to ensure cars do not cause problems for residents. It was suggested that cones along Leases Road would help manager parking.

64. Strategic Plans by Hambleton District

Discussed during open question time.

The clerk had produced a hardcopy of the Local Infrastructure Plan for councillors to read.

On going

65. **Business Plan 2019/20**

The clerk reported that she is still waiting for input from councillors.
Cllr JA stated she will work with the clerk to get this completed.

Action: Clerk to organise a meeting.

66. **Planning Applications and Decisions**

1. Wilbert Farm Development

Discussed fully during open question time.

Cllr NP requested Cllr MB to reiterate the parish concerns on the following:

- Design and size of some houses
- Play area position
- Lack of pavements on lane for pedestrians
- Lack of affordable housing
- Highways calculations appear to be completely wrong.

2. 19/00174/ADV

Simply Dutch – consent to adverts - **Granted**

3. 19/00173/ FUL

Simply Dutch – Cladding to front of shop - **Granted**

4. 19/00122/FUL

The Greyhound, Aiskew demolition and plan for two dwellings – **Refused**

5. Tree Preservation order 2019 No15

The only observation was that a number of trees in that area need pruning and there is at least one dead tree.

Action: Clerk to report observations on Item 1 and 5

67. **Playgrounds**

1. Kingfisher

The new equipment has been installed and is looking good.

Resolved

2. Freeman's Way Play Area

The clerk report that there had been a number of antisocial behavioural activities on the park. There has been two separate incidents of criminal damage (reported to the police).

- The first damage was to a cross beam on the Tunnel Slide which will cost to repair £300.

Agreed

- The Top beam on the Zip wire has been damaged and the seat removed for safety. Cost still to be advised.

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting for Cllrs JA/ NP / IM

68. **Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees**

1. Maps

Chair stated that the parish had purchased a large scale map to help with the grass cutting tendering.

2. Income from NYCC

The Clerk stated that a sum of £577.50 had been invoiced for the grassing cutting for NYCC.

3. Contracts -(Present / Tender)

The Chair requested a sub group to work towards a new tender document. It was also suggested that the group working on the Playgrounds could combine both actions.

Agreed - Ongoing actions

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting for Cllrs JA/ NP / IM.

4. Trees

The Chair stated that he had received some concerns about the trees on the foot path opposite the Garage. A number of the trees are over grown or dead but do appear to be on the preservation order discussed earlier.

See item 66.5.

Action: Clerk to contact Footpath Officer NYCC regarding the current state of the trees in that area.

5. Freemans way – Hedges

The RAF have been contacted and are awaiting a response.

**Action: Cllr JK to advise clerk if hedge has been trimmed.
Clerk to contact again if still not cut.**

69. **Highways**

1. UCI Race

Discussed by Cllr MB in item

2. Vegetation over hanging on Bedale Road (NP)

We have been assured by NYCC that they will follow this up. Cutting of hedges is not allowed until after end of August.

Resolved

3. Response on 20mph on Leeming Lane (JK)

Cllr JK requested clerk to chase Jon Hunter about them logging speeds on Leeming lane near to the school.

Action: Clerk to email Jon Hunter

4. Grit Bins

All councillors agreed Bins required where previously stated.

Action: Clerk to confirm

5. Contacted Public right of way section NYCC

Action: Clerk to contact Footpath Officer at NYCC regarding gate on the Sand Hill Lane end of footpath behind park and houses to prevent horses being ridden on the footpath.

6. Portland and Plews Way

Highways stated pot holes to be filled and resurfacing due if possible before the end of the financial year.

Resolved

70. **Bedale Hall**

No action required.

Cllr JA – wanted it noted that she and other residents were not happy that Bedale Town Council and the Bedale Hall management committee had decided to go ahead with the parking changes.

Resolved

71. **Staffing / Clerk Issues**

1. Clerks Hours

The Chair stated it was obvious that the clerk was being requested to do additional hours and had agreed with the councillor on staff sub group to increase her hours by 2 hrs per week.

Resolved

2. Training on VAT -13th Nov in Sheffield YLCA

The Chair stated that the clerk had requested to attend a training course on VAT in Sheffield.

Agreed

72. **Financial Matters**

1. Current account balance
The Clerk advised the current status.
2. S106 Money - HDC
The Chair requested that clerk seek information about the funds and advice at the next meeting.
Action: Clerk to action as noted.
3. Payments
 - Clerks wages
 - HMRC
 - Catholic Church Hall for meetings
 - PKF Littlejohn – Audit
 - Streetscape
 - Farm and Land Services (confidential issue resolved)**Resolved**
4. Bank Mandate
Completed awaiting confirmation from Barclays

73. **Correspondence / Information / Other Business**

1. Simply Dutch
Discussed state of the area around Simply Dutch.
Action: Clerk to email again to clarify the position
2. Notice Boards
The Chair stated we have a suitable noticeboard. However considerations will be taken into account if or when the parish purchases another one.
3. Christmas Festival
A small donation was requested.
Agreed
4. Co-op Front
Cllr JK to approach the Co-op and clarify the person / company responsible for keeping the gardens at the front of the shop tidy.
Action: Clerk / Cllr JK to liaise regarding letter to relevant source.

74. **AOB / Urgent Matt**

1. Water Tank
This has been capped by HDC
Resolved
2. Speeding on Leases Road
See item 63
Resolved

Agenda items
for 16th October 2019 should be sent to the Clerk by Thursday 10th October 2019

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....