

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

1 JULY 2008

Present: Councillors: Mrs J Craven, P Crompton, P Daniels, J Garthwaite, Mrs C Norris, J Peebles (Chairman), D Pimm, Mrs C Platten, A Roe

District Councillors: Mrs J Drysdale

Apologies: Councillors Mrs M Skinner and K Wainwright, District Councillors Denson and Colley.

111/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted.

112/08 AGENDA

The Chairman asked Members to take items 13 and 14 immediately to allow the Responsible Financial Officer to leave the meeting early.

113/08 VILLAGE INSTITUTE MATTERS

Village Institute Trustees' minutes dated 3 June 2008 had been circulated.

Resolved: That the minutes be accepted as a true record.

114/08 FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the following for payment:

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Parish Clerk salary + expenses June/July 2008	736.21
Responsible Financial Officer salary June/July 2008	367.96
Hinchliffe Associates	175.00
Xerox	22.17
Multi-Visuals	32.00
Inland Revenue	332.53
WY Police – Safe Scheme	1,000.00

The Responsible Financial Officer also noted that the annual accounts had been sent to Mazars for auditing.

Resolved: That the accounts be approved for payment.

115/08 FINANCIAL MATTERS: GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE TEDDY BEAR CLUB

Members considered an application from the Teddy Bear Club for a grant towards their insurance and rent.

Resolved: That the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 should incur the following expenditure, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of the amount set out below.

Grant towards insurance and rent	Awarded	£300
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116/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Platten declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 20 Planning.

117/08 TO RECEIVE SUCH ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chairman noted the unveiling of the Durkar marker stone on 12 June 2008. Photographs and a press cutting were circulated.

118/08 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2008

Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

119/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Clerk confirmed that the meeting with Mary Creagh MP, requested in Minute 102/08, had been arranged for 7.00pm on 7 August 2008, venue to be confirmed.

120/08 TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting following agenda item 30.

121/08 POLICE REPORT

PC McMahon had sent his apologies. PC Laybourne noted that a total of 30 crimes had been recorded in June. These included burglaries from unlocked premises and theft from sheds: residents were warned not to leave doors and windows open especially during the summer months. PC Laybourne reported that 31 hours had been spent in the Parish in June. He reported that Betty Eastwood Park had again been prioritised. Further graffiti had been photographed with a view to nicknames/tags being identified. Attention had been paid to the High Street, following concerns raised in May, and nine youths had been the subject of stop/search legislation. Driving offences included a male driving with no insurance whilst disqualified, who was wanted by South Yorkshire Police for a similar offence. Another male was reported for dangerous driving having cut across the footway from Denby Dale Road to Denby Dale Road East on three occasions. The Police had issued eight fixed penalty for speeding offences on Durkar Lane and Denby Dale Road, with a further four motorists being warned. Tickets had also been issued in respect of mobile phone use and seat belt offences. There were still concerns over parking at the Kingfisher Restaurant and five fixed penalty tickets had been issued and three motorists warned. PC Laybourne also noted a spate of thefts of gully grates from highways across the district.

Priorities for July would be speeding on Hollin Lane, Wood Lane, Denby Dale Road East (cars and HGVs), parking on the footway at Dennington Lane and motorcyclists in Betty Eastwood Park.

Resolved: (1) That the Parish Council thank PCs Laybourne and McMahon for the good policing of the area.

(2) That the Safe Scheme payment of £1,000 in respect of July, August and September be approved.

122/08 FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

Councillor Craven had attended the VOX meeting when proposals for the former Newmillerdam colliery site were discussed, together with concerns regarding a site at Durkar which was to be sold at auction. Councillor Pimm gave details of the meeting held in respect of parking problems at Denby Dale Road East: a further meeting was to be arranged with Wakefield MDC officers.

The Chairman had attended a meeting with representatives of West Bretton and Denby Dale Parish Councils and Wakefield MDC officers to discuss the possibility of a park and ride scheme in the parish. The WMDC officers had given details of the District Council's current transport plans including bus park and ride schemes, high occupancy lanes and Rail Plan 7 which might consider the opening of Crigglestone station. Councillor Mrs Drysdale confirmed that Metro were looking at a number of sites for new stations.

The Chairman reported on the meeting with Peel Holdings which had included discussion of new businesses utilising the park, future developments, and landscaping/environmental issues. The Parish Council had thanked Peel Holdings for the marker stone recently installed at Durkar.

123/08 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Councillor Craven reported on the Committee meeting held on 26 June and the draft minutes were circulated. Members had considered items resulting from a recent inspection of Betty Eastwood Park, and had arranged a meeting for 19 August to discuss the future of the BMX track with local young people. Tom Handley from Groundwork would attend and flyers were being prepared for local schools and youth groups. Three 'woodland care days' in the park were proposed for the 2008/09 winter period. Members were currently undertaking a survey of users and non-users of the park to identify residents' priorities, and problems related to access points into the Park were noted. District Councillor Drysdale noted regeneration funding available for the Painthorpe area.

Resolved: (1) That the notes be received.

(2) That the next meeting of the Committee be held at 7.00pm on 5 August, venue to be confirmed.

124/08 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Committee had met immediately before the Council meeting and had updated the Risk Assessment. They had agreed to obtain a price to remove trees adjoining garages at Manor Farm Road.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

125/08 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

Councillor Norris reported on the meeting held on 26 June and the draft minutes were circulated. Members had considered a list of potential footpath improvements put forward by the Wakefield MDC Rights of Way Officer. Members further discussed rights of way in the Durkar area.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

126/08 TO DISCUSS HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

In Councillor Wainwright's absence, District Councillor Drysdale reported that they had met Mears and discussed work to be undertaken at the Centre.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

127/08 TO REVIEW PARISH PLAN

Members had met on 24 June to consider updates to the Plan and notes of the meeting were circulated. It was felt a more comprehensive revision was required possibly informed by a questionnaire which could be sent out with the next newsletter in the autumn.

Resolved: That Councillors Crompton, Pimm, Daniels and Mrs Craven meet at 6.30pm on 23 July to discuss a review of the Parish Plan.

128/08 TO DISCUSS ATTENDANCE AT SCARBOROUGH CONFERENCE

Resolved: That Councillor Craven attend the Scarborough conference.

129/08 CORRESPONDENCE

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| 1. BT | Re-alignment of payphone provision - Removal of payphone at Stoney Lane, Hall Green |
| 2. Mr Webster | Re wall at Chapelthorpe |
| 3. Denby Dale PC | Notice of Civic Service, Emley 21 September |
| 4. Jeanne McHale | Email re lorries dumping at Vulcanite site |

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| 5. | CPRE | Fieldwork |
| 6. | YCLA | Agenda for Wakefield Branch meeting 3 July |
| 7. | YCLA | Appointment of additional representatives to WMDC Standards Committee |
| 8. | YCLA | Independent members sought for Police Authority |
| 9. | RoSPA | Training courses |
| 10. | English Heritage | Town Well, Hall Lane; Sharpening Blocks, Nursery School – not to be listed |
| 11. | English Heritage | Boundary stone, Broad Cut Road: assessment in progress |
| 12. | YLCA | Agenda for Joint Annual Meeting 19 July 2008 |
| 13. | NALC | Journal |
| 14. | SLCC | Journal, conference 17/19 October Reading Urbanscape conference |
| 15. | CPRE | Countryside Voice |
| 16. | YRCC | Country Air newsletter |
| 17. | Y & H Assembly | Facing the Challenges for Yorkshire and Humber |

Resolved: (1) That further information be obtained regarding the payphone (1)
 (2) That the Clerk write to the owners of the Vulcanite site regarding the dumping (4)
 (3) That the Parish Council nominate two parish representatives to the Wakefield Standards Committee (7).
 (4) That the remaining correspondence be noted.

130/08 TO CONSIDER PROPOSED CHANGES TO GP SERVICES

A letter prepared by Councillor Crompton had been circulated.

Resolved: That the letter be approved for submission to the Secretary of State for Health, the Primary Care Trust, Mary Creagh MP and the Strategic Health Authority.

131/08 TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION ON PHARMACEUTICAL LIST IN CALDER GROVE

Consideration was given to a letter from the West Yorkshire NHS Central Services Agency regarding an application for inclusion in Wakefield District PCT's pharmaceutical list to provide services from premises located in the vicinity of Calder Grove.

Resolved: That, so long as the premises are not located in the Green Belt, the proposal be supported.

132/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council noted the planning applications before them.

Resolved: That the Clerk submit an objection to the application in respect of two flats adjoining 412/416 Denby Dale Road East on the grounds discussed.

133/08 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE LDF INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

Resolved: That Councillors Craven and Wainwright attend the Examination on 5 August and Councillors Crompton and Daniels attend on 26 August.

134/08 TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO WAKEFIELD LDF CENTRAL AREA ACTION PLAN

A draft response prepared by Councillor Crompton had been circulated.

Resolved: That the response be approved for submission to the District Council.

135/08 TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO Y & H ASSEMBLY – THE HOUSING CHALLENGE

A draft response prepared by Councillor Crompton had been circulated.

Resolved: That the response be approved for submission to the Assembly.

136/08 UPDATE ON PARISH MATTERS

The Clerk had circulated the Parish Matters register and updated members on progress.

137/08 PARISH MATTERS

The following items were brought to the attention of the Parish Council:

- (i) Litter bin requested at Redcats bus stop
- (ii) Proposals for 20 mph speed limit in area – clarification requested
- (iii) Litter bin requested at Hopewell Way ginnel into Betty Eastwood Park

Resolved: That the Clerk contact WMDC in respect of these items.

138/08 INPUT FOR PARISH LINK MAGAZINE

Resolved: That the Clerk prepare the Parish Council insert for the next Parish Link magazine.

139/08 TO APPROVE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Resolved: That the June 2008 Parish Council minutes be placed on the website.

140/08 PRESS REPORTS – ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

Resolved: That the Clerk contact Dr Chowcat to update parish matters for the press.

141/08 DELEGATION DURING AUGUST

Resolved: That any issue arising during August that is an emergency be authorised by the Chairman and Vice Chairman and reported to the September meeting for approval.

142/08 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held in the Village Institute, High Street, Crigglestone at 7pm on Tuesday 2 September 2008.

IN PRIVATE

None.

SIGNED _____
CHAIRMAN

DATE _____

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

7.00 pm Crigglestone Village Institute, Tuesday 1 July 2008

Four members of the public were present. A resident drew attention to Heavy Goods Vehicles using Hollin Lane in both directions. He described a recent incident when an HGV attempted to turn left from Hollin Lane onto High Street. The vehicle could not negotiate the turn and could not manoeuvre away. The police had attended and closed the roads affected until the vehicle could be moved. PC Laybourne confirmed that HGVs would be contravening the weight restriction on the lane. He had no direct knowledge of the incident but undertook to check with his traffic colleagues. The Parish Council would request the District Council to provide better signage of the weight restrictions on the lane.

Another resident asked about the funding of the Durkar marker stone. The Chairman confirmed that the stone had been donated to the community by Peel Holdings, the developers of Calder Park. The resident also wondered if Peel had acquired land at Durkar Low Lane which was recently offered at auction. Members thought this was unlikely.

Mr Hutchinson from the Kingfisher Restaurant thanked the Parish Council for arranging a meeting with the police, councillors and officers to address the parking problems around the Restaurant. He had tried to provide alternative parking for his staff to free up spaces at the Restaurant site for customers, but the problem was not entirely solved. He had also put signs up in the restaurant warning customers not to park illegally. If there were any complaints from residents in the area, he would continue to try to resolve the issues.