

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3 JUNE 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, Mrs M Skinner, K Wainwright.

District Councillors: Mrs J Drysdale, J Colley

Apologies: District Councillor Denson.

81/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted.

82/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

83/08 TO RECEIVE SUCH ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chairman conveyed regards from former Police Officer John Whitworth.

84/08 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY 2008

Resolved: That, subject to addition of Councillor Skinner to, and the omission of Councillor Crompton from, the attendance list, and the substitution of Mr Morgan for Mr Walton in Min 74/08, the minutes be approved as a correct record.

85/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Pimm noted that the Denby Dale Road East Action Group would meet Members and Officers of Wakefield MDC at Hall Green Community Centre on 9 June 2008.

Resolved: That any costs of hiring the hall be met by the Parish Council.

86/08 TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting following agenda item 29.

87/08 POLICE REPORT

PC McMahon had sent his apologies. PC Laybourne noted that 45 hours had been spent in the Parish in May. He reported on a number of issues in Betty Eastwood Park. Officers had met residents of Manor Farm Road and had made checks on the access into the Park. Following a report of further graffiti on the footbridge over the pond, three youths had been arrested and given police reprimands. The youths had subsequently cleaned up the graffiti. Numerous vehicles had been stopped as routine or for minor traffic offences, and three of these were reports for summons, having no licence or insurance. Officers had given attention to speeding problems on Denby Dale Road on Sunday evenings and had issued ten endorsable tickets. Three of the motorists reported were travelling at over 70 mph in a 40 mph area. PC Laybourne had attended a site meeting at the Kingfisher Restaurant with the owner, Councillor Pimm, District Councillors and a highways officer to consider how to discourage illegal parking on Denby Dale Road and Hollin Lane. In an attempt to improve the situation, the restaurant owner had opened the staff car park to customers and staff would park elsewhere. Councillor Pimm thanked all parties for their positive contributions. The situation would be monitored.

A total of 34 crimes had been recorded in May, a considerable increase on April. PC Laybourne was asked about the dispersal zone in the parish and he undertook to see if it could be extended to cover Durkar. District Councillor Colley noted that the speed warning sign on Durkar Lane was to be replaced, although this appeared to conflict with information received by the Clerk. The

Clerk would seek clarification. The police would also request other methods of indicating speed limits.

Priorities for June would be youth crime on High Street, speeding on Denby Dale Road and Wood Lane, parking at the Kingfisher Restaurant, Durkar Fisheries and the One Stop Shop, and underage drinking at Hall Green and Painthorpe.

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

88/08 FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

Councillor Craven had attended the VOX meeting when proposals for a goat farm at Newmillerdam were discussed at length, together with residents' proposals for a village green at the same site. Councillor Pimm had already reported on the meeting at the Kingfisher Restaurant and Councillor Wainwright gave details of two meetings regarding proposals for a park and ride scheme at Dennington or Calder Grove. The site at Calder Grove was considered the more promising site.

Resolved: That the Clerk enquire how the Park and Ride schemes at York and Leeds were funded.

(2) That support for the scheme be sought from Metro, Wakefield MDC, Barnsley MBC, Leeds CC, Northern Trains and the Minister for Transport.

(3) That Sitlington Parish Council be updated on the proposals.

89/08 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE TO CHARLESWORTHS CHARITY

That Councillor Mrs Skinner be appointed as a Trustee to the Charity for the forthcoming year.

90/08 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Councillor Craven reported on the Committee meeting held on 29 May when Tom Handley attended from Groundwork. Members noted proposals to use local tree wardens to thin the woodland in Betty Eastwood Park over the 2008/09 winter, a proposed meeting to discuss the future of the BMX track with local young people and a survey of park users/non-users. A risk assessment of the BMX track had been undertaken by a specialist contractor and a significant hazard in the form of broken glass had been found and removed as a matter of urgency by T & D Contractors. Members had inspected a ginnel which might be closed off near Aberfield Drive. The Committee had agreed to advise owners of properties adjoining the Park that private gates into the Park did not confer a right of access, and it was proposed to hold another Park inspection on a date to be agreed.

Resolved: That the notes be received.

91/08 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Committee had not met this month. It was noted that the Committee would next meet on 1 July.

92/08 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

Councillor Wainwright reported that he had attended a Local Access Forum meeting and had discussed rights of way issues with Andrew Fowler. He proposed to call a further meeting of the Committee in the near future.

93/08 TO DISCUSS HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Wainwright had not been able to attend the recent Hall Green Community Association meeting and District Councillor Drysdale reported on work by youth workers, problems with youths congregating at bus shelters and progress with work by Mears at the Centre.

94/08 VILLAGE INSTITUTE MATTERS

Village Institute Trustees' minutes dated 6 May 2008 had been circulated.

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

95/08 FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk presented the following for payment:

	£
Parish Clerk salary + expenses May 2008	346.93
Responsible Financial Officer salary May 2008	177.23
Printforms	315.00
Digley Associates	117.50
Aon Ltd	814.15
SLCC	52.88
Ben Parker – newsletter delivery	200.00

Resolved: That the accounts be approved for payment.

96/08 FINANCIAL MATTERS: LOAN AND ACCOUNTS

The Clerk noted that the loan to Hall Green United JFC had now been repaid in full. She also noted that the Responsible Financial Officer had sent the annual accounts to the internal auditor.

Resolved: That Hall Green United be thanked for their final payment.

97/08 TO CONSIDER LETTER REGARDING ACCESS TO REAR OF METHODIST CHURCH

Consideration was given to a letter regarding the obstruction by vehicles of the service road to the rear of the Methodist Church.

Resolved: That the Clerk send a letter to the owners/occupiers of nos 38, 40, 42 and 44 High Street advising them that the access track to the rear of the Methodist Church should remain unrestricted at all times.

98/08 TO CONSIDER PROPOSED MEETING WITH PEELS

The Clerk informed Members that representatives of Peels and their agents had offered to attend a meeting with the Parish Council to update the Council on their developments at Calder Park. It was proposed to hold the meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 June in the Village Institute.

Resolved: That the Parish Council welcome the proposed meeting with Peels representatives.

99/08 TO REVIEW PARISH PLAN

Further to Minute 15/08, the original Parish Plan together with the 2006 update had been circulated. Members had also received a copy of a letter requesting the preservation of the Newmillerdam colliery site as a site for community and visitor use.

Resolved: That Members review the Plan at a meeting to follow the meeting with Peels on 24 June and report back to the Parish Council meeting on 1 July.

100/08 TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR PARISH CHARTER

Consideration was given to a draft Parish Council Charter prepared by Wakefield MDC for the Town and Parish Councils Liaison Group and Members commented on the document.

Resolved: That Members' comments be forwarded to the District Council.

Councillor Mrs Platten left the meeting (9.16pm)

101/08 TO DISCUSS ATTENDANCE AT SCARBOROUGH CONFERENCE

This item was deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

102/08 TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR PROPOSED MEETING WITH MARY CREAGH MP

Members suggested items for discussion at a possible meeting with Mary Creagh MP.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to Mary Creagh MP to request a meeting to discuss items of local concern.

Councillor Mrs Platten rejoined the meeting (9.21pm)

103/08 CORRESPONDENCE

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| 1. | Tynan family | Letter re excellent maintenance of park |
| 2. | ROSPA | NEBOSH Diploma |
| 3. | WMDC | Response re dog fouling Newmillerdam Country Park |
| 4. | WMDC | Response re 30mph sign, Durkar Lane |
| 5. | English Heritage | Mounting Block, Painthorpe Lane – not to be listed |
| 6. | Pop In Club | Thank you for grant |
| 7. | Sutcliffe Play | New design service + new sales manager+ leaflet |
| 8. | YLCA | White Rose Update, Training Programme |
| 9. | Digley Associates | Risk Assessment for BMX Track |
| 10. | WMDC | Meeting of Town and Parish Councils Liaison Group re Post Office closures 3 June 2008 |
| 11. | Terry Webster | Re wall at Chapelthorpe. |
| 12. | WMDC | Response re survey of visitors to Pugneys Country Park |
| 13. | CPRE | Annual Report |
| 14. | Furnitubes | Exhibition |
| 15. | WMDC | Sponsored Walk 'Walk Wakefield' |
| 16. | VT Environmental Engineering | South Kirkby Waste Management Facility – Public Consultation Update |
| 17. | WMDC | Wakefield LDF Central Wakefield Area Action Plan Submission Document |
| 18. | Barbara Dennison | Parking Denby Dale Rd East |
| 19. | WY Police | Newsletter |
| 20. | WMDC | Wakefield Green Living Day Event at Winterset |
| 21. | Glasdon | Pamphlets |
| 22. | VOX | Agenda for meeting 4 June |
| 23. | Y & H Assembly | The Housing Challenge – Call for Evidence |
| 24. | WMDC | Wakefield Cultural Forum meeting |

Resolved: (1) That the Tynans be thanked for their letter.

(2) That Councillor Crompton draft responses to items 17 and 23 to be considered at the next meeting.

(3) That the Clerk attend the Cultural Forum meeting.

(4) That the remaining correspondence be noted.

104/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council noted the planning applications before them together with a notification of appeal in respect of the Vulcanite Office site, High Street, Crigglestone.

Resolved: That Councillor Wainwright attend the appeal hearing.

105/08 UPDATE ON PARISH MATTERS

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

106/08 PARISH MATTERS

The following item was brought to the attention of the Parish Council:

- (i) Speeding on Hollin Lane.

Resolved: That PC Laybourne request reconsideration of traffic calming measures on Hollin Lane.

107/08 INPUT FOR PARISH LINK MAGAZINE

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

108/08 TO APPROVE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

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

109/08 PRESS REPORTS – ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

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

110/08 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 1 July 2008.

IN PRIVATE

None.

SIGNED _____
CHAIRMAN

DATE _____

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

7.00 pm Crigglestone Village Institute, Tuesday 3 June 2008

Six members of the public were present. A Newmillerdam resident thanked the Parish Council for their support in objecting to the proposal for a goat rearing unit. He informed members that an association had been formed with the purpose of enhancing the former colliery site to form a nature reserve, and to this end he had had discussions with Andy Nicholls of WMDC Countryside Unit.

A number of residents spoke about their concerns for crime in the High Street area near the Institute. Bicycles had been stolen and a car burnt out. The Fire Brigade attended the incident. Youths had been seen at 3.00 am despite the curfew. Residents were unhappy with the Police reaction, feeling that the Police did not arrive quickly enough. In response PC Laybourne described the provisions of the SAFE Scheme and the neighbourhood policing arrangements, and undertook to highlight the residents' concerns to his colleagues.

A resident noted that whilst T & D had cut the grass in Betty Eastwood Park, there were overhanging branches that required attention. Members would ensure that the contractors cut back the vegetation.