

# CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 JANUARY 2009

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs J Craven, P Crompton, P Daniels, J Garthwaite, Mrs C Norris, J Peebles (Chairman), Mrs C Platten, A Roe, Mrs M Skinner, K Wainwright

**District Councillors:** J Colley, Mrs J Drysdale and B Denson

**Apologies:** Councillor D Pimm

### **262/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted.

### **263/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **264/09 TO RECEIVE SUCH ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman wished Members a Happy New Year.

### **265/09 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2008**

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

### **266/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Further to Minute 232/08, the Clerk noted that Wakefield MDC traffic officers had submitted proposals for barriers on footpath no 9 from High Street to Hollin Lane.

### **267/09 TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting following agenda item 26.

### **268/09 POLICE REPORT**

PC Laybourne noted that a total of 27 crimes had been recorded in December, noting in particular the increased number of burglaries. This was an issue commonly experienced in the period running up to Christmas. He reported that 27 hours had been spent in the Parish in December and noted that attention had been given to the priorities identified at the previous meeting, including anti social behaviour at the ginnel Aberfield Drive where the situation had improved. Attention had been given to youths congregating at the ginnel at the One Stop Shop and graffiti at the same location. Two youths had been searched on suspicion of going equipped for theft and youths congregating in the vicinity of the Village Hall had been advised and moved on. Following concerns regarding speeding on Cliff Road, speed checks had been carried out and endorsable tickets issued. The complainant had been visited and updated. The police had continued to check speeding on Denby Dale Road, Durkar Lane and Durkar Low Lane and two motorists had been reported for summons, one travelling at 90 mph and one at 60 mph in a 40 mph zone. A total of 16 endorsable tickets had been issued and a further eight vehicles stopped and checked. Further indiscriminate parking at the Kingfisher Restaurant had been addressed with two motorists issued with fixed penalty tickets and six motorists warned for parking offences.

Priorities for January would be speeding, vehicle lighting offences and off road biking in the vicinity of Blacker Lane.

**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 £2,500 in respect of January, February and March 2009 be approved.

## **269/09 FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS**

Local Development Framework: Councillors Daniels reported on the hearing sessions which he had attended. He had represented the Parish Council's views but was concerned that the Parish Council's expertise did not match that of the other attendees' professional representatives.

## **270/09 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

Councillor Craven reported that the Committee had met immediately before the Parish Council meeting. They noted that the trees at Willow Garth copse, where it was proposed to remove some trees on safety grounds, were subject to a Tree Preservation Order. Members were reminded that the next woodland care day in Betty Eastwood Park would take place on Saturday 10 January.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk be authorised to seek TPO consent to fell trees at Willow Garth.

## **271/09 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December were noted.

## **272/09 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Wainwright reported that it had not been possible to inspect footpaths at Calder Grove as proposed and a further date would be arranged.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

## **273/09 TO DISCUSS HALL GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor Wainwright reported that the works by Mears to replace the timber fascias and guttering were awaited and Councillor Mrs Drysdale undertook to pursue the matter. A quote was also awaited to replace the front door. Groups meeting at the Centre were thriving.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

## **274/09 VILLAGE INSTITUTE MATTERS**

Village Institute Trustees' minutes dated 2 December 2008 had been circulated.

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

## **275/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS: TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the following for payment:

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Parish Clerk salary + expenses Dec 2008	352.03
Responsible Financial Officer salary Dec 2008	176.73
West Yorkshire Police	2,500.00
YPO (Chairs)	1,293.75
Printforms (letterheads)	339.25
WMDC (BEP bin)	356.50
Inland Revenue	158.70

**Resolved:** That the accounts be approved for payment.

## **276/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS: BALANCE SHEET**

The bank statements for December were not available and the Responsible Financial Officer would present the balance sheet at the next meeting.

## **277/09 TO CONSIDER AWARD TO COMMUNITY HEROES**

The Clerk reported on other examples of community hero schemes and it was noted that a similar scheme was run by Sitlington Parish Council.

**Resolved:** That Councillor Daniels seek information and prepare draft criteria for the scheme.

## **278/09 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE TO HALL GREEN UNITED**

Councillor Roe informed Members that he had yet to meet the Chairman of Hall Green United Juniors.

**Resolved:** That consideration be deferred.

## **279/09 PREPARATION OF NEW PARISH PLAN**

Members discussed the preparation of a new Parish Plan which might be progressed through a public meeting and the appointment of a steering committee.

**Resolved:** That the matter be considered further at the next meeting.

## **280/09 CORRESPONDENCE**

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| 1.  | YLCA                                | NALC Stepping Stones conference York                                     |
| 2.  | CPRE                                | Fieldwork publication  |
| 3.  | Blanchere Illuminations             | Year planner   |
| 4.  | BT                                  | Acknowledgement re broadband letter                                      |
| 5.  | SLCC                                | 2009 Practitioners' conference   |
| 6.  | NALC                                | Publication of candidates' addresses at UK Parliamentary elections       |
| 7.  | WMDC                                | Speeding at Durkar and Calder Grove                                      |
| 8.  | NALC                                | Journal  |
| 9.  | Wakey Bus                           | Community Transport newsletter   |
| 10. | WMDC                                | Email re Aberfield Drive and M1 J39                                      |
| 11. | WMDC                                | Email re Pugneys issues (parish matters)                                 |
| 12. | Mary Creagh                         | Re Local Development Framework   |
| 13. | YLCA                                | Rural Matters – Newsletter of Y H Rural Affairs Forum                    |
| 14. | YLCA (Y & H Assembly)               | Regional Spatial Strategy 2009 - Update And Sustainability Appraisal     |
| 15. | Y & H Assembly                      | Mini Essentials  |
| 16. | Norah Keany-Corr                    | Community Centre Co-ordinator  |
| 17. | BT                                  | Re broadband speeds  |
| 18. | Voluntary Action Wakefield District | VCS Single Portal  |
| 19. | Communities and Local Government    | Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – consultation |
| 20. | Highways Agency                     | Journey Planner  |

**Resolved:** (1) That the Clerk obtain further details of the NALC conference (1).

(2) That District Councillor Drysdale pursue the police request for copies of the previous Golden River surveys and the Clerk ask if further surveys could be carried out at the Parish Council's expense (7).

(3) That a further meeting be sought with Calder Park representatives (Councillors Daniels and Wainwright) (10)

(4) That Norah Keany-Corr be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to describe her new role at WMDC (15)

(5) That the response received from BT be forwarded to letter to Mr Fletcher (16)

(6) That the Clerk to respond to VAWD (18)

(7) That the remaining correspondence be noted.

## **281/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Council noted the planning applications before them.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk submit an objection to the application in respect of the erection of three dwellings on the site of 166 Hollin Lane, Crigglestone on the grounds discussed.

## **282/09 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Colley noted that Inspector Helen Brear would be taking over as Neighbourhood Inspector on the retirement of Inspector Bailes. He gave details of works undertaken in respect of flooding issues at Chapelthorpe and offered to follow up similar problems at Church View and Fishponds Drive. He noted Community Chest awards to Newmillerdam Community and Conservation Association and Hall Green Community Association and drew attention to draft proposals for development at the Bowlee Park housing area at Painthorpe. Councillor Mrs Drysdale noted that the police were arranging a public meeting for Wednesday 11 February, venue to be confirmed.

## **283/09 UPDATE ON PARISH MATTERS**

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

## **284/09 PARISH MATTERS**

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

- (i) Footpaths including no 9 (High Street to Hollin Lane) should be gritted in icy weather or a tub of grit provided
- (ii) A handrail should be provided at footpath no 9.
- (iii) Reinstatement of street lighting required at The Springs, Calder Grove
- (iv) Moor View street name plate needs cleaning/replacement
- (v) Improvements to the Blacker Lane/Denby Dale Road junction would deter people using Cliff Road and Durkar Lane.
- (vi) Further details of A636 Park and Ride proposals requested

**Resolved:** That the matters be pursued with Wakefield MDC.

## **285/09 INPUT FOR PARISH LINK MAGAZINE**

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

## **286/09 TO APPROVE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE**

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

## **287/09 PRESS REPORTS – ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION**

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

## **288/09 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 3 February 2009.

**Councillors Roe, Mrs Craven and Peebles left the meeting (9.18pm)**

**Councillors Roe Mrs Craven and Peebles rejoined the meeting (9.21pm)**

## **IN PRIVATE**

## **289/09 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER POST**

The Clerk updated Members on advice received and actions taken.

**Resolved:** (1) That no additional advertising be undertaken.

- (2) That the Personnel Committee meet on 20 January to short list candidates for interview.  
(3) That a special meeting of the Parish Council be convened at 6.00pm on Tuesday 27 January to interview candidates for the position of Responsible Financial Officer.  
***Councillor Roe dissented from Resolution (1)***

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

**7.00 pm Crigglestone Village Institute, Tuesday 6 January 2009**

Ron Egan, Schools Consultation Manager, Wakefield MDC Family Services, attended the meeting. He gave details of a proposal to close Standbridge School because of Ofsted concerns at falling rolls. The school was not in the parish but the closure could result in parents applying for their children to attend Mackie Hill, Dane Royd or St James schools in the parish as well as Hendl Lane school. He noted that St James was consistently oversubscribed.