

PARISH COUNCIL AGM HELD ON MONDAY 24 JUNE 2000

PRESENT: Mary Walker, May Patterson, Andrew Baxter, John Megginson, Ray Lambert, Margaret Leese.

APOLOGIES: Roy Butterworth, Peter Leese.

OPEN MEETING: There were no questions from the floor. The open meeting was then closed and the election of council officers took place.

It was proposed by Andrew Baxter and seconded by John Megginson that Ray Lambert remain as chairman and Mary Walker remain as vice-chairman. It was proposed by Mary Walker and seconded by May Patterson that John Megginson remain as treasurer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

MAIN MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

DRAINAGE PROBLEMS: Nothing to report on any of the previous road drainage problems so hopefully everything has been sorted out. Damage to the drainage chamber on land east of Cowslip Cottage has been reported to ERYC but we have not heard anything from them as yet.

HIGHWAY MATTERS: The recent traffic calming measures were discussed and it was agreed that they were working to a certain extent. Recent police speed checks had also had an effect and Mary Walker was to contact the local police on behalf of the council and Neighbourhood Watch to ask that they be continued. Apart from this it was felt that nothing else could be done at present.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SIGNS: These have now been replaced.

GRIT BINS: Clerk to contact ERYC again to ask them to relocate the grit bins – especially the one outside The Gables which is causing problems with wide farm machinery.

LITTER BIN: The council have turned down our request for a new litter bin saying that all their resources are spoken for this year. It was decided that the clerk would have another go at trying to get one from the council but if no bin was forthcoming then go ahead and buy the cheapest suitable bin. After looking through the brochure it was proposed by Mary Walker and seconded by May Patterson that £63.90 be spent on a new bin.

GRAZING: Grazing on the village green was discussed by the council and it was felt that there had been some problems this year with the length of time the fencing was up and also with damage to trees. It was agreed that the situation needs tackling before next year and the options considered by the council were either to say no to the

grazing all together or write to the farmer before next spring outlining in more detail the conditions under which grazing should take place.

COPPER BEECH TREE: Since the last meeting a situation arose whereby Yorkshire Electricity were planning to severely prune the copper beech in the centre village as its branches were interfering with the cables. Strong opposition was put up ending up with Yorkshire Electricity agreeing to channel the wires underground. Thanks to everyone involved.

BOLLARDS: ERYC have been to look at the bollards outside Paddock Garth and have decided that they could pose a danger to pedestrians. Since the bollards are located on highway property ERYC will make contact with the owners and ask for them to be moved.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Mr Wilkinson has now handed over the running of Neighbourhood Watch to Mary Walker. It was proposed that the parish council should take over the £10 annual payment to HANWAG.

ROUNDABOUT: The ERYC have conducted a survey at the roundabout but we have yet to be notified of the results.

PICNIC SITE: The picnic site is being locked most nights at present but concern as to what will happen when the kiosk closes for the winter was expressed. It was decided to keep monitoring the situation and take action when appropriate.

MILLENNIUM BOOKLET: A grant of £4900 has been applied for but it may be sometime before we know the result. Things are moving forward slowly but until funding is secured the future path the project will take is uncertain.

MAIN CORRESPONDENCE

AUDIT: The parish council audit will take place on 8 August at 11.15am.

PRECEPT: The requested precept of £5 has been received.

EMPTY PROPERTIES: ERYC have written asking us to help compile a list of empty properties in the parish as they perceive this to be a growing problem. They asked for details with particular reference to The White House. The form was filled in and will be returned by the clerk.

PLANNING APPLICATION: A planning application was received in respect of a vehicular access and turning place for Lighthouse Cottages, Towthorpe. There were no objections.

CLEAR IT UP CAMPAIGN: ERYC were relaunching their Clear It Up campaign involving stencils sprayed on to the pavement. It was agreed that no action was necessary at present but we still have the stencils and paint to use if and when needed.

PAYMENTS:

It was proposed by Andrew Baxter and seconded by Mary Walker that the following be paid. Clerk's salary £100. New minute book £82.25. Street lighting electricity bill £97.62. Village hall hire £56.00 (7 meetings). Cornhill Insurance £117.60. £100.00 towards the cost of new curtains for the church.

NEXT MEETING

Monday October 30, 7.30pm.