

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 2nd March 2016

PRESENT	Chairman M Rowe M Turvey B Smith P Swiers C Cookman G Hill
Apologies	C Patmore D Goodall Clerk R Brown
In Attendance	M Law G Richardson C Booth (HDC)

Settlement Character Assessment Stillington –Clare Booth HDC

As part of the work to prepare a new Local Plan for Hambleton for designated Conservation Areas. The aim of this project is to inform the development decision-making process by highlighting key characteristics of the settlement and identifying the areas of particular sensitivity where development could affect the historic significance of the Conservation Area. Stillington falls into this category. The Parish Council contributed to the assessment and have identified additional areas for Green space. These comments will be considered and included in the revised draft local plan which will be go out for Consultation in September 2016

1. The Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 3rd February 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed, as a true record.
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - a) **Easingwold Library**

M Turvey and reported on a recent meeting of the Steering Committee

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It had been hoped at the February Meeting of the Parish Council there would be a draft constitution to discuss, unfortunately NYCC had not provided one in time the meeting.

Sarah Robinson attended on behalf of NYCC. She has been heavily involved in establishing a community run library in Norton, so was able to talk through the steps and processes required

It was agreed to clarify whether NYCC will fund alterations to the building in Easingwold, and how funds can be obtained from Stronger Communities for professional fees such as Architects, Solicitors etc.

It was also agreed to distribute the brief for the Norton architects, as a guide, and information about the Derwent Valley Bridge Community Library.

Next meeting is scheduled for 22nd March”
 - b) **St Nicholas Church Yard Stillington**

The process of obtaining permission to carry out the work to the Headstones and Gravestones (Faculty from Church Authorities) is underway but could take up to three months to complete the paperwork and finalise the task. In the meantime efforts are being made to trace the relatives and advise them and ask them for a contribution to the cost of repair
 - c) **Trees**

M Rowe and P Swiers have suggested suitable locations for the trees and have placed stakes on the Greens.

Action is now in hand with the tree surgeon to source the trees.

Offers had been received from two residents to donate the cost of the trees at no cost to the Parish Council

d) **Road around the Green**

One of the Residents around the Green has offered to make a contribution to the cost of repair

P Sweirs agreed to obtain an estimate from Atkinson's for the repair

e) **Footpath between Beech Cottage and Old Vicarage**

NYCC have agreed to put the repair of footpath on to their maintenance programme due to financial cutbacks it could be sometime before it will be completed

3 **Planning New**

a) Fairview High Street Stillington

Listed Building consent for rear single extension to existing dwelling

HDC Planning Committee made a site visit on 29th February and a decision on the application would be made on 3 March 2016

b) 95 Parkfield Stillington

Single storey side extension

There was no objection to this application

c) West Moor West Lane Stillington

Construction of a farm workers dwelling house

There was no objection to this application but wished that some landscaping to shield it from Easingwold Road

4 **Finance**

a) Authorised Payments

i) Village Hall Rent April 2015-March 2016 £165.00

ii) Clerk's Salary Jan –March 2016 £375.20

iii) Inland Revenue £100.00

b) Income Received

Contribution to Repair of Green £25.00

c) **Grass Cutting 2016**

Four contractors were asked to tender, Farm and Land Services (present contractor), Dean Services, A and J Services and DSM Contractors. (DSM did not wish to tender for the work) After discussion and whether to award a One. Three year or Five year contract, taking into account of cost and quality of service it was agreed to offer the contract to Farm and Land Services for five years 2016-2020. As this provided to best value In addition it was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to cut some road side banks and verges currently the responsibility of NYCC. This contract was also given to Farm and Land Services. It is expected that NYCC will make a small financial contribution for this service

5 **Development South Back Lane**

Daniel Gath still anticipates that the affordable units would be completed as follows; Plots 1-4 end of April 2016, Plots 12-14 mid June and 15-17 mid July. This will complete the affordable plots.

The open market units will depend on Sales but it is hoped to have the Show home (Plot8) open early April.

Daniel Gath has also confirmed that all damaged verges will be reinstated on completion of the Highway

6 **Social Housing**

It is now expected that 4, two Bedroomed houses will be available in late April and a further 3,Two bedroomed Houses in mid June and the rest in late July The rent for these properties will be £94.57 per week plus a Service Charge (yet to be confirmed) These Houses are only available to applicants with a local connection to Stillington

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Review of Parish Plan

Comments from residents of the Parish was still being assessed and it is expected that the final version will be available for the April Parish Council meeting

8 **New Local Plan for Hambleton**

Consolidated comments have been forwarder to HDC for inclusion the New Local Plan

9. **Neighbourhood Watch**

A review of the local co-ordinators was being undertaken so that the whole village received the Police notices

10 **Correspondence**

The next meeting of the Hambleton Parish Liaison Committee is to be held on 31 March at the Civic Centre at Northallerton at 7.00pm.M Rowe agreed to represent the Council

11 **Any Other Business**

a) Length of Parish Council Meetings

A general discussion took place in reducing the length of Parish Council Meeting. A number of suggestions were made including limiting the matters arising minutes to short report/update on each item. Any items for AOB must be notified to Chairman /Clerk five days prior to the meeting for inclusion on the Agenda to enable research to be undertaken. This would have the advantage of quickening the decision making process as a decision could be made at the meeting. Only emergency AOB items would be considered at the meeting.

b) Builders Rubble outside the School

Contact has been made with the School regarding the rubble located outside the school gate. They expect that it would be removed in the near future

c) Review of Decision not to appoint an Emergency Coordinator

M Rowe and Bernie Smith attended the Rural Action Yorkshire's Community Resilience Event at Pickering on the 1 March 2016.

This appeared to be a Government initiative to have all Towns and Villages construct a plan of action for their own use, in the event of an Emergency within their local Community. There appears to be a lot of information available from Rural Action Yorkshire and already mapped out support from Hambleton District Council available on request.

After discussion, it was agreed to ask Robin Derry of Rural Yorkshire to visit a Stillington Parish Council Meeting in the near future, for his advice and update on the initiative.

12 **Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting will be on 6th April 2016 at 7.30pm

Signed as a true record M Rowe 6th April 2016