

`STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 6 September 2016

PRESENT Chairman M Rowe
M Turvey B Smith D Goodall C Cookman G Hill

Apologies P Swiers C Patmore

In Attendance A Buskin, A Cobb J Johnston B Denton J Denton M Law R Pearse L Pearse

Clerk R Brown

1 The Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 6th July 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed, as a true record.

2 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

a) **Easingwold Library**

The Community Library Group will soon be advertising for volunteers to train to help in the Library. Training will begin in January 2017 ready for the Community to start in April 2017. Further information will be available in the coming weeks.

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 still on going. It is hoped that the necessary authority will be issued by the end of September.

MR/BB

c) **White Fencing Posts and Railings**

NYCC have completed inspection of the railings and found there are 10 slightly loose posts and 1 section of rail has detached.

However, due to the financial constraints of the general maintenance budget the Highways Officer considered the findings of their inspection with the Maintenance Manager and no further action to repair will be taken at this time. Discussions with NYCC are still on going as the Parish Council still considers a number of posts in a dangerous state. C Patmore County Councillor was asked to intervene and seek an on-site meeting to discuss our concerns further. Unfortunately a response is still awaited
It was agreed that M Rowe and B Smith would carry out a further inspection of the posts and railings, further deterioration was evident since the last inspection.

BB/MR/BS

d) **South East Gate Post Churchyard**

It was reported that some damage had occurred to the gate post and M Rowe had undertaken a temporary repair. Our Grass Contractor has agreed to repair the Gate Post. This still awaits repair and the Contractor will be contacted.

e) Length of Parish Council Meetings

The length of the Parish Council Meetings will be kept under review
ALL

f) Emergency Co-ordinator for Village

Robin Derry will visit the Parish Council at the October Meeting.
BB-MR

g) Harryfield Lane

The section from C91 Farlington Road to South farm has been pothole repaired and is now passable; it has also been put forward for capital funding for future years. Unfortunately, we have just received the approved schemes for 17/18 and it is not included.

The Centre section from South Farm, which has been neglected for several years has become overgrown and impassable, there is a proposed scheme to remove the vegetation down to the old carriageway. Unfortunately I cannot provide a timeframe for the completion of this work. Due to the type of order our contractor has 12 months to complete the works from the order date after the order was submitted in April 2016.

There was mention of a Pathway sign that had been cut down (Foss Walk) which needs to be investigated.

h) Road subsidence Stillington to Sherriff Hutton Road

This still remains a problem and it was considered that it might be a problem with the BT cable. Further investigations continue to be made

i) Road Subsidence at the T-Junction / High Street.

This subsidence has been reported to NYCC Highways. This had not been repaired and this would hastened again

j) Drainage Problems South Back Lane

No further update from Yorkshire Water/NYCC has been received.

However, the problem needs to be resolved before resurfacing of South Back Lane commences

k) Provision of 20mph sign at the entrance to Park field Estate

Information from NYCC is still awaited

3) Planning New

a) Lees House High Street

Two-storey rear extension to existing dwelling

There was no objection to this application

b) Roseberry –Landscaping of the land to the east of

Soutersifeld

There was no objection to this application

c) Land South of the White Bear Farm

Outline planning application for 5 Bungalows

There was no objection to this application

d) Chandlers Main Street

Alterations to existing domestic outbuilding to form two storey detached living accommodation

While there was no objection to the conversion to a separate dwelling. It should remain at the existing original height

4 Development of South Back Lane

Concern was again expressed at the lack of clarity in who would provide the Public Lighting in South Back Lane when the Development was completed. NYCC, HDC and Daniel Gath would be approached again to ascertain the current position

5 Social Housing

All the rented properties have been allocated to people who have a local connection to Stillington, It is understood all have moved in now. Broadacres still have to agree the shared ownership terms this is expected to be completed in the near future ones,

6 Parish Plan (Speeding in the Village)

95 Alive (Community Speed Watch Scheme

To take this matter forward it is necessary to have some evidence of speeding by the means of a Speed concern report (A copy is attached to these minutes) M Rowe agreed to look into the matter and produce a blue print detailing where in the Village the speeding traffic occurs. Residents would be asked to participate in the survey

7 Village Development Fund (Community Infrastructure Levy. (CIL)

The CIL Account access is progressing but will not be operational for a few weeks, as there are still problems with the access software.

HDC. Confirmed, there are no funds currently in the CIL Stillington Account. If and when any money is transferred to the account we will be informed. When the access coding is resolved we will be given a guide on how to access the account.

MR-BB

8 Bus Pick Up Point at Eastern end of the Village

This item was requested to be put on the Agenda by Cllr. Graham Hill at the Parish Council Meeting on the 4th July 2016 under any other business. Cllr. Graham Hill was told the item would be on the next Parish Council meeting on September the 7th and to give the Parish Clerk any supporting information before that date. A letter and sheet of names was presented to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting. A record of each resident present was taken and a decision by the Chairman to allow the Public to participate in the discussion was accepted. The complement of the meeting appeared to be a fair representation of the Village.

Cllr. Graham Hill's Experience

Cllr. Graham Hill was asked to outline his proposal to the Meeting. He started by outlining his own experience of his Appointment at York City Hospital. After his appointment he found he had missed the Bus home to Stillington. He then ordered a Taxi to take him home.

Cllr. Graham Hill presented the meeting with a list of names, 60 in Total who he had canvassed around the Village; he said they were in support of a Bus pick up point in the area of Stillington Fisheries. He gave an example that the Reliance Bus service ran a Bus to Easingwold via Crab Mill Lane at Easingwold, which he said, is similar to Stillington North Back Lane. This is the route Cllr Hill was suggesting the Reliance Bus was to take to arrive at the East end of the village and then travelling via Stillington Main Street to gain access to the Carr Lane. Cllr Hill is not allowed to drive after treatment because he has been given an anaesthetic. He also commented that other people in the village were at a disadvantage by not having a Bus pickup point at the East end of the Village.

Comments from Villagers attending the meeting including Mrs Denton (Back Lane Residents Ass).

Several people commented on the various problems they saw if a Bus was allowed to travel via North Back Lane to the East end of the Village. a) The North Back Lane is not wide enough for a Bus and a Car to pass. Crab Lane at Easingwold is wider than North Back Lane in Stillington. b) The number of Parked cars on both sides of the road along North Back Lane due to none availability of Garages. C) Not all cars can be garaged and are dependent upon the parking space in front of their individual house. d) During a past exercise to determine the route along the North Back Lane, the Telephone and Power Lines were not high enough to allow the passage of the Bus. e) There would be a gridlock if the Refuse collection Motors were in North Back Lane at the same time as the Bus. f) The route to the surgery requires an access at all times for medical supplies and Doctors transport. This would be aggravated by a bus service.

g) The school access would be compromised due to there being no footpath on the School side of the road in North Back Lane. h) The East Corner at the End of North Back Lane and Front Street will not allow a Bus to exit and enter without considerable danger to both the Bus and other road users. It is visualized that the bus would require mounting the kerb to turn at the corner.

The Chairman brought the item under discussion to a close by asking the Parish Council members, if they wished Mr John Duff to be contacted for his comment on the suggestion.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would write to Mr Duff for his comments.

Pre Meeting Research

There has been no mention of an extension to the Bus service in the parish plan after several months of Village consultation. Research before the meeting found that at least two alternatives were available to Cllr Hill at York City Hospital on the day of his appointment.

- 1) There is Hospital based Patient Transport System operating 24/7 at the City Hospital, which is free and has an office and reception desk within the Hospital Foyer.
- 2) There is an Easingwold and District s Voluntary Patient transport system operating in Stillington Village from an Office at the Police Station in Easingwold. (A small charge is made for distant Villages.) Both these systems can be pre booked and would be available if the appointment overran.

9) **Jenny Wren**

It was reported that the gate in Jenny Wren was in need of repair and that the hedges needed to be cut back it was agreed to ask NYCC to undertake this work

It was reported that Jenny Wren land was available for sale, after discussion it was decided that the Parish Council were not interested in the purchase of the Land

10 **Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting will be on 5 October 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Signed as a true record.....Date.....