

CANTLEY WITH BRANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1 October 2014 at Kilham Hall commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors G Warrender (Vice-Chair), Y Butterworth, B Fussey and M Sidebottom.

IN ATTENDANCE: J A Staniforth (Clerk to the Council) , Ward Councillor Y Woodcock, Police Inspector R Mountford (for Item 3) and 35 Members of the Public (Including a Reporter from Radio Sheffield).

A resident from Wood View outlined his concerns and that of residents living in proximity to Wood View following the commencement of a development to the rear of 1 Wood View that was felt to be too large a development for the size of the building plot and that this was overbearing on neighbouring properties. It was also felt that there would be a detrimental impact on the highway in view of the narrow one way system leading from Whiphill Top Lane (adjacent to Wood View) onto Chapel Lane and that the parking of vehicles at the new property could create a safety hazard. The background to the series of applications was explained and that the second application which was successful on appeal recommended the plot suitable for a small chalet type bungalow.

It was explained that residents had not been consulted on the latest application although initially DMBC said that that letters had been issued, on checking further it was found that no letters had been sent to any neighbouring properties. The parish council had been consulted and the application had been published on the agenda for the January 2014 meeting.

Whilst a letter from Caroline Flint MP to DMBC's Director of Development had requested a Senior Planning Officer attend the parish council meeting no one had attended on the basis that an official invitation had not been received.

Residents in attendance confirmed that a petition was to be submitted and it was suggested that individual residents send letters of complaint to the Chief Executive of Doncaster Council. Councillor Woodcock agreed to seek a meeting with the Chief Executive and possibly the Mayor although it was known that the elected mayor did not intervene in individual planning matters.

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Chairman Councillor J Worthington and Councillor B Cheetham.

RESOLVED (1)

That the apologies be accepted and duly recorded.

2) DECLARATIONS OF OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION FORMS

Councillors B Fussey and M Sidebottom declared a disclosable other interest in respect of Items 8 and 9. Councillor Butterworth declared an interest in Item 10b). No requests for any dispensations for any item had been received.

3) REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM

Inspector Ray Mountford was welcomed to the meeting and he reported that the police service was facing particular pressures as a result in budget cuts of around £8 million for 2014/15 and a further £7.6 million in 2015/16. This had resulted in the number of area Inspectors in Doncaster reducing from five to four and he had assumed responsibility for the area following the retirement of the previous Inspector. However community policing was still a priority and the number of PCSO's currently employed had not reduced and PC R Higham and PCSO T Chappell would continue to lead on community issues for at least the next two years. Generally there was little crime or anti social behaviour committed in the area in comparison to other areas of Doncaster.

Members of the public were asked to raise any concerns and issues of speeding traffic particularly on Whiphill Top Lane, the increase in the number of HGV vehicles on Whiphill Top Lane, cars driving the wrong way on the way one system on Chapel Lane, tractors and trailers not fitted with airbrakes and cars overtaking on the wrong side on Doncaster Road were raised. Inspector Mountford referred to the regular use of the speed gun and that this seemed to bring about short term improvement but not sustained improvement.

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A copy of the September report for the airport villages had been received denoting one burglary in Branton and confirming that the 'Have Your Say meeting would be held at Kilham Hall on 28 October.

RESOLVED (2)

That Inspector Mountford is thanked for his attendance and the information provided.

4) REPORT FROM DMBC WARD COUNCILLORS

Councillor Schofield had sent her apologies and Councillor Woodcock reported on the following:

- The outcome of the survey for the zebra crossing on Doncaster Road was awaited.
- A meeting would be arranged regarding the planning issues that was of concern.
- The Tourist Information Office had relocated to the Civic Office but would be transferred to the Mansion House in due course.

RESOLVED (3)That Councillor Woodcock is thanked for her attendance and the information provided.

5) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED (4)

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6) CLERK'S REPORT ON ACTION ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the report provided by the Clerk relating to actions required from the previous meeting that had been circulated. The overgrown vegetation along the motorway bridge had been cut back. The Planning Enforcement Officer had confirmed that there was no breach of usage of Larksgate for the storing of materials for collection and that a request had been made for vehicles to drive safely and be aware of pedestrians on Kilham Lane. The owner of the property had forwarded contact details and asked if any further issues could be raised directly with him. There was no further update on the building off New Road. A response had been received from the police following the parish council's request for the police to meet with parents at the local school and observe parking arrangements around the school denoting that a PCSO would attend.

A Highway Officer had contacted the owner of the Hot Tub sign displayed on the verge adjacent to the roundabout at Warning Tongue Lane and had been advised that if the sign was required to be moved arrangements would be made to advertise on the highway using a vehicle and this may cause more offence. The parish council was asked as to whether it wished to pursue the removal of the sign.

The untidy land opposite the Rose Garden on Whiphill Top Lane had been cleared but vegetation was already reappearing.

RESOLVED (5)

a)That the update on action from the previous meeting be received and noted.

b) That DMBC is asked to request that the advertising board is removed from the verge adjacent to the roundabout on Warning Tongue Lane.

c) That it be suggested to DMBC that they may wish to consider the sale/transfer of the small piece of land opposite the Rose Garden on Whiphill Top Lane to the landowner of Branton House Farm in view of the fact that development was expected to take place on the farm land in the near future.

7) ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED (6)

That a letter is sent to DMBC's Director for Regeneration and the Environment enquiring as to whether:

a) Residents neighbouring 1 Wood View had been informed of the final planning application for the building of a dwelling to the rear of that property.

b) The reason as to why previous planning applications quoted the area of land as 0.04ha when the latest application denoted only 0.01ha

c) A Planning Officer would attend a meeting of residents on 5 November 2014 at 7.00pm in the main hall.

8) KILHAM HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The parish council representatives reported and the current bank balance was £19,713. The Hall had been hired for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections on 23 October 2014 and the general/local elections on 7 May 2015. A McMillan coffee morning had been held and local entertainer Mr Dan had been hired for the Halloween event on 2 November 2014.

RESOLVED (7)

That the information be received and duly noted.

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9) RURAL ACTION YORKSHIRE'S RESPONSE ON RESPONSIBILITIES FOR KILHAM HALL

The Clerk reported that RAY had provided detailed advice that the parish council could not undertake any structural changes to Kilham Hall without the permission of the Kilham Hall Management Committee as they had no rights to enter the building without their permission unless it was in default of the lease. Clarification had been sought regarding whether Kilham Hall was a charity and RAY confirmed that this was the case as the Trust Deed clearly stated so, regardless as to whether the charity was registered with the Charity Commission. RAY went on to explain that whilst the Deed can be changed clauses 3 (Objects), 10 (Members' interests) and 19 (disposal of property and dissolution) required the written permission of the Charity Commission before any alterations could take place. Other parts of the deed could be altered by means of a motion proposed and agreed by a simple majority at an AGM or Special General Meeting (SGM).

RESOLVED (8)

That the advice is duly noted and that this is considered by the Kilham Hall Management Committee at a future meeting.

10) RECREATION GROUND AND GARDEN ISSUES**a) Quotations for maintenance of trees at Doncaster Road and Rose Gardens**

The Clerk reported that HD Branton were now unable to carry out the work to trees at the Doncaster Road and Rose gardens. Consideration was given to the quotation received from Need a Hand Ltd.

b) UPVC Fencing for Doncaster Road Garden

Information downloaded from the website of Eco fencing and the cost of a 6' wide 5' high panel was £89.75 (including vat) in colours walnut, natural or graphite and it was believed six or seven panels were needed.

c) Replacement of Shrubs at the Rose Garden

The condition of the shrubs in the Rose Garden was considered including the large shrub in the centre circle which had been badly pruned and required an amount of maintenance to return it to its original condition.

d) New Molehills

A small number of molehills had appeared near the play area and in the garden area.

RESOLVED (9)

a) That a second quotation for tree maintenance at the two garden areas be sought from a local contractor and the work be offered to the contractor with the lowest price.

b) That 5' high 6' wide fencing panels be purchased up to a cost of £600 (excluding vat) in walnut.

c) That consideration is given to replacing shrubs in the Rose Garden in January 2015 and the damaged shrub in the centre circle is removed by the Handyman due to the cost to maintain being uneconomical.

d) The B Brackenbury is contacted to eradicate the latest mole infestation.

11) PLANNING MATTERS

The following application was considered:

14/02196/TCON 11 Birchwood Court	Schedule of work to 65 trees and management of woodland area at bottom of garden.	No comments
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RESOLVED (10)

That the new application is received and decisions taken since the last meeting are duly noted.

12) PROVISION OF PLANTERS ON VALLEY DRIVE

Walkers Nursery was able to supply seven half barrel oak planters at a cost of £39.99 with soil costing £5.99 per planter and a gold crest conifer costing £3.99. The garden centre had advised that a conifer would be more hardy than a cordyline type plant. Delivery would be £5 and the planters would have holes drilled prior to being filled when sited. Branton Farm Nursery had confirmed they were unable to supply any of this type of planter at the present time.

RESOLVED (11)

That Walkers Nursery are asked to supply seven planters based on the above specification as soon as the licence has been granted by DMBC.

13) HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no new issues raised.

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14) PURCHASE OF A POPPY WREATH AND DONATION TO ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

RESOLVED (12)

That a donation of £60 be given to the Royal British Legion for the purchase of a poppy wreath for the local school in line with previous years.

15) CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Sidebottom reported that St Wilfrid's School had agreed for the Jubilate Choir to attend on Wednesday 10 December for the carol singing to commence at 6.30pm and that Kilham Hall had been booked. A local resident would again provide musical accompaniment and another resident would be asked to be Santa Claus. Councillor Sidebottom would arrange for new carol sheets if these could be obtained free of charge and to draw up the programme for the evening.

RESOLVED (13)

That Councillor Sidebottom is thanked for undertaking the arrangements for the Christmas Carol singing.

16) PURCHASE OF NEW PRINTER

The Clerk explained the Kodak printer was no longer functioning and that a Hewlett Packard Officejet pro 8620 had been recommended as a suitable replacement by other local clerks at a cost of £189 (including vat) with a possible £40 cash back. Whilst individual ink cartridges were more expensive they had a much greater printing capacity.

RESOLVED (14)

That the purchase of a new printer is agreed.

17) WEBSITE MATTERS

There were no website matters to consider as all information had been uploaded on time.

18) AMENDED TEMPLATE FOR MANAGING THE RECORDING OF MEETINGS

YCLA had subsequently recommended some minor amendments to the template that had been agreed at the previous meeting.

RESOLVED (15)

That the revised template is adopted as the agreed policy of the parish council.

19) AUTHORISATION OF BANK PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for signature.

D/14/38	Clerk	September Salary	£516.23
D/14/39	Clerk	Stationery/ink	£70.37
D/14/40	Branton Farm Nursery	Fence Paint/Materials	£20.47
D/14/41	C Humphreys	Disconnecting Showers	£80.00
D/14/42	SLCC	Annual Subscription	£116.00
D/14/43	DMBC	Emptying Green Waste 17-31/3/14	£10.14
D/14/44	DMBC	Emptying Green Waste	£152.00
D/14/45	ICO	Annual Fee	£35.00
D/14/46	Handyman	2 nd Quarter Salary	£661.86
D/14/47	Handyman	Fuel for Gardening Equipment	£7.00
D/14/48	Clerk	Ink Cartridge	£19.97
D/14/49	Branton Farm Nursery	Repair to Hedge Trimmer	£10.80
D/14/50	Veolia	Grass cutting 8&28 August	£73.13
D/14/51	HMRC	Second Quarter Return	£526.44

RESOLVED (16)

That the payments made are duly authorised.

20) REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

a) Airport Environmental and Noise Monitoring Sub Committee

A written report from Councillor Worthington was duly considered and it was noted that the number of complaints had now reduced considerably since 2006 (none of which were from the parish).

b) Fracking Seminar

Councillor Warrender reported that the seminar had proved interesting and had outlined the process for hydraulic fracturing, where it was taking place in the UK and the process involved in obtaining

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permission for each stage involved. The seismic activity that had been experienced was felt to be due to the re-injection of waste water and this procedure will not be permitted in the UK.

RESOLVED (17)

That Councillor Worthington and Councillor Warrender are thanked for the information provided.

21) ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Consideration was given to items of correspondence including information regarding the new High Speed Rail College and the latest consultation from the Boundary Commission on the proposed changes to DMBC ward boundaries. The latest proposals provided for a reduction to 21 wards but an increase to 55 councillors with no single member wards. Edenthorpe and Kirk Sandall would become one ward and Barnby Dun would join with Stainforth. There were no planned changes to the Bessacarr Ward and the only change to the Finningley Ward was the removal of Austerfield which would now be included in the Bawtry and Rossington ward.

RESOLVED (18)

That the items of correspondence denoted on the agenda and the additional items be received and duly noted.

22) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (19)

- a) That a special meeting be held on Monday 20 October 2014 at 9.15 am.
- b) That the next meeting be held on Wednesday 5 November 2014 at 7.00 pm at Kilham Hall.

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