

Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 10th January 2011 at 6.30 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Carlton.

Present: Cllr Trish Bowker (Chair)
Cllr Lynne Evans
Cllr Ronnie Dee
Cllr Frank Cooke
Cllr Chris Johnson
Mrs Chris Cooke (Parish Clerk)

Attendance: Mr John Turnbull, Mr Syd Bell, Mr Eric Lambert

Apologies (1/1/2011)

N/A

Declarations of Interest (2/1/2011)

N/A

Minutes of Meeting 13th December 2010 (3/1/2011)

Trish proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2010 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Ronnie. Agreed.

Trish confirmed that the purchase of additional salt bins and associated costs (Item 5/1/2011) would be incorporated under Matters Arising as John had to leave to attend another meeting.

Matters Arising (4/1/2011)

Salt Bins (10/11/09)

In response to the Parish Council's mailshot regarding providing additional salt bins and gritting estate roads, John proposed that the Parish Council once again contact SBC re supplying salt bins and salt free of charge and circulated information on salt bin distribution throughout Hartburn and Fairfield for comparison. He also stated that he did not think the SBC were gritting Church Lane as a Primary Route, however, Chris J confirmed that as far as he was aware, Church Lane had been gritted and the Clerk confirmed that Mainside had been added as a secondary gritting route to the winter maintenance programme and had been gritted at least once. After discussion it was agreed that the issue be raised with SBC again. John left the meeting at this point. Cllrs agreed that:

- Clerk contact SBC again re providing salt bins and refills free of charge
- Clerk write to Fred Salt asking that he take this forward with Officers of the Council
- Clerk to contact Paul Baker asking for information re provision of salt and gritting of estate roads

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If SBC did not come back with a positive answer re provision of salt bins\salt within 2 weeks, then the Clerk to go ahead with the purchase of additional bins\salt as discussed at the December meeting.

App 10/2276/FUL High Farm, Redmarshall

Clerk confirmed that she had received Notice of Approval for this planning application (previously circulated) re the above. SBC still discussing with NWA timescales for removal of the existing structure.

AOB (11/12/2010)

Withdrawal of Village Link Bus Service – Clerk confirmed that information had been received from SBC re costs\usage:

Registered users 417

Actual users - 100 have used at sometime

Registered users Redmarshall 31

Users Redmarshall 9

The service is being operated as an extension to another service currently being funded by a grant which is ending. The service would require a subsidy of 25k-40k to operate. The highest journey use in any one week was 25 single journeys.

With regard to the proposal of a subsidised taxi service, SBC are currently withdrawing services with a far higher patronage as they do not meet the current minimum criteria, therefore there is no likelihood of one being available for Redmarshall residents.

The Clerk informed the meeting that a Public Transport Forum will be held at the Arc on Saturday 22 January 2011 10:00 – 12:00. All public service operators will be there and also local councillors and officers from the public transport team. Agreed that this be advertised on the noticeboard and that the Clerk write to the resident who had raised this issue giving this information.

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Finance (5/1/2011)

- Budget Sheet & VAT
- Clerk confirmed that the following cheques were required:
 - Chq No 100127 - £225.00 Parish Clerk Honorarium Oct – Dec 2010
- Review of Audit Plan – Frank proposed that as BDO had made no comments on the audit procedures\systems for the 09/10 audit it be agreed that no changes should be made to the audit plan and that the Clerk contact Mrs Vaslet to ask if she would carry out this role for 2010\11. Ronnie noted a typing error under 'Details' second para should readwere answerable to any queries she may have which needed to be amended. Seconded by Chris J. Agreed.
- Parish Precept – Clerk had prepared a projection showing the anticipated spend for the remainder of the current financial year. This showed that approx £760.00 would be carried forward. A proposed budget had been prepared by the Clerk, and after discussion this was accepted by Cllrs. Based on this budget, Frank proposed a precept of £2,500 for 2011-12. Chris J seconded. Agreed. Frank noted that if SBC provide salt bins\refills free of charge, then the precept for 2012-13 could be reduced considerably.

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Planning Applications (6/1/2011)

App 10/2549/EIS – Wind Turbines to the North of Old Stillington – no further information received

Moorhouse Wind Farm – revised proposals – Frank updated the meeting about an appeal which includes a modified application. A meeting has been arranged by Darlington Borough Council, on 19th January 2011, at which Banks Developments will give a presentation on the revised proposals.. Agreed Frank to attend.

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Central Area Transport Strategy (7/1/2011)

Clerk confirmed that a Scheme Proposal Proforma had been received and Frank proposed that as there had been no budget identified for the Drovers Lane Traffic Calming scheme, it should be put forward as a bid to allocate funding. Trish seconded. Agreed. The Clerk noted that submissions need to be submitted by 25/2/2011.

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Parish News (8/1/2011)

Frank suggested that as Parish Council elections were due in May 2011, an article should be placed in the Parish News reminding residents that there were 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. Seconded Trish. Agreed.

Correspondence (9/1/2011)

Clerk confirmed that correspondence of importance or with a deadline had already been circulated. Additional correspondence was examined at the meeting and agreed that the Clerk would take agreed action and circulate for additional information.

1. Weekly Planning Applications 12/12/10 – 2/1/11
2. SBC Planning Approval Notice – High Farm, Church Lane 10/2776/FUL
3. SBC Planning acknowledgement 14/12/10 – Wind Farm, Lambs Hill, 10/2549/EIS
4. Stockton Renaissance 15/12/10 – Central Area Transport Strategy Scheme Proposal Proforma
5. SBC Policy, Performance & Partnerships 14/12/10 Community Engagement Strategy
6. Tees Valley Rural News Issue 3 Dec 2010
7. SBC Notice Public Transport Forum Sat 22/1/11 Arc 10-12 noon
8. SBC Planning email 23/12/10 re High Farm Redmarshall – 08/0234/FUL
9. Email & letter 3/1/11 John Turnbull re Winter Salting
10. SBC email 4/1/2011 – Withdrawal of Village Link Bus Service information
11. Email 5/1/11 Joint Parish Council Mtg 18/1/2011 Stillington Community Centre
12. SBC email Law & Demo 6/1/11 Redmarshall Election Costs – May 2011
13. SBC email & attachments Law & Demo 7/1/11 Localism Bill & Abolition of Standards Regime
14. Co Durham & Cleveland Training Partnership – Clerk\Chair Training 22/3/11 – Clerk to attend
15. SBC email 26/11/10 Polling Stations
16. SBC email 7/1/11 K Bousfield – Salt Bins

Any Other Business (10/1/2011)

Frank raised the question of hedgerow being removed on the junction of the new access road to Hill View Farm and Darlington Back Lane, although it was uncertain whether 'ancient' hedgerow had been removed. Frank proposed that the Clerk write to SBC to make them aware of this and asking them to keep the situation under surveillance.

Frank informed the meeting that he had been in touch with Brian Buckley, SBC re damage to the surface, large potholes and general deterioration due to the severe weather. Brian had informed him that he had personally driven down this route, and monthly inspections are normally carried out. Remedial action would be taken where necessary. Frank proposed that the Clerk write to SBC to raise this issue again. Seconded by Lynne. Agreed.

The Parish Council meeting closed at 19.55

Open Forum (11/1/2011)

N/A

The meeting closed at 19.55 pm

Next meeting **Monday, 14th February, 2011.** Agenda items to Chris by **Sunday, 6th February 2011**

Signed

Date