

Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 13th October 2008 at 18.30 in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Carlton.

Present: Cllr Trish Bowker (Chair)
Cllr John Turnbull
Cllr Sid Bell
Cllr Ronnie Dee
Cllr Lynne Evans
Mrs Chris Cooke (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Judith Stevens, Cllr Frank Cooke

Attendance: Cllr Fred Salt (Ward Councillor), Mr E Lambert, Mr A Batie

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Dee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning appeal for The Stables due to the fact that her property shares a boundary with The Stables.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr Turnbull, seconded by Cllr Dee. Accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising (1/10/08)

VAT (3/9/08) John informed the meeting that he had written a VAT reclaim letter on 15/9/08, which was now with the Parish Clerk. However, as the Council was expecting a large invoice from BDO Stoy Hayward in relation to questions raised re the Annual Audit he recommended that this claim be deferred until the invoice had been received. Agreed.

Village Green (5/9/08) John confirmed that an article had appeared on the Gazette website. Ronnie confirmed that an article had appeared in the Cleveland, Darlington & Stockton Times Parish News.

Wind Farms (7/9/08) no further information.

Telephone System (8/9/08) The Clerk informed the meeting that she had written to BT and received a response from the Customer Call Centre who had misunderstood the nature of the complaint and had offered to "test the household line". When she had told them that the complaint was from the Parish Council on behalf of the village, she was informed that BT would need all account numbers and telephone numbers of people affected. Agreed that the Clerk would write to BT again and inform them that if no suitable response was received the Council would complain to Ofcom.

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SBC Street Lighting and Footpath Refurbishment (9/9/08) It was noted that work was being carried out on the electrical connections and re-surfacing.

Dangerous Dog (11/9/08) The Clerk informed the meeting that she had spoken to Mark Berry who was responsible for the Animal Welfare Officers at Stockton Borough Council. An Animal Welfare Officer had visited the landlord of The Ship after a resident had made a complaint. The landlord recognised that the dog was young and liable to 'lunge' at people when out walking. However, as he was walking the dog himself and

using a 'halty' collar and the Animal Welfare Service considered that he was taking suitable precautions and could only take further action if they received complaints about specific incidents. A discussion took place re residents now feeling unable to walk past The Ship and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Berry and suggest that another visit took place, this time with the Animal Welfare Officer observing the dog when walking around the Village.

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Correspondence (13/9/08) John updated the meeting on the visit of the Bishop of Jarrow and the discussion which took place re 'Community Spirit' and what the Church could do to support this.

Drovers Lane Traffic Calming (14/9/08) The Clerk informed the meeting that she had written to Brian Buckley, SBC re this but had not yet received a reply. Agreed Clerk to follow up.

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Finance (2/10/08)

- Cheques:
 - Cheque No 100094 £6.26 (stamps & postage – payee John Turnbull)
 - Cheque No 100095 £300.00 (Parish Clerk's Salary – payee Chris Cooke)
- Petty Cash £5.51 – Cllr Dee checked the Petty Cash. Agreed.
- Budget Sheet: Balance for current account stood at £96.90. Discussed and agreed John to transfer £350 from deposit account.

JT

Audit of Accounts (3/10/08)

See Parish Council Liaison Forum

Parish Council Liaison Forum (4/10/08)

Cllr Bowker had submitted a question to the Forum re questions raised by residents re the Audit and subsequent costs to the Council from BDO Stoy Hayward. The advice given was that all residents had a right to raise questions however in this case, the costs incurred were disproportionate to the amount of precept raised. The Forum would take this forward and report back. John suggested that when the audit was completed this matter should be raised with the Audit Commission.

Trish updated the meeting on the School Travel Plans which were discussed at the meeting after a presentation from Jonathan Kibble, Snr Road Safety Officer. William Cassidi School was not on the list therefore no action was required.

Regeneration of Stockton Town Centre – Trish questioned the emphasis on regeneration of the Town Centre with little being looked at in rural areas.

Joint Parish Meeting (5/10/08)

Trish reported that a number of villages were experiencing problems with motorbikes and tractors speeding through the villages. A joint parish meeting had been arranged with Steve Lumb, SBC at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 18/11/08 in Stillington Youth & Community Centre to discuss this and other traffic related problems.

TB

Trish reported that no other villages were experiencing problems with BT phones lines\broadband connections.

Bus Timetables – it was noted that the timetables issued to residents by Arriva were inaccurate. John confirmed that the timetable had been published on the Parish Council website and he had given an approximate time when the No 6 would arrive at Redmarshall Crossroads bound for Stillington.

Planning (6/10/08)

- **The Stables:** Ronnie requested clarification about her declaration of interest. Agreed that if other residents were speaking then she was able to speak as a 'resident'. However, she must leave room if a vote was held. Discussion took place re the Planning Inspectors visit to The Stables on 1/10/08 in relation to the appeal re 10 affordable homes. As yet no decision re this appeal had been received. Agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Andrew Glossop, SBC, re contact details for the inspector in relation to an incident which took place on site.
- **The Mains:**
The Clerk informed the meeting that an outline planning application had been submitted on 2/10.08 (08/2983/0UT) in relation to a 50 bed replacement nursing home. A discussion was held around the fact that the architects had removed the community building and replaced this with open space but it was noted that the site boundary remained the same and was therefore outside the village envelope. Closing date for comments was 29/10.08. Cllr Bowker proposed that Cllrs vote in favour of objecting to the outline planning permission. Seconded by Cllr Dee. Agreed unanimously. Action: Clerk to contact Andrew Glossop, SBC re information. Plans, consultation docs, supporting statements to be circulated to Cllrs urgently for comments. All comments to be sent to Clerk who will collate and submit to SBC Planning Dept.

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Spaces for Play (7/10/08) discussion took place places for play letter and form circulated to Cllrs previously. Agreed that there is little demand within the village and we did not have the expertise to submit a bid.

Parish News (8/10/08)

No specific information to advertise.

Correspondence (9/10/08)

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

- Parish Council Liaison Forum – Agenda & Papers 15/9/08
- Chief Constable's Public Meeting – 25/9/08
- DKS Architects re The Mains – dated 15/9/08
- Village Notes dated 11/9/08
- Wind Farms – meeting with Phil Wilson – dated 12/9/08
- SBC Community Protection Update – dated 12/9/08
- SBC Maps at Stockton – dated 17/9/08
- SBC Standards Committee Meeting 25/9/08
- Communities and Local Government – dated 27/8/08
- SBC Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 'Voices' DVD – dated 2/10/08
- SBC Stockton News – dated 11/9/08

- SBC Spaces for Play – dated 24/9/08
- SBC Law & Democracy – dated 30/9/08
- E McDonald – dated 27/9/08
- SBC Care for Your Area – dated 1/10/08
- Joint Parish Council Mtg – Traffic Related Issues – dated 5/10/08
- Joint Parish Council Minutes – Mtg 16/9/08
- BDO Stoy Hayward – Audit – dated 1/10/08
- BDO Stoy Hayward – Audit – dated 1/10/08
- SBC Law & Democracy re Standards Committee – dated 6/10/08
- County Durham Association of Local Councils – Chairmanship Training – dated 6/10/08
- SBC Law & Democracy Parish Council Minutes – dated 26/9/08
- Monster Play Systems – Green Playground Solutions – dated 9/10/08
- County Durham & Cleveland Training Partnership – Update No 2
- P Dowell – The Mains Waste Collection – 10/10/08
- Keep Britain Tidy - The Big Tidy Up 08

Any Other Business (10/10/08)

The Clerk informed the meeting that she written to both SBC and Mr Paul Dowell re noise pollution from the commercial waste collection at The Mains. Mr Dowell commented that he had discussed this matter with SBC but Health & Safety issues meant that staff were at increased risk of accident if the collection was removed to the front of the building. He also referred to his new planning application and questioned the timing of the complaint. Agreed that the Clerk would contact him and confirm that the complaint had arisen via his consultation around his new planning application.

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It was agreed that a Village Xmas Tree be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:20

Next meeting **Monday, 10th November 2008**. Agenda items to Chris Cooke by **Sunday, 2nd November 2008**.

Open Forum (11/10/08)

Mr Lambert raised the question of Planning Application 08/2828/ FUL re erection of agricultural building – the notices had been posted in Carlton not Redmarshall presumably due to the fact that the applicant lived in Carlton. Suggested the Clerk to contact SBC Planning Department to ensure that any applications within the Parish Boundaries are advertised within Redmarshall.

Mr Lambert raised the fact the in the Village Appraisal document there were many inconsistencies regarding distances for employment areas, GP surgeries, schools. Trish commented that as Redmarshall had been deemed 'unsustainable' as a village it was felt that no further comments were required at this time.

Signed

Date