

## Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 6.30 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Carlton.

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

Apologies: Cllr Frank Cooke  
Attendance: Mr Bell, Mr Lambert, Mr Battie

### Actions

#### Declarations of Interest (1/10/09)

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.

Cllr Dee also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Shed 2, Ouston Moor Farm Planning Application due to the fact that she walks and rides her horse on this particular piece of land.

#### Minutes of the Previous Meeting (2/10/09)

Ronnie proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Chris J seconded. Agreed.

#### Matters Arising (3/9/09)

The Stables, Kirkhill (6/9/08)

Clerk confirmed that she had emailed Brian Buckley re the verge on 27/9/09 however he had been on holiday until 12/10/09 therefore no further information had been received.

Parish News (10/9/09)

Clerk confirmed that Drovers Lane closure had been included in the Parish Magazine.

Open Forum (13/9/09)

Clerk confirmed that she had raised a call with Care for Your Area re the two bus shelters. Call ref 784262 refers.

Parish Council Liaison Forum (8/9/09)

Trish briefed Cllrs re the main points of the meeting (papers circulated to Cllrs in correspondence)

- Village Link bus service: 280 registrations – total trips taken between 1/7/09 – 9/9/09: 554 with a breakdown of 132 concessionary fares and 422 fare paid. The main recommendation was that the service in its current format cannot justify the expenditure (a shortfall in the region of £43k). Several options had been proposed. Anyone requiring further details to contact Parish Clerk.
- Local Assessment Framework – discussion took place re procedures for residents making complaints re Cllrs. Noted that Cllrs still did not have the right to know who the complaint was made by or what the complaint was about when it was made to the Assessment Sub-Committee if the Sub-Committee decided no further action was needed.
- Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy: information booklet to be circulated with correspondence.
- Cardboard & Recycling: Trish confirmed that residents can order more 'white' plastic and cardboard recycling bags if they need them. Residents are advised that the garden waste collection finished on 12/10/09.
- Paul Dobson, newly appointed Head of Development & Neighbourhood Services attended the meeting and discussed his views for future developments for Stockton.

### **Finance (4/10/09)**

- Budget Sheet & VAT: Clerk confirmed that a VAT sheet would be circulated with the agenda and cashbook to allow Cllrs to monitor VAT reclaim. Noted that standard note re Cllrs checking and confirming that sufficient funds were available to cover cheques is included on the agenda. Discussion took place re Clerk noting future payment dates for budgeted payments. Ronnie proposed that £500.00 be transferred to current account, Lynne seconded. Agreed. Clerk to put future payment schedule on agenda for November meeting. **CC**
- Clerk confirmed that the following cheques had been paid:
  - Chq no 100106 - £57.50 BDO Stoy Hayward Inv 932477 re audit 2008/09
  - Chq no 100107 - £225.00 Clerk's Honorarium (Jul - Sept 09) Inv No RED005
- Audit: Noted Internal Auditor's recommendation re Cllrs being made aware of VAT reclaim as discussed above.

### **Parish Councillor Vacancies (5/10/09)**

Trish stated that she understood a resident may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and would pursue this. Ronnie also suggested a resident who may be interested and again, she would investigate this further. **TB/ RD**

### **Planning Applications (6/10/09)**

Ouston Moor Farm Shed 2 Appeal 08/3621/FUL – 6/10/09 – no further information had been received.

Clubhouse, Teesside Model Flying Club – 09/2281/FUL – comments by 16/10/09

Ronnie declared a non-prejudicial interest in this application and did not take part in the vote.

A discussion took place re the Parish Council's previous objections in 2006 to an application for the erection of a portacabin to use as a clubhouse/meeting room and the fact that the Parish Council had objected at that time and the objection had been upheld. As there had been no significant changes to the application, Trish proposed that the Clerk object on the following grounds:

- The clubhouse constitutes an inappropriate and incongruous feature contrary to policies GP1 and NE13 of the Stockton on Tees Local Plan
- The clubhouse would be located outside the defined limits of development
- The clubhouse would contribute to additional vehicular traffic on Drovers Lane during evenings and weekends **CC**

A vote was taken and no Cllrs objected to the proposal. Three Cllrs voted in favour.

### **Drovers Lane(7/10/09)**

Re-surfacing (6/5/08) Noted that some works had now commenced. Still no clarification re the extent of resurfacing. Agreed Clerk to contact Brian Buckley once again for clarification. If no further clarification was given, agreed Clerk to contact Cllr Fred Salt. **CC**

Traffic Calming (14/9/08) Discussion took place re Frank's meeting with Steve Lumb. Agreed Clerk to investigate whether it would be possible for speed cushions to be installed later if required. Agreed no further action could be taken until revised plans had been received.

### **Parish News (8/10/09)**

Ronnie confirmed that vacancies for Parish Councillors would be advertised.

### **Xmas Tree (9/10/09)**

Discussion took place re planting a tree on the current site. Agreed Clerk to contact SBC to discuss however it was felt that if this was possible, it would not be done in time for Xmas 09, therefore Clerk to also investigate purchasing tree. Agenda item for November meeting. **CC**

## Joint Parish Council Meeting (10/10/09)

Clerk to put on agenda for November meeting. Trish to attend.

### Correspondence (11/10/09)

The 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 13/9/09 – 4/10/09
2. SBC DNS Letter 16/9/09 – Proposed Vehicle Activation Sign, Redmarshall. Clerk has already replied. On hold pending revisions to traffic calming proposals.
3. Cllr Turnbull resignation letter dated 16/9/09 – Agreed Clerk to write to John thanking him for his efforts as a very pro-active member of the Council who will be sorely missed.
4. BDO Stoy Hayward 20/9/09 – Audit 08/09
5. Wind Prospects Dev. Ltd.: Foxton Lane Wind Farm Proposal Oct 09 Consultation Mtgs. Trish to attend on behalf of the Council. Consultation meetings for local residents and interested parties to take place as follows:
  - Mordon Village Hall 19/10/09 between 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm
  - Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgefield 20/10/09 between 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm
6. SBC Admissions 12/10/09 Consultation on Admissions Arrangements 2011/12.
7. Special Needs Children's Carnivals – request for donation. Agreed Clerk to write to Treasurer stating that unfortunately we are unable to make a donation as Section 137 payments should be in the interests of, and bring direct benefit to, the parish area or part of it or to all or some of the parishioners

### Any Other Business (12/5/09)

Ronnie raised the issue of the lawnmower purchased by the Parish Council to cut the grass on the Green. Clerk to check whether SBC still has plans to cut the grass every fortnight. Agenda item for November meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.20 p.m.

Next meeting **Monday, 9th November 2009**. Agenda items to Chris by **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009**.

### Open Forum (13/9/09)

Mr Bell raised the issue of the information on SBC website showing the Limits to Development at the south end of the Village. Agreed Clerk to investigate and, if necessary, write to SBC planning.

Mr Lambert commented on the number of accidents on Drover's Lane within the last few weeks. Clerk confirmed that accidents were being reported to SBC Highways Section.

Mr Lambert commented on the location of fire hydrants around the Village. Cllrs stated that they understood that the Fire Brigade were responsible for the maintenance of the hydrants and their location. Agreed Clerk to write to the Fire Brigade requesting confirmation of this.

Meeting closed at 20.30 p.m.

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