

AIRMYN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 14 January 2014 at 7.00pm in Airmyn Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillors Cowling Crossland-Clarke, Dickenson, Peake, Pickering, Spence, Sweet, Watson, the Clerk, Adrian Smith, Michael Ball and two members of the public.

427. Mobile Phones

The chairman reminded members that mobile phones should be switched off where possible.

428. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Lester

429. Declarations of Interest

Court House Farm- Disclosable pecuniary – Cllr. Watson

430. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 December 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.

431. Newland Bridge Repairs

RESOLVED to bring this item forward on the agenda.

Adrian Smith Project Manager to the Newland Bridge Repairs and Michael Hall Principal Engineer for ERYC gave a presentation which detailed bridge works to be carried out and road closures and what that means for the village, they discussed;

- Planned essential bridge works, being required due to the foundations sinking from not being put on solid footings, it has been positioned on top of Peat which has settled due to the weight of the very heavy foundation material. A bridge structure should be designed to last for a minimum of 80-100 years, this bridge is 25 years old and is unsafe and not currently fit for purpose.
- The time scale expected to last approximately 6 months from spring to winter 2015- this has been planned to make the best use of daylight and working hours per day and also to include school holidays to cause minimum impact to school transport.
- diversion routes, it was explained that the main route especially for articulated vehicles is to keep them on the motorway network as long as possible, the village of Snaith is expecting local people to use their village as a diversion route will have some additional safety measures in place.
- Actual work to be carried out will see the foundations be filled with a strong but lighter material, which will settle over time but within the expected levels.
- Opportunity for questions was given, where Cllr. Dickenson provided useful information re the diversion route through Camblesforth being too narrow for two large vehicles to pass at the same time and advised that traffic control measures may be required.
- Further public information sessions are to be held to inform local residents of the works, which anyone is welcome to attend.

Cllr. Spence thanked Mr Smith and Mr Hall for taking the time to inform and discuss the plans with the council, as regrettably this is often not done. Copies of leaflets detailing the works and diversion routes were left with the clerk for interested parties to take.

RESOLVED that the clerk will put a copy of all sides of the leaflet up in the notice board.

RESOLVED that details of the Bridge Works and road closure be printed in the Airmyn News.

432. ACA

The minutes of the Meeting held 01 December 2014 were received.

Monthly Report.

Cllr. Cowling chair of the ACA committee reported that the committee had agreed to buy a washing machine, due to high laundry costs for the table cloths, and that the task was to be added to the cleaners' job description and would be appropriately communicated to her. Cleaner and Caretaker appraisals remain outstanding but if the safety policy is adopted by the council at its January meeting then the policy could be passed to the employees. Cllr. Cowling told the council that there is to be no February meeting and that an informal meeting to discuss the halls calendar events would be held.

433. To receive information on and address ongoing issues

Clock Tower

Additional Harness

Cllr. Crossland-Clarke reported that Jean Chambers from ERYC has agreed to purchase an additional harness at no cost to the PC, which has been ordered.

Automation of Mechanism

The clerk told the council that she has requested 2 quotes from companies, one company has responded requesting further details- photo of the dials etc., which Cllr. Crossland-Clarke has agreed to take and forward to the clerk for her to send on.

Safety Policy

The safety policy has been circulated with the agenda so councillors could review the document before the meeting given its size.

RESOLVED To adopt the policy as the councils safety policy with the addition of an annual review printed on document.

RESOLVED to make the document available for download on the website

RESOLVED that the document should be reviewed for additional tasks and requirements that may need to be added to the Cleaner and Caretakers job description/ Contract of Employment.

Clerk

Exit

Cllr. Spence reported that the clerk has been instructed to update the handover booklet for the new clerk and administrator to the ACA. Cllr. Spence will meet with the departing clerk to collect the laptop and all items from her at a date to be arranged.

Application

The personnel committee wrote and advertised the vacant position and have received 4 applications which they want to interview, interviews are to take place around 26 January 2015.

Container at the Crossings

Cllr. Cowling reported that she had received new information concerning the container at The Crossings, a resident had contacted her who was upset about its presence, who had passed a copy of some information re the aviation pipeline which runs through the village and it located in the immediate vicinity if not beneath the containers position, reports of digging to level the ground when the container was placed there have raised further concerns.

RESOLVED that the clerk will contact the enforcement officer already dealing with the case and pass the information received on to him and ensure that he is aware of the pipeline.

RESOLVED that the clerk contacts the pipeline agency to request details of pipe location and to advise them of the container and its location.

434. Planning Applications and Decisions

Planning

Erection of 5 wind turbines at land east of Bank House, Bridge Road, and Rawcliffe Bridge. 13/04183/STPLFE. The clerk advised that Rawcliffe Parish Council approved the application, so the Councils application had been left to approve by default.

Elite Furniture application Erection of a 22,692sqm manufacturing and storage facility with office and showroom and associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure, at Land South East of Delta Enterprise Park, Rawcliffe Road, Airmyn.

Campaign

It was noted that there has been no developments with the call in process which can take some time, up to March or April, so the possibility of it being called in is still being investigated.

RESOLVED that there is nothing further the Council can do re the campaign, hopefully parishioners will keep momentum going if possible.

RESOLVED To write to Andrew Percy to thank him for his support and for all that he has done.

Judicial Review

The clerk read out information received from ERNLLCA re Judicial Review and other councils they may know of who have gone through this procedure. The information detailed a case of the costs going in to tens of thousands of pounds and the outcome still unknown, they advised that a solicitor is contacted to request further advice and quotes. ERNLLCA's closing advice to the request, was to hold the information and carry it forward, as there are 3 months in which it may be done.

RESOLVED it was resolved that the council don't have the resources to continue down this route.

Freedom of Information Request

Cllr Cowling advised that parishioners who requested correspondence concerning the Elite application under the freedom of information act had been refused and given the explanation that due to the amount of work involved it wouldn't be able to provide the information requested. The council has made a request for this information also, but has not yet received a response.

RESOLVED that a copy of a response to the residents request for information be kept on file.

RESOLVED that if council is refused the information due to what's reasonable amount of time, the requests could be divided up to try and upturn the most useful information.

Evidence of Capitol Park Availability.

Cllr. Peake reported that she had contacted DTZ re further information for the marketing of Capital Park, hoping to gain further proof of its availability, and that her request had been unproductive in getting any useful information.

Planning Enforcement Issues:

The clerk advised the council that she had sent the information re the excessive signage at Court House farm entrance to the case officer, who has since left, she had then sent it to other officers as advised.

RESOLVED that the information should be sent to the enforcement officer who would review the conditions of the approved application and for the clerk to do this.

435. Financial matters

Bank reconciliation

The reconciliation up to 9 January was accepted as a true record.

Draft Budget 2015-2016

The draft budget was reviewed and changes made until the final was agreed upon.

Precept levy for 2015/16

It was noted that the council wish to have funds available to be able to help the community they serve by having funds available to be able to assist with important parish matters should they arise like the Elite Application.

RESOLVED that the precept amount of £17,865 be requested which is a 6% increase on the previous year, this will meet the levels set in the budget to adequately enable the council to fulfil its essential tasks.

RTI

The clerk advised that further issues have been highlighted seemingly each time a correction is made, but that things are in hand to be able to correct these, she is awaiting information requested but that she will ensure she has done all she can to finalise things before she leaves and is happy to be contacted in future if any clarification is needed.

RESOLVED that this and the clerk's hand book be the clerk's priorities before she leaves.

436. Payments for approval

The following payments were approved

Leanne Adams- Clerk's salary and expenses for December 2014.

£200 – Woods coach- for Beverley Committee Hearing.

437. Matters raised by Councillors

Glews entrance nearest to M62 to be closed, plan for Armco to adopt entrance road.

Cllr. Watson advised the council that a condition of the planning application was that this road would be adopted by ARMCO and that the kerb would be raised along the edge of the footpath.

RESOLVED that the clerk asks the enforcement officer to investigate the planning conditions.

Conditions of A614 Roundabout planning application.

Cllr. Watson advised that a condition of the roundabout application being approved was the negotiation of the 40mph limit to go up to white city, which remains outstanding.

RESOLVED that the clerk informs the enforcement officer of this.

Flooding on roundabout.

Cllr. Watson reported that the new roundabout is still flooding when it rains as the drain isn't in the correct position to collect rainwater that has rolled down the camber of the road.

RESOLVED that the clerk inform the ERYC of this issue.

438. Issues arising from new correspondence

ERNLLCA – Local Council Award Scheme.

Cllr. Spence advised that this has not yet come into force but it will soon and it will replace what is the Quality Parish Status, and will be a fee of £50 to join. Cllr. Spence suggested the council should at least get the foundation level.

Woodland Trust

The trust has a programme to provide trees for community and voluntary groups. Applications in 2015 has an end of January deadline.

The clerk told the council of the invitation to apply for trees for the local community and wondered if any would be useful for Bracken Hill.

RESOLVED that if any councillors have time that they will apply for these. Clerk to pass details to Cllr. Dickenson.

439. Upcoming Meetings

Flood Liaison Group- County Hall, Cross Street, Beverley, HU17 9BA on Friday, 20 March 2015 at 10:00am. The meeting will last no more than two hours and the agenda and relevant paperwork will be sent out nearer the time.

RESOLVED That Cllrs disclose interest and availability to attend at the February meeting.

440. Report from Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. C Fox

Cllr. Fox advised the council that the recent opposition from the council and Airmyn Parishioners' to the Elite Planning application, has caused a stir with ERYC, she said that Senior Councillors were looking concerned at receiving so many Freedom of information act requests.

She told the council that she was ashamed to be such a small cog in a big deal and explained that she has taken a lot of criticism. She did express that it was a relief that so many people from the parish came to the planning hearing and witnessed the hearing for themselves.

Ward Cllr. J. Barrett

Cllr. Barrett added that some good may come of the Newland Bridge works if HGV's have to stay on the motorway network for longer, he hopes this may be a better route and that they may continue to use this route after completion of the works. He also told the council that Snaith are to benefit from the diversion by having temporary traffic lights in the village as their request for these has previously been refused so the temporary lights will provide a chance for the system to be trialled.

Cllr. Spence thanked both Ward Cllr's for all their support with opposing the Elite Application.

441. Matters for inclusion on the next agenda

River Bank Trees- Cllr. Sweet

Picture Of Airmyn Hall Wall- Cllr. Crossland-Clarke

Limestone- Cllr. Cowling

Notice Board- Cllr. Cowling

Clocktower Doors- Cllr. Cowling

Adoption of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders- Cllr. Spence

Elections- Cllr. Spence.

The below were raised by Cllrs but the given the clerks authority to deal with highways issues immediately it was resolved that the clerk advises the Highways Agency of the following Issues.
Roundabout near Boothferry Bridge on the exit coming into the village has sever pot holes in the road

The recent repair into The Crossings has sunk again

Drains on the approach road to the Boothferry Bridge roundabout were blocked- to request that the drains on the sloping road from the bridge to the Airmyn Roundabout be cleared.

Drainage Channel at entrance to Percy Arms

442. Members of the public

Nothing to discuss.

443. Date of the next meeting

The Chairman confirmed the date of the next ordinary meeting as Wednesday, 18 February 2015 at 7.00pm note, week later than usual time due to several Cllrs unable to attend.

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm