

## AIRMYN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 18 February 2015 at 7.00pm in Airmyn Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillors Peake (Chair), Cowling (minute taker), Lester, Watson, Dickenson, Pickering, ERYC Councillor Fox and three members of the public.

444. Mobile Phones

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

445. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Crossland-Clarke, Sweet and Spence.

446. Declarations of Interest

8.2 Planning Decision - non pecuniary – Cllr. Watson

448. It was noted that Nichola Ingleton has been appointed as Clerk to Airmyn Council and Community Association.

449. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 December 2014 be approved as a true and correct record after amendments were made to minute 437 at the request of Councillor Watson.

450. ACA

The minutes of the Meeting held on 2 February 2015 were received.

Monthly Report.

Cllr. Cowling, Chair of the ACA committee reported that the committee had held a formal meeting in order to discuss the pay and conditions of the Memorial Hall cleaner and caretaker. A letter is to be sent to both employees informing them of their pay and clarifying their job descriptions.

451. To receive information on and address ongoing issues

Clock Tower, Additional Harness, Automation of mechanism.

RESOLVED: to place these items on the March agenda.

452. Planning Applications

Alteration and extension to existing coach house to form a community facility, 14/03076/PLF  
RESOLVED: to approve the application.

Planning Decision

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.

Councillor Cowling reported that a meeting of parishioners had taken place on Monday, 9, February 2015 to discuss how to continue the fight against the ERYC decision to approve the application submitted by Elite. It had been agreed to investigate the possibility of judicial review and requesting the Local Government Ombudsman to investigate the planning process. The Airmyn Under Threat blog is to be continued and publicity sought through local and national newspapers. Caroline Nicholson offered to assist with Ombudsman enquiry.

Councillor Peake asked the councillors present if they would like to act as a deposit for funds to continue the fight.

RESOLVED: not to undertake this action.

Councillor Dickenson expressed concern that Elite Office Furniture may try to oppose Planning Condition 4 and seek to higher the weight limit on Airmyn Lane.

RESOLVED: Councillor Lester to draft a letter to be sent to Nigel Leighton, Anthony Devey, Nigel Pearson, Peter Ashcroft and Councillor Simon Fraser regarding this and to inform the ERYC that Airmyn Parish Council will be monitoring the landscaping conditions. Councillor Fox to find out the name of the officer responsible for landscaping.

#### 453. Financial matters

Bank reconciliation

The reconciliation up to 4 February 2015 was accepted as a true record.

RTI issues – Mrs. Adams advised that she had done all she could to get this up to date But only time will tell if her attempts have been successful.

The following payment was approved

Clerk's final salary.

The current and next year's tax base for precept levy

RESOLVED: To receive this at the March meeting.

#### 454. Matters raised by Councillors

River Bank Trees

RESOLVED: to place Councillor Sweet's concerns on to the March agenda.

A letter was received from a parishioner expressing great concern regarding a tree, that had been partly felled on the river bank.

RESOLVED: to send a copy of the letter to Alan Hemingway and Steven Devey (ERYC) together with a covering letter, asking them to look into this matter and clarify what has happened.

Limestone

Councillor Cowling informed the council that the ACA can use all the limestone stored at the Memorial Hall and asked if the Parish Council would sell this to Airmyn Community Association.

RESOLVED: to donate the limestone to the ACA.

### Notice Board

Councillor Cowling reported that the notice board needs to be replaced.

RESOLVED: Councillor Lester to investigate costs for a replacement.

### Clock Tower doors

Councillor Cowling reported that the clock tower doors need painting and that the last time this was done, the contractor reported to ERYC that the doors are rotten. He was instructed to patch them up and paint them. A parishioner has offered to paint the doors but they are the responsibility of ERYC.

RESOLVED: To thank the parishioner for his offer and explain that this is the responsibility of ERYC.

To inform ERYC of the condition of the doors and request that they be inspected and action taken to renovate/replace them.

### Adoption of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

RESOLVED: to accept both documents.

### Elections

Councillor Spence wished to remind councillors that the election to appoint councillors to the Parish Council is to take place in May. Councillor Watson informed those present that there is a new application procedure.

RESOLVED: Councillor Fox to clarify this at the next meeting.

### Gritting of Footpaths

Councillor Pickering reminded councillors that a team of residents had been set up to spread grit/salt on the footpaths outside the homes of vulnerable parishioners during icy weather. If they wanted to continue this, a new team would have to be created.

RESOLVED: not to continue with this because there were plenty of grit/salt bins and neighbours would assist as and when needed.

#### 455. Issues arising from new correspondence

Information on Capping and Transparency were received. The new clerk to clarify at the March Meeting.

#### 456. 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.  
No-one agreed to attend.

#### 457. Report from Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. C Fox

ERYC are offering to provide sand and empty sand bags to communities to be used if flooding occurs. The council would be required to provide a piece of land upon which the sand could be stored and a store for the bags.

RESOLVED: To ask the Clerk to place this on the ACA meeting agenda for March.

Crossings Footpath: Councillor Fox had asked the Community Payback Team to clear the sides of the Crossings footpath and to cut back the hedges. They had done a good job; the footpath was wider and protruding branches were no longer a danger to users. Councillor Fox was thanked for her actions.

A discussion was then held about the tarmac on the path.

Lesley Whitehead (ERYC Footpaths Officer) had made enquiries of Highways as to the supply of tarmac to resurface the path. She had been informed that none was available. Concern was also expressed about the tipping that had taken place on both sides of the footpath.

Councillor Fox had requested that ERYC cut the hedge bordering Airmyn Lane at the Amenity Site. She also informed the council that the light on the defibrillator was not working and that all ERYC Retained Fire Crew had now been trained to use the defibrillators in the county. The Community First Responder Programme has had a positive result, there had been an Increase of 1,831 attendances over the last year when assistance was given.

Councillor Peake thanked Councillor Fox for her report.

458. Safety Concerns

Councillor Crossland-Clarke had sent a photograph of Airmyn Hall wall, expressing concern about the stability of a coping stone. Councillor Watson informed the council that the stone had been knocked off a number of years ago by contractors, when the High Street had been resurfaced. It had taken five men to lift the stone into its present position. Also the wall is to be rebuilt in the near future.

RESOLVED: not to pursue the matter any further.

459. Matters for inclusion on the next agenda

Concern about the land adjacent to the Crossings footpath – Councillor Dickenson.

460. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The Chairman confirmed the date of the next ordinary meeting as Wednesday, 11 March 2015 at 7.00pm.

461. Members of the public

Mrs Hayton asked the question, "Who owns the trees on the riverbank?" She was informed that residents need to look at their house deeds in order to find this Information.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

H. Cowling (Councillor)