

**Minutes of the Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2011 in the
Methodist Church Hall
A Quality Status Council**

Present: Chris Worrall (Chairman), Doreen Engall, Nick Evans, Peter Hastings, Madge Johnson, Ernest Smith, Paul St Clair, Anthea Waudby, Kathryn Whitworth

Apologies: Steve Appleyard, Ann Dowson, Gordon Hastings

Not present: Alec Wild

Clerk: Steve Young 01757 288234, there were 13 members of public present

Public session

Brian Reynolds and Melanie Holland of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Housing Team attended to answer questions on the affordable housing policy, particularly the employment criterion. Brian reiterated that the employment condition is not used very often and when it is there is a rigorous examination of credentials including a home visit. D Engall asked if the East Riding Council has 100% nomination rights, answer yes. P St Clair asked what local means in the definitions, answer within the parish boundary plus it was stated that there are sufficient nominations to meet the 23 dwellings from within the parish boundary. N Evans asked if any vetting has taken place yet, answer no and this will be done towards the end of the financial year. N Evans asked about a housing development in Beverley where a market research had been carried out before development began, answered that the development is private and not the responsibility of the East Riding Council. Brian/Melanie explained that for HOSM a housing needs survey had been carried out and two housing registers are kept, all legal steps have been carried out to measure need. P Hastings said that the development was social not affordable, answer was that the definition of affordable included rented accommodation. K Whitworth asked why the development is split 19 rent to 4 shared equity, answer that the survey in 2006 indicated that this was the need. E Smith commented that the survey done in the village said that affordable housing was needed. P St Clair asked if there was a standard proportion of rent to buy on such developments, answer that usually it was 2/3 to 1/3 so this development was slightly skewed to rent

Chairman thanked our guests for their attendance

Debbie Bullock made a statement about The Grapevine. Debbie asked why it needed to be reviewed as Grapevine showed a small profit each year, was well received by the village and served its advertisers well and she questioned if it was because some Parish Councillors are involved with Holme News. Debbie said Grapevine was user friendly and whilst it could have more Parish Council articles it did contain many in each edition and gave a list of such articles in recent editions. Debbie said that if minutes are printed and were separated from the rest of the newsletter then this would become a burden on the precept, Debbie said that if this happened and Grapevine was not a Parish Council newsletter then advertisers would need repaying plus the lease on the copier would need to be repaid. Debbie said that if Grapevine content was edited by 13 people it would be unmanageable and suggested that the editorial team should comprise 3 Parish Councillors, the editor and the Clerk. She said that she would stay for the discussion later in the meeting and was willing to answer questions if required, she assumed that N Evans and K Whitworth would declare an interest as they were owner and wife of the editor of Holme News respectively

A resident informed the meeting that some residents of Sands Lane area had received a letter advising that work on the affordable housing development would start on 25 July but that the letter had not been circulated widely enough. A copy was passed to the Clerk so that he could email the company asking that they re-deliver the letter

52/11 Minutes of the meeting dated 15/6/11, these were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the addition under 46/11 that D Engall had usefully provided a point of information, this was not an opinion and was given after asking permission of the Chairman

Declaration of Interest. The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007. To record any declarations of interest by any Member in respect of items on this agenda, A Waudby pointed out that Peter Wiles the parish litter picker was her brother so she declares an interest when his salary is approved. Chairman stated that his salary was at a standard rate per hour and that this declaration should stand for the time that Peter is employed to avoid it having to be minuted at each meeting. Reference Grapevine, N Evans and K Whitworth declared an interest in being co-editor and wife of co-editor respectively of Holme News

53/11 Matters arising

- ✓ A163 roadworks, the work is complete and remedial work has been done. It was noted that dates have been provisionally released for the A614 work to be done ie September/October to allow seasonal traffic to ease
- ✓ LEADER Rural Heritage Grants Workshop, waiting for an update
- ✓ Weirs pond and the BTCV, they have applied for a grant towards work to be done, E Smith asked if it was money well spent as the pond is not easily accessible, Chairman pointed out that the proposed work will help conserve the environment rather than encourage visitors
- ✓ Back Lane and its designation as a gritting route, it was noted that Clerk has written to the three schools asking for information to be sent to parents in support of a re-designation and has also prepared an article for The Grapevine
- ✓ Cliffe Lane problems, still waiting for the farm entrance to be widened
- ✓ Request for bus stop markings in the village centre (opposite Holme Bakery), markings have been booked for October and Clerk will report back then
- ✓ Overgrown conifers at McColls Runner End, waiting for the birds to finish nesting before being trimmed
- ✓ Sealing off of access between Sands Lane and Hawthorn Drive, it was noted that the Clerk has not yet been to Land Registry and that an article has been prepared for The Grapevine asking if residents wish the access to be reopened
- ✓ Hedge adjacent to field at Rush Corner, the owner has agreed to make the hedge safe on the corner but there are pressing problems, it was **resolved** to ask Steve Atkinson to remove the dangerous growth
- ✓ Dyke running along Howden Road and New Road, one email from a resident and one email from the Drainage Board were discussed. It is obvious that no-one will accept responsibility, it was considered that if Highways water is entering the dyke then it should be their responsibility and it was **resolved** to get a response from them, it was asked how much it would cost to clean out the dyke
- ✓ Parish Councillor training, noted that 3 August 2011 from 7pm to 9pm has been booked in the Village Hall main hall, a guarantee of payment for 9 places has been made so need as many participants as possible
- ✓ Training for Peter Wiles, our litter picker has also been on a course via East Riding Council in Beverley for 13 July supported by his Job Coach, Clerk read an email from his Job Coach
- ✓ Training for planning as per email sent 30/6/11, P Hastings, A Waudby and K Whitworth requested to attend the course, should other Parish Councillors decide they wish to attend, please contact the Clerk
- ✓ Litter bin on Port Royal, a bin has been ordered. It was **resolved** to follow up the new bin at the Church
- ✓ Flashing road sign on Howden Road, the Parish Council would need to move the sign as there is no budget at the East Riding Council, Clerk to offer a potential site to get a costing
- ✓ Weight limit at Sutton bridge, a meeting was held in Bubwith on 22 June with the relevant Director of the East Riding Council. The East Riding officer's report recommended that the weight limit be lifted and this recommendation was approved at the East Riding Council Committee meeting on 20 July. Chairman said that the result follows good work by Bubwith Parish Council plus our three Ward Councillors plus other local Parish Councils and everyone that wrote objecting to the limit. Chairman thanked our three Ward Councillors and it was **resolved** to write to Bubwith Parish Council to thank them
- ✓ Highways/hedges issues have been reported/written to/contacted. The problem road surface on Baileywood has been marked ready for repair and it was **resolved** to write asking that the road be dug up and top dressed rather than just repaired

54/11 Planning applications

11/03080/PLF Construction of extension to existing dormer to front at 20 Sober Hill Drive for Mr Ian Western, no comments

11/02728/PLF Change of use of land for the keeping of horses and erection of stable block at Woldgate Farm, Howden Road for Ms Claire Thompson, no comments

11/03075/PLF Erection of single storey extension to rear with balcony above and construction of pitched roofs over existing flat roofs to front and side at Lingwood House, 21 Station Lane for Mr James Ashman, no comments

Gallymoor and Duck Nest Farm planning applications, Nick Evans (as Ward Councillor) has arranged for the planning officer to agree to meet to discuss these applications. Parish Councillors **resolved** to ask the officer to suggest dates for a meeting, this to be chaired by the Parish Council Chairman but not to be a Parish Council meeting, this will allow members of the public to speak

An Email reference community right to build was noted

An email from a Town Council at Leiston-cum-Sizewell was discussed. It is asking for support for a proposal to make applicants of large scale complicated planning applications provide means for Parish/Town Councils to better understand the application. It was **resolved** to support this request

55/11 Planning decision as advised by East Riding of Yorkshire Council

DC/11/01844/PLF Alterations and extensions including erection of two storey extensions to each side following demolition works at Welham Bridge, West Howden Road for Mr & Mrs N Preece, granted

DC/11/00552/STVAR Variation of conditions 2, 3 and 21 of planning permission 06/06461/STVARE to modify restoration contours, approved landscaping scheme and drainage design at Gallymoor Landfill Site, Market Weighton Road for Mr Phillip Scotney, granted. Clerk to post a copy to each Parish Councillor

A formal copy of the appeal reference 1 Workhouse Farm by Allen Williamson when the appeal was successful has been received

A formal copy of the appeal reference West Lodge by Stephen Towse when the appeal was dismissed has been received

It was noted that the East Riding Council Planning Enforcement Officer has written noting that the planting scheme in the buffer zone in the cemetery bordering the adjacent house has partly failed, he has asked that further protection be made against rabbit damage and also that further trees are planted in the next season. Accordingly the Clerk has discussed this with our handyman and he will put up a wire fence around the trees until they are established, the Clerk has also requested a further batch of 105 trees from the Woodland Trust and we will find out in October if this application is successful. It was **resolved** to hold a burial committee meeting on site

56/11 Accounts, balances of £12557.00 current account, £6729.82 saver account

Accounts approved were: £120.00 P Wiles litter picker, £665.00 S Atkinson handyman, £1625.00 Clerks salary Apr-Jun (done as 2 cheques £1300.00 to S Young and £325.00 to Tax office), £155.00 Clerks expenses Apr-Jun (includes reimbursement for May £60 Grapevine delivery), £336.98 Konica Minolta photocopier copy costs
It was noted that the annual audit has been completed with no comments

Newsletter/copier figures to date 2011/12 Income £895.75 Expenditure £2099.32

Village Hall car park and VAT, Clerk has sent the Village Hall Treasurer details of the scheme to meet VAT Office requirements and save the VAT on the work, N Evans confirmed that this had been received and would be actioned following the work being done on 15 to 17 August. These dates will be advertised in The Grapevine

57/11 Grapevine editorial discussion, Debbie Bullock had produced a draft copy of the current edition and this was handed out. N Evans congratulated Debbie on work done for The Grapevine but took exception to the comments made in the public session, this statement was later corrected to read “N Evans congratulated Mrs Bullock on her past work for the community in the village but he took exception to the veiled threats issued by Mrs Bullock in the public session” and stated that as co-editor of the Holme News that he did not wish The Grapevine to fold, he said that he was generally happy with the content of The Grapevine but did not wish to see any political views included in it. K Whitworth stated that The Grapevine should not support any one religious view over another. P Hastings stated that some articles had caused upset in the village and the Parish Council should not be seen to be involved in causing upset, he said that Parish Council minutes should be included in The Grapevine and was concerned that the Parish Council is accepting advertising. K Whitworth said that she had done some financial research and criticised the Parish Council for not taking advertising revenue from Chevin Housing. P Hastings said that to have 13 editors would be unwieldy and it was suggested that the size and make-up of the editorial team should be discussed at the next meeting. Chairman stated that all religions were asked for input, E Smith stated that it was important to advertise all activities and so it should stay as it is. The draft edition was discussed and a paragraph from one of the contributors was disputed, it was **resolved** that a caveat be put at the bottom of the relevant page stating views were not those of the Parish Council and that The Grapevine will be discussed at the August Meeting

58/11 Diamond Jubilee celebrations, this issue was **deferred until the August meeting**

59/11 An investigation into what happened in the run up to the planning decision being made at Beverley reference affordable housing on Sands Lane, this issue was **deferred until the August meeting**

60/11 Operation Lifestyle, Chairman has been approached by a team planning to do work on flower beds in Meadowfield, the beds are in a poor state. It was **resolved** to donate £20 towards the cost of plants, proposed C Worrall seconded P Hastings and approved unanimously

61/11 Other issues for possible future discussion as mooted by the previous Parish Council, should they be on a future agenda? All of these issues under 61/11 were **deferred until the August meeting**

- Should the Parish Council be a Town Council
- Twinning with a village/town
- Formation of a Youth Parish Council/Forum
- Land behind the Chapel is privately owned and maintained by the Parish Council

Current precept has an allowance for the following, when should action be taken to move these forward?

- Employment of a second litter picker, £1200 has been set aside
- A new seat on the village green, £300 has been set aside for a plastic bench
- Artificial Christmas Trees to be placed in holders, £1375 has been set aside

62/11 Reports

- M Johnson reported complaints about speeding at Runner End and also problems of cars parking on the pavement on the opposite side of the road to Holme Bakery
- K Whitworth reported a hedge overgrowing the pavement at Snowdrop Farm 24 High Street plus problems with HGVs using Chapelfields/Ash View as a turning area
- P St Clair asked that Holme Road running from Gallymoor to Market Weighton by-pass be on the **next agenda** as problems are being caused by wide loads
- N Evans reported that the Village Hall Committee had congratulated the contractors for the work done on the A163 plus a blocked drain on the A614 still causing damage to the adjacent wall
- Chairman reported a blocked drain outside the clothes shop adjacent to the Village Hall
- D Engall reported that the 76th Squadron memorial service on 11 September could be the last one

63/11 Correspondence

- ERNLLCA (local branch of national assoc of local councils) reports that the annual meeting of the East Riding (West) District Committee will be held on Wednesday 20 July at 7.30pm in Stamford Bridge
- The Annual General Meeting of ERNLLCA will be held on Saturday 17 September at 2.00pm in Haxey North Lincolnshire
- The June 2011 ERNLLCA newsletter has been received
- Information has been circulated reference The Market Weighton Canal Walk
- Information has been received from Rollits (a law firm) reference the Localism Bill
- East Riding Parish News July edition
- The AGM of NHS East Riding of Yorkshire will be held in Cottingham on Thursday 14 July 2011
- An invitation has been received from East Riding Council Chairman to a civic reception to celebrate Yorkshire Day Monday 1 August at 7.00pm
- East Riding Councils response to the Governments request for consultation on travellers
- Flood information received from East Riding Council

The meeting closed at 9.32pm

The next meeting of Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 August 2011 in the Methodist Church Hall