

Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 9 November 2009 at 6.30 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Carlton.

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

Apologies: Cllr Chris Johnson
Attendance: Mr Bell, Mr Lambert, Mr Turnbull, Mr Bowker,
Mr Dee, Ms Nixon & Partner, Cllr F Salt,
Mr Brian Buckley, SBC Highways Network Manager,
Mr Bill Trewick, SBC Traffic & Road Safety Mgr,
Mr Steve Lumb, Community Engineer

Actions

Trish proposed that the order of business on the agenda be amended to accommodate attendance at the meeting by Brian Buckley, Bill Trewick, Steve Lumb and Lisa Nixon. Agreed.

Drover's Lane (7/11/09)

A list of 13 'reported' road traffic collisions (RTC) accidents on Drover's Lane between 29/10/08 – 29/10/2009 which John Turnbull had obtained via Councillor Julia Cherrett was circulated for information.

Re-surfacing (6/5/08)

Bill Trewick gave a short presentation re accident figures relating to East View/NWA Reservoir bends on Drover's Lane. The Council reviews injury accident records annually based on a rolling 3 year period. In the 3 year period 2004-6 the injury accident record of 8 in 3 years indicated the main problem was at the 'S' bend. In June 2007 works was carried out with edge markings, road studs and additional warning signs and since then only 1 further injury related accident. At that time there had only been 1 injury related accident near the reservoir. Since 2008 the accidents seem to have shifted to north of East View and Brian Buckley has been investigating highway maintenance solutions on this stretch.

Agreed that: The siting of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) be investigated on NWA land near the reservoir bend travelling from Redmarshall. **BT**

Brian Buckley discussed the current situation re re-surfacing of Drover's Lane. Brian informed the meeting that the letter dated 4/6/08 referring to re-surfacing of Drovers Lane\Redmarshall Road and attached plan highlighting the full length of the road, did not indicate that the whole of Drovers Lane was being re-surfaced only the length of road that was being considered for works. He agreed that the plan was misleading and stated that it should have only shown the extent of the works planned. He also stated that the works did not commence in June 2008 as the design was not complete.

Brian agreed that camber problems and skid resistance problems on certain parts of the bends had been identified. The works recently undertaken were designed to alleviate these flaws. However, Frank and several residents stated that the new profile had, to some extent, taken out the adverse camber but it appeared to finish 4 or 5m short as there was a definite 'dip' on the exit from the bend and concern was expressed that these works would not solve the problem. Comments were also passed that the standard of the surfacing left something to be desired.

Questions were raised about co-ordination with NWA re current works. Brian indicated that NWA had only recently informed the NRSWA Committee regarding the intended works and that Highways had liaised with NWA to allow them to carry out some works whilst the October half term road closure was in place and had delayed the plan to re-surface all the bends until the NWA work was complete (approx 2 weeks time). However, it was pointed out that it may have been useful for SBC to have informed the Parish Council that the full re-surfacing work expected on the bends would not be carried out during the October half term due to NWA works. Further discussions confirmed that no budget had been agreed to carry out any further re-surfacing works from Drover's Lane in the 2009-2010 financial year and therefore no further resurfacing work would be carried out until the new financial year commencing April 2010. Brian agreed to inform Cllrs of the amount of monies allocated to Drover's Lane available in the 2010/11 budget along with an indication of the sections of the road this will be spent on.

BB

With regard to the breakdown of the edge of the road on the 'S' bend, potholes and general maintenance, Brian stated that Drovers Lane is on a monthly safety inspection cycle. The last inspection was on 22/10/2009 and a couple of patches were identified for repair near the junction with Darlington Lane. NWA will complete their work later in the week and the next inspection will take place in late November 2009 and if any remedial maintenance work was needed this would be carried out. Brian agreed that the report from this latest inspection would be forwarded to Cllrs and, if necessary, a site meeting will be held to discuss issues and also proposed work to be carried out on each area i.e. tar spray and chip, shoulder strengthening etc. Proposed design plans would also be made available to Cllrs for information. Copies of minutes to be sent to BB\BT

BB

It was felt that poor communication on the part of SBC Highways Team with the Parish Council had exacerbated an already difficult situation. Overall both Cllrs and residents expressed their disappointment and displeasure at the fact that the whole of Drover's Lane was not going to be re-surfaced.

Brian Buckley and Bill Trewick left the meeting at this point.

Traffic Calming (14/9/08)

Steve Lumb presented the latest traffic calming proposal for Redmarshall to the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that Steve would put two proposals out for consultation, one with only a gateway design at the entrance to the village from Drover's Lane\Darlington Back Lane and another proposing gateway and speed hump features in order that residents would decide which they would prefer. Copies of minutes to be sent to SL.

SL

CC

Steve Lumb left the meeting at this point.

Correspondence from M Seaton dated 7/11/09

A discussion took place regarding a letter received from Margaret Seaton re a resident claiming to be a member of the Parish Council and threatening a neighbour by stating that the Parish Council could have them evicted from their rented property. As the resident had now apologised, it was agreed no action to be taken at this time.

Declarations of Interest (1/11/09)

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (2/11/09)

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

Matters Arising (3/10/09)

The Stables, Kirkhill (6/9/08)

An email and attached photographs had been received from Rob Morrow re the verge. Cllrs did not agree with Steve's conclusions and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact him for convenient dates and times and circulate to everyone to check availability. CC

Open Forum (13/9/09)

Bus Shelters – minor work to the guttering of the brick shelter had been carried out. No further information had been received on the Perspex shelter. Agreed Clerk to follow up. CC

Open Forum (13/10/09)

Clerk confirmed that the information on SBC website showing the Limits to Development at the south end of the Village had been updated.

Fire Hydrants – Clerk had received an email explaining that the fire hydrants were inspected on a 3 year cycle.

Finance (4/11/09)

- Budget Sheet & VAT: Clerk had added expected payment dates to budget sheet. Clerk explained that figures in red indicated anticipated payments due November\December. Trish proposed that £300.00 be transferred to current account, Ronnie seconded. Agreed. CC
- Clerk confirmed that the following cheques needed to be paid:
 - Chq no 100109 - £312.46 Zurich Insurance
 - Chq no 100110 - £105.00 Hire of Carlton Chapel Mar 09-Nov 09.
- Audit: Clerk had circulated a proposed timetable for review of policies & procedures. Lynne proposed agreement, seconded by Frank.

Parish Councillor Vacancies (5/11/09)

Trish informed the meeting that the residents approached to see if they were interested in joining the Parish Council had declined.

Planning Applications (6/11/09)

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 – Clerk confirmed comments submitted.

Parish News (8/11/09)

Agreed that Ronnie provide information on traffic calming consultation, re-surfacing of Drovers Lane and ask residents to contact the Parish Clerk if they note any accidents on Drovers Lane, so that a log could be kept. RD

Xmas Tree (9/10/09)

Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Care for your Area re planning a permanent tree but had not had a response. Agreed that a 15 ft tree be purchased at a cost of £71.00 for delivery on 26th November, 2009. CC

Salt Bins (10/11/09)

Letter had been received from Care for Your Area re purchasing\re-filling salt bins. Frank had checked both bins located outside the Parish Church on Church Lane and corner of Drovers Lane\Windermere Avenue and both were empty. Trish proposed that both bins be re-filled at a total cost of £120.00. Ronnie seconded. Agreed. CC

Lawn Mower (11/11/09)

Clerk confirmed she had received a reply from SBC stating that they would continue to cut the grass on the Green for the foreseeable future. Discussion held as to whether we should keep the lawnmower or sell it. Agreed to keep it for occasional use i.e. if an event is held on the Green 7-10 days after it has been cut by SBC. John agreed to service the mower.

Joint Parish Council Meeting (12/10/09)

To be held on Tuesday, 17th November 2009. Trish to attend.

TB

Correspondence (13/11/09)

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.

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1. Weekly Planning Applications 14/10/09 – 3/11/09
2. SBC DNS Letter 14/10/09 – Consultation on proposed changes to Core Strategy Development Plan.
3. SBC Law & Democracy 28/10/09 – Re-organisation of Community Governance Order 2009
4. email Steve Lumb 29/10/09 – Drovers Lane traffic calming new proposals
5. email SBC Rob Morrow 23/10/09 re Hedgerow, The Stables, Kirk Hill
6. SBC Richard McGuckin\Brian Buckley emails 26/8/09 – 1/11/09 re Accidents on Drovers Lane
7. SBC Law & Demo 2/11/09 Parish Council Liaison Forum 21/12/09
8. Stockton News 2/11/09 – Stockton News January 2010 deadlines
9. Clayton's 23/10/09 Service Reminders – lawnmowers
10. M Seaton letter dated 7/11/09 complaint
11. Statistics for reported RTC's on Drovers Lane 29/10/08 – 29/10/09
12. Open Spaces Society\Footprint Ecology – Common Land Questionnaire
13. email John Kavanagh – Stockton Public transport Forum mtg Sat 28/11/09 10.00 a.m. The Arc, Stockton

Any Other Business (14/11/09)

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40 p.m.

Next meeting **Monday, 14th December 2009**. Agenda items to Chris by **Sunday 6th December 2009**.

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Open Forum (15/11/09)

Syd Bell raised the following issues:

Siting of large, residential caravan The Stables, Drovers Lane 09/0211/FUL . Agreed Clerk to write to Planning Department objecting the size of the caravan as it appears to be equivalent to a residential dwelling.

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COU 08/3621/FUL – currently at Appeal however, agreed Clerk to check conditions for 08/3620/COU and write to the Planning Department if they have not been met.

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Mr Baker, High Farm application for retrospective planning permission 09/0234/FUL (refusal to permit) and 08/2828/FUL (hereby permit). Clerk to check planning conditions and write to the Planning Department if they have not been met.

CC

Meeting closed at 20.50 p.m.

Signed

Date