

Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 8th September 2008 at 18.30 in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Carlton.

Present: Cllr Trish Bowker (Chair)
Cllr John Turnbull
Cllr Sid Bell
Cllr Frank Cooke
Cllr Ronnie Dee
Cllr Lynne Evans
Mrs Chris Cooke (Parish Clerk)

Standards Committee Representatives Mr F Hayes (Committee Chair) & Cllr R Mosley – Parish Representative.

Attendance Mr M Burgess, Mr E Lambert, Mr I Wanless, Mr H Lees, Mrs H Jeavons, Mr M Chapman, Mr A Batie, Mr & Mrs M Dimmock

Apologies: Cllr Judith Stevens

Actions

Standards Committee (1/9/08)

Cllr Mosley addressed the meeting to discuss the local Standards Committee procedures regarding complaints about Parish Councils\Councillors. Cllr Turnbull asked about the procedure if an elector made a complaint to the Standards Committee and whether the councillors would be informed about the complaint. The local procedures required an assessment of whether the complaint was in breach of the code and members would be made aware of any complaint but not the substance.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Dee declared at interest in the planning appeal for The Stables.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Dee. Accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising (2/9/08)

Planning (5/5/08) Letter had been received from Mr Garlick.

Risk Assessment (3/7/08). Confirmed that a signed copy of the Risk Assessment was held in the Minute Book.

Drovers Lane (7/7/08) No further information available. Still awaiting design.

Joint Parish Meeting 15/9/08 – Confirmation of meeting and request for agenda items. Cllr Bowker to attend.

TB

Any Other Business (11/7/08) Planning the Future of Villages Consultation – John apologised for not writing to SBC re village envelope south of The Mains being wrong and asking for this to be changed.

JT

Finance (3/9/08)

- Cheques – £6.26 (stamps & postage – payee John Turnbull). John had forgotten the receipt but would deliver it to the Parish Clerk and arrange for the cheque to be written. Agreed. JT/CC
- Petty Cash £5.51 – Cllr Evans checked the Petty Cash. Agreed.
- Budget Sheet – John confirmed the transfer of £100 into the current account.
- John informed the meeting that the auditor had recommended that VAT be reclaimed and John would discuss this with the Parish Clerk and submit the claim. JT/CC
- Clerk's retainer – proposed that this be submitted quarterly rather than annually. Agreed Parish Clerk to submit invoice in time for October meeting. CC

Audit of Accounts (4/9/08)

Discussion took place re an elector raising questions with BDO Stoy Hayward before raising the concerns with the Parish Council. The cost to electors currently stands at an estimated £540.00, which will affect the Parish Precept. Trish had raised the question with the Parish Council Liaison Forum who had requested further information re whether the queries were financial or procedural.

Agreed: Trish to attend the Forum on 15/9/08 to discuss. John proposed that when the audit is finalised we complain to the Audit Commission (with a copy to BDO Stoy Hayward) pointing out our situation and asking whether any action can be taken against an elector vexatiously querying the accounts prior to consulting the Council. Agreed. TB

Village Green (5/9/09)

John had written a report for Impetus Environmental Trust which had been circulated to Parish Councillors and included photographs of the Church Garden Fete. John had also sent this article to The Evening Gazette. Agreed Ronnie should submit the article for inclusion the Darlington & Stockton Times. RD

Planning (6/9/08)

- **The Stables:** Application for 3 garages and extension. Cllr Dee left the meeting. Cllr Cooke informed the meeting that there had been no progress since the last meeting. Mr Lambert confirmed that no date had been set to determine the application. However he had had discussion with Urban Design re parking space for 3 vehicles and hard standing which should not include 'unbound material' which migrated onto public space. Agreed that this should be an agenda item for October meeting. CC

- Application for the erection of 10 affordable homes – Mr Lambert informed the meeting that the site meeting on 10/8/08 had been deferred and no new date set.

- **The Mains:**

Discussion was held re consultation meeting held between Redmarshall Parish Council and DKS consultants who were submitting a planning application on behalf of Mr Paul Dowell for the replacement of the existing nursing home with a new build with an increased capacity for 50 bedrooms. An offer of a 'community building' facing onto Mainside was also discussed. Councillors agreed that the outline planning application was outside the existing village development envelope. Objections were also raised re increased traffic flow on Drovers Lane. Concerns were also expressed about the cost of maintaining, insuring, security and keyholder issues for the proposed community building.

Agreed the Clerk would write to DKS stating that the proposed building was outside village envelope and would also raise the issue of vehicle access and noise pollution CC

caused by vehicles accessing the existing Mains nursing home via Mainside with SBC and Mr Paul Dowll.

Wind Farm (7/9/08)

Frank updated the meeting on the current situation within the 6 parishes and wind farms. Currently one application had been submitted near the A1 with another 2 pending. These applications would affect Durham and not Stockton Council therefore the Parish Council would not be asked to comment.

Agreed that Redmarshall Parish Council would continue to offer support and Frank would attend meetings.

FC

Telephone System (8/9/08)

John informed the meeting that he had at least 10 visits from BT over faulty telephones and broadband. As these problems affected both Redmarshall and Carlton it was agreed that Trish would raise the matter at Parish Joint Council Meeting on 16/9/08 and the Clerk would contact BT.

PB\CC

SBC Street Lighting and Footpath Refurbishment (9/9/08)

Discussion re correspondence received from SBC about delay to refurbishment and problems with NEDL. Agreed Frank should contact Brian Buckley, SBC about whether an alternate sub-contractor could be used.

Update: Frank contacted Brian Buckley who agreed that their normal sub-contractor was NEDL however BB was being updated on a weekly basis by NEDL and he would update residents with information as it became available.

FC

Joint Parish Meeting (10/9/08)

As discussed under Matters Arising, Trish to attend and put BT telephone system on the agenda.

TB

Dangerous Dog (11/9/08)

Discussion re lack of response from owner. Cllr Mosely (through the Chair) suggested contacting SBC Dog Warden – consensus of meeting was that this had already been done via individual residents. Agreed that Parish Clerk would contact Dog Warden.

CC

Parish News (12/9/08)

Vacancies for Parish Clerk and Councillor have been removed.

Agreed that if no specific topic needs to be advertised then a default advert of Parish Councillors names be submitted.

RD

Correspondence (13/9/08)

Discussion re correspondence received. Most urgent correspondence had been circulated to Councillors prior to meeting - agreed Clerk to circulate remainder of correspondence. After receiving an invite from Mrs Vaslett to meet the Bishop of Jarrow on Saturday 13th September it was agreed John would attend.

CC\JT

Stockton Renaissance Area Partnership Board – agreed Clerk to contact and suggest out of hours meeting as many Parish Councillors work during the day.

CC

Any Other Business (14/9/08)

Drovers Lane Traffic Calming – John was concerned about the speed of traffic entering Redmarshall from Drovers Lane and suggested we needed similar traffic calming to Carlton on this section of road. Frank pointed out that Drovers Lane was the only road

able to take HGV vehicles and fed the Stillington Industrial Estate. We have already notified SBC a number of times about how dangerous Drovers Lane is (see item 6/9/08). The Clerk would contact Brian Buckley, SBC re road calming features and possible speed audits.

cc

Cllr Dee asked about the new building at Peacocks Garage, East View. The Parish Council had supported this development as it included a safer access.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:10

Next meeting **13 October 2008**. Agenda items to Chris by **Friday 3rd October 2008**.

Open Meeting

While Mr Lambert was checking a Planning File at Stockton Council he noticed a letter from the Carlton Parish Clerk asking if any of the Stables site was in Carlton. The Parish Boundary had been re-drawn in 2007 and Redmarshall now extended down Kirk Hill and then across the fields to Hill House Farm.

Letch Lane Traffic Sign

Agreed the Clerk would ask Brian Buckley to get the sign repaired and cc Carlton Parish Clerk.

cc

30 mph Restriction Signs Crossroads – one sign missing on Stillington\Whitton side of the crossroads. Agreed the Clerk to report this to Brian Buckley, SBC.

Discussion re SBC Planning Committee Meeting 3/9/08 – Mr Lambert raised discrepancies and said that the planning system of SBC could not be relied on to be accurate. Agreed Clerk to circulate document and include agenda item for next meeting.

cc

Signed

Date