

GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL

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1130 - Minutes 9th April 2008

1. PRESENT

Mr D Godfrey (Chair), Mr J Atkinson, Mr P. Burke, Mr D Jones,
In attendance: Mr R Cooper (Clerk), PC J Ollett, 3 electors

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr W Allison Mr G Rees, Ms S Robertson

3. POLICE AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

3.1 PC Ollett reported that there had been 5 crimes in Grindon PC's area March, but that all had occurred outside the villages themselves. (2 incidents on building sites; diesel siphoned from a car; theft of metal from quarry; confiscation of offensive weapon). He was following up issues relating to motorcycles.

4. INTERESTS TO DECLARE

4.1 There were none.

4a 4a.1 08/0486/FUL High Woodside Farm, Thorpe Thewles, Erection of agricultural building for livestock and general agriculture. The electors present were advised on the means to object to this planning application.

5. MINUTES:

Mr J Atkinson proposed and Mr D Jones seconded approval of the minutes of 12.3.08. All in favour and the Chair signed these, plus fresh copies of the minutes of 12.12.07 and 9.1.08 (previously approved) for attaching to the official Minute Book.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Grindon PC: to fill Casual Vacancy. Mr J Atkinson proposed and Mr D Jones seconded the co-option of Mr Paul Burke as a councillor for Grindon East (Wynyard). All in favour. Mr Burke signed his acceptance of office form and was welcomed as a member of the PC.

6.2 Provision of dog bins for Wynyard: no progress to report

6.3 Enquiry at Land Registry re Village Green, Thorpe Thewles: no progress to report

6.4 SEIB grant for Thorpe Thewles village tidy-up. As no estimate from Stockton BC had yet been received, the Clerk reported that an offer to take on this work had been received from a younger member of the community, currently employed by Meadowfield Gardens. After discussion it was agreed that he be offered the post on the following conditions:

1. A three month trial period.
2. Supervision by his employer (for which an additional £100 payable to the firm would be offered and which would then become an incentive for 2009).

The Clerk agreed to move this matter forwards.

6.7 Speed Indication Devices on the Wynd, Wynyard: The Clerk read a letter from Stockton BC, explaining why Wynyard does not qualify for rural village funding for SID's. The Clerk was asked to write to Stockton BC requesting that the PC be kept informed of any developments under other schemes.

6.8 Thorpe Village Green – re-instatement following works: progress report

6.9 Fence and hedge: Vane Arms car park, Thorpe Thewles: the Clerk had written to Punch Taverns, but no reply had yet been received.

6.10 Proposed hotel for Wynyard: report of presentation. Mr D Godfrey reported on a presentation that he had attended.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Planning decisions:

7.1.1 08/0325/FUL 36, Castlereagh, Wynyard, Boillingham. Two storey extension to rear. Approved with conditions.

7.1.2 08/0302/FUL 7, North Close, Thorpe Thewles. Erection of porch and canopy to front. Approved with conditions.

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7.2 Planning Applications

7.2.1 08/0658/FUL The Paddock, The Avenue, Wynyard Erection of greenhouse & 4m high garden wall to form enclosed garden.

No comment.

7.2.2 08/0537/REM Wynyard Park, Wynyard Avenue, Wynyard Reserved matters application for business park development

7.3.3 08/0538/REM Wynyard Park, Wynyard Avenue, Wynyard Reserved matters application for business park development

The Clerk was asked to explore the provision of cycleways and access for the general public in relation to both 08/0537/REM and 08/0538/REM

7.4.4 08/0486/FUL High Woodside Farm, Thorpe Thewles, Erection of agricultural building for livestock and general agriculture

No comment

7.4.5 08/0581/FUL Former West Quarry, Land East Of Blakeston Lane, Norton Substitution of house types to 74 no. plots

No comment

7.4.6 08/0770/FPD 8 Davison Close, Wynyard, Billingham Conservatory to rear

No comment

7.4.7 08/0782/FPD 21 Black Wood, Wynyard, Billingham Conservatory to rear

No comment

8. HIGHWAYS

8.1 The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC requesting an inspection of the surface of the eastbound carriageway of the A689 between the Wynyard East and Samsung roundabouts

9. ACCOUNTS

9.1 2007-2008 accounts: following the substitution of £345.00 for £255.00 under Parish Appearance expenditure, Mr J Atkinson proposed and Mr D Jones seconded approval of the 2007-2008 accounts for presentation to the AGM on 14.5.2008.

9.2 GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2007-8

INCOME RECEIVED/SPENT TO DATE

Precept 6700.00 6700.00

VAT repayment 103.00 104.17

Interest 50.00

Wayleave 4.60

Contra overspend on grasscutting 107.26 (From St James's PCC)
TOTAL 6857.60 6911.43

EXPENDITURE

Thorpe churchyard grass-cutting 650.00 757.26 (Overspend because of admin. error – see balancing contra income above)
Parish appearance 300.00 345.00 (Overspend due to work to railings round Thorpe Village Green)
Audit fee 60.00 58.75
Donations 300.00 200.00 (Wynyard Fete)
Stationery 25.00
Insurance 400.00 375.84 (To be agreed at January meeting)
Wynyard bench and fixing 900.00
Wynyard dog bins 750.00
Felling diseased and dangerous tree 1500.00 1237.50 (As VAT not reclaimable 17.5% less than in Thorpe churchyard (one-off donation) budgeted)
Grindon Parish Hall meeting hire 120.00 220.00 (Overspend because of estimating mistake by Parish Hall – covered from contingency)
Clerk's salary and expenses 1400.00 1428.27
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Contingency 455.00 230.00 (£25: Retirement gift re Thorpe Tidy-up; £110.00: contra Parish hall overspend; £95.00 repairs to Thorpe Green railings)

TOTAL 6860.00 4762.62

BALANCES AS AT 1.2.2008

Current a/c 605.92
Reserve a/c 5343.01
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9.3 Payment of donation of £25.00 to WRVS (agreed at previous meeting). A cheque was circulated and signed.

9.4 Payment of Clerk's monthly salary of £110.00 Mr D Jones proposed and Mr J Atkinson seconded payment of the Clerk's salary. All in favour.

10. PARISH ISSUES

10.1 Thorpe Thewles: playpark. The Clerk was asked to ascertain if the Diocese of Durham owned land adjacent to the old Durham Road next to the car park of the Hamilton Russell public house.

10.2 Fencing on old Durham Road, Thorpe Thewles: a letter had been received requesting that the PC contact Wynyard Woodland Park about effecting proper repairs to this stretch of fence (damaged by vandalism). The Clerk was asked to do this.

10.3 Calor Village of the Year competition. Papers received re this were passed to Mr D Jones.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Billingham Partnership: agenda of meeting received and noted.

11.2 Stockton BC: Care for Your Area awards. Details received and noted.

11.3 Sedgefield BC: a consultation CD re draft Windlestone Hall supplementary planning document was passed to Mr D Godfrey.

11.4 Stockton BC How to use e-genda: leaflets were passed round.

11.5 Stockton BC Parish Council Liaison Forum – the forum would meet during 2008/9 on the

following Mondays:

16 June

15 September

15 December

16 March 2009

11.6 Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Contact List. Received and kept by the Clerk. Contact for Northern Parishes: Louse Crisp: 01642 528870 (mob) 07711082520

11.7 Tees CAMS document – available to view online at www.environment-agency.gov.uk under “Water Resources”.

11.8 Stockton BC Healthy Communities: review. Details received and noted.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 9th, 2008 at 7.30pm – meeting to be preceded by AGM at 7.00pm