

GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL

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1137 – Minutes 11th June 2008

1. PRESENT

Mr D Godfrey (Chair), Mr W Allison, Mr J Atkinson,, Mr Burke, Mr D Jones, Mr G Rees
In attendance: Mr R Cooper (Clerk), PC J Ollett, Cllr J Gardner and one elector

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ms S Robertson's apologies were presented by the Chair, who informed the meeting that she would also be submitting her resignation in due course.

3. POLICE AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

3.1 PC J Ollett reported that there had been 6 crimes recorded in the ward during May. Theft of a bench and damage to the observatory roof at Wynyard Woodland Park; theft from a shed; possession of cannabis; criminal damage; theft from motor vehicle left unlocked. A question was raised concerning the theft of a bicycle by a group of youths which had led to a 999 call and PC Ollett and why this had not been recorded. PC Ollett said that he would check up on this. He further reported on his follow up regarding the possible discharge of a police firearm near Wynyard. Armed response units had been in the area, but no weapon had been fired.

4. INTERESTS TO DECLARE

There were none

5. MINUTES:

It was agreed that the minutes of the AGM on May 14, 2008 and the ordinary meeting of the same date were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chair.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Provision of dog bins for Wynyard: these had now been installed.

6.2 Enquiry at Land Registry re Village Green, Thorpe Thewles: following discussion, it was proposed by Mr P Burke and seconded by Mr G Rees (with all in favour) that the Clerk should write to Jacksons Solicitors requesting counsel's opinion regarding this matter. A letter was read stating that overall costs including counsel's opinion would be £600 + VAT.

6.3 Larger Postbox for Thorpe Thewles. No progress to report.

6.7 Fence and hedge: Vane Arms car park, Thorpe Thewles: No progress to report.

6.8 Removal of old plastic green barrels around Thorpe Thewles. It was agreed that 4 tubs should be removed and that the Clerk should contact Jamie Hamilton and Meadowfield Gardens re an estimate for their replacement.

6.9 Car Parking Issues around North Close, Thorpe Thewles. The Clerk reported that 9 replies had been received to the questionnaire. Nearly all were in favour of taking action and all indicated willingness to attend a meeting to discuss matters further. It was therefore agreed to invite residents of North Close to a meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, July 9th

(immediately before the PC meeting, which would begin at 7.45pm)

6.10 Dog Fouling: the Clerk reported that he had inspected the areas in question and that he had also discussed the issue with the complainant. There did not seem to be a problem at present, but the situation would continue to be monitored. The Clerk was also asked to contact Environmental Health re the provision of more dog bin in Thorpe.

6.11 Neighbourhood Watch Signs for Thorpe Thewles: Mr D Jones reported that forms had been sent out and that when all had been received back the village would receive 4 new signs.

6.12 Repairs to damaged fencing on Woodland Park (old Durham Road): the Clerk would continue to follow this up.

6.12 Procedure for appointment of new Clerk. Following discussion it was agreed that Mr P Burke and Mr G Rees should form an appointments sub-committee (resourced by the Clerk). Candidates would be asked to submit a short letter outlining their qualifications for the post and an interview short list be assembled from this information. Interviews would take place before the next PC meeting so that the appointee could observe the process. The date of the interview would be circulated to all members. Any member of the PC could attend, but Messrs Burke and Rees had authority to appoint if they were the only members present.

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6.13 Care For Your Area: Mr G Rees and Mr D Jones reported on a meeting with a representative of Stockton BC CFYA.

1. Dangerous exit from Mill Terrace onto Middle Bank: consideration being given to provision of mirror.

2. Village Green: Mr J Angus of Stockton BC could advise on making improvements. It was therefore agreed that he be contacted and also that Mr W Allison continue to explore costs of repairs to existing chains.

3. There was not a lot of money available currently for new works.

6.14 Thorpe Village Green. Mr G Rees reported that an estimate of £312.79 + VAT had been received for crown cleaning trees. Mr G Rees proposed and Mr D Jones seconded that approval be given for proceeding with this work. All in favour. Mr G Rees to contact SBC arborist.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Planning decisions:

The following decisions were reported:

7.1.1 08/0891/FPD 7 The Oval Wynyard Billingham TS22 5sq Relocation of existing side door & infilling existing door opening Approved with Conditions

7.1.2 08/0885/FPD 22 The Stables Wynyard Billingham TS22 5QQ Single storey kitchen extension Approved with Conditions

7.1.3 08/0733/FPD 54 The Stables Wynyard Billingham TS22 5SG Erection of dormer to side and velux style roof lights to other side of roof Approved with Conditions

7.1.4 08/0340/FUL Land Adjacent To Evolution One Wynyard Avenue Wynyard Park Erection of 2 no. storey offices and garaging for Cleveland Police Authority Approved with conditions

7.1.6 08/0782/FPD 21 Black Wood Wynyard Billingham TS22 5GQ Conservatory to rear Approved with conditions

7.1.7 08/0770/FPD 8 Davison Close Wynyard Billingham TS22 5TE Conservatory to rear Approved with conditions

7.1.8 08/0373/CPE Wellington Manor 14 Wellington Drive Wynyard Billingham TS22 5QJ Certificate of existing lawful use Approved

7.1.9 08/0658/FUL The Paddock The Avenue Wynyard Billingham TS22 5NG Erection of greenhouse & 4m high garden wall to form enclosed garden Approved with conditions

7.2 Planning Applications

7.2.1 08/0769/FUL 11 Castlereagh, Wynyard, Billingham Single storey kitchen extension to rear with balcony over and alterations including installation and removal of windows to front and rear. Porch to front, 2 no. dormer windows and new door to rear of garage, removal of gable above garage and removal of 3 no velux roof lights to rear.
No comment

7.2.2 08/1016/FPD 45 The Granary, Wynyard, Billingham, Installation of velux roof windows to rear
No comment

7.3.3 08/1225/ADV Co-op Food, 69 - 73 The Granary, Wynyard Park Estate Erection of 1 no. externally illuminated fascia sign
The Clerk was asked to object to this application on behalf of the PC on the grounds that an illuminated sign was out of character and would represent a loss of visual amenity. Further, an illuminated sign was unnecessary because this is the only shop in the area and therefore did not need to advertise its presence by such obvious means.

7.3.4 08/0581/FUL Former West Quarry, Land East of Blakeston Lane, Norton FURTHER CHANCE TO COMMENT on amendment to application: substitution of house types to 74 no plots
No comment.

7.3.5 08/1248/FPD 10 The Granary, Wynyard Billingham retrospective application to build a wall at front and rear of the property. The Clerk was asked to object to this application on the grounds that the front wall now encloses land not belonging to the owner and that it is totally out of character, representing a loss of visual amenity in an area where every other property is fenced and planted. The proposed rear wall would also enclose land not belonging to the owner and represent a loss of visual amenity by introducing continuous walling. on the grounds that a wall was totally out of character with the area (all other properties were fenced and planted). The Clerk was also asked to object to the proposal to erect a wall at the back of the property where continuous walling would represent a loss of visual amenity, as well as enclosing ground that did not belong to the property.

7.3.6 08/1410/FUL Construction of access road and associated works, Wynyard Park access road, Wynyard Park. No comment

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8. HIGHWAYS

No matters to discuss

9. ACCOUNTS

9.1 GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2008-9. The following statement was received.

INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE NOTES

PRECEPT 6700.00 6700.00

VAT REPAYMENT 136.00 121.52

INTEREST 50.00

WAYLEAVE 4.60

EARMARKED RESERVE FROM 2007-8 1650.00 Wynyard Dog bins & bench

TOTAL 8650.60 6821.52

EXPENDITURE SPENT TO DATE

PARISH APPEARANCE 4330.00 NIL

Comprising
£780.00 St James's, Grindon churchyard grass-cutting 177.61
£500.00 Work to trees on Thorpe Village Green
£1000.00 Repairs to chains on Thorpe Village Green
£500.00 Thorpe Village tidy-up
£750.00 Dog bins for Wynyard
£900.00 New bench for Wynyard
LEGAL FEES 1350.00 NIL
AUDIT FEE 65.00 NIL
DONATIONS 300.00 225.00
STATIONERY 25.00 NIL
INSURANCE 400.00 NIL
GRINDON PARISH HALL MEETING HIRE 230.00 NIL
CLERK'S SALARY AND EXPENSES 1442.00 240.00
CONTINGENCY 500.00 NIL
TOTAL £8642.00 £642.61

BALANCES AS AT 31.5.2008
Current a/c 6795.38 (to be confirmed)
Reserve a/c 5343.01

9.2 Audit 2007-2008. The Clerk presented the 2007-8 accounts to the PC which had previously been approved and had now been audited and the Chair signed the audit form. The PC then considered all issues raised in the annual governance statement. Appropriate action had been taken in all cases. The Clerk noted that the auditor had raised a mathematical error by which the Clerk had received £10.00 too much for his expenses. This was being repaid but would have to be shown in the 2008-9 accounts. In the light of the careful attention shown to the accounts by the auditor it was proposed by Mr J Atkinson that the PC take note that the auditor was clearly doing a competent job on behalf of the council and that the PC could be confident that its financial processes were being effectively maintained.

9.3 Transfer to Reserve of £5500.00: Mr J Atkinson proposed and Mr W Allison seconded the transfer to Reserve of £5500.00. All in favour.

9.4 Thorpe Thewles Summer Fete: Mr J Atkinson proposed and Mr W Allison seconded that a cheque for £50.00 be paid in regard of the costs of face painting. All in favour

9.5 Payment of churchyard grasscutting account: Mr J Atkinson proposed and Mr W Allison seconded that a cheque for £177.61 be paid to Garden Shape. All in favour.

9.6 Payment of Clerk's monthly salary of £120.00: Mr J Atkinson proposed and Mr W Allison seconded payment of the Clerk salary of £120.00. All in favour.

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10. PARISH ISSUES

10.1 New Wynyard bench. The Clerk drew the attention of Wynyard members to the intention to provide a new bench in the village. It was agreed that members would give this thought and return with a proposed location and type of seat.

10.2 The Clerk read a letter from an elector regarding suggestions for improving the entrance to Thorpe Thewles. The suggestions were noted with thanks and would be considered in relation to forthcoming plans.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 A letter regarding the next meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Forum was passed to members.

11.2 Mr P Burke introduced a letter he had received regarding CICLA training for Clerks and PC members. He was encouraged to explore this further.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, July 9th, 2008 at 7.45pm TO BE PRECEDED AT 7.00pm BY A MEETING WITH RESIDENTS OF NORTH CLOSE RE PARKING ISSUES.