

# GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## 1133 - Minutes 14th May 2008

### 1. PRESENT

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

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr J Atkinson; Ms S Robertson

### 3. POLICE AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

3.1 PC J Ollett reported that there had been no recorded crimes in the villages during the previous month.

3.2 PC Ollett agreed to investigate anecdotal reports of a firearms incident beside the A689.

### 4. INTERESTS TO DECLARE

Mr D Jones and Mr G Rees recorded their interest as members of Thorpe Thewles Residents' Association in relation to 9.2

### 5. MINUTES:

Mr G Rees proposed and Mr D Jones seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of 9 April, 2008 as a correct record. The minutes were therefore signed by the Chair.

### 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Provision of dog bins for Wynyard: nothing to report.

6.2 Enquiry at Land Registry re Village Green, Thorpe Thewles: the Clerk reported that the electors in question had appointed a solicitor to act for them.

6.3 Thorpe Thewles village tidy-up: the Clerk and Mr W Allison reported on a meeting with Mr J Hamilton and his employer Mr R Smith of Meadowfield Gardens. They had walked round the village identifying areas for maintenance, which had previously been supplied in writing. Mr Hamilton was to be offered the work on a three month trial basis and he would be supervised by Mr Smith. The honorarium would be £400pa and a supervisory fee of £100 would be paid to Meadowfield Gardens. Should everything be satisfactory after the first year, the £100 supervisory fee would be transferred to become part of an annual £500 honorarium.

6.7 Samsung site – cycleways etc. The Clerk reported that Stockton BC has the issue of traffic management under constant review. £1.8m has been included in the costs paid by developers to improve the situation – towards traffic lights, cycleways etc. Highways Agency is actively involved and there is an area traffic management framework. Part of the £1.8m will go towards employing a single person, who will take responsibility for overseeing and implementing the strategy. SBC also reports that neither the planned Police Traffic base or the site for a new super-computer will add to peak hour traffic problems.

6.8 Thorpe Village Green – re-instatement following works: Mr W Allison reported that this had been very satisfactorily carried out by Balfour Beatty in their role as sub-contractors to NEDL.

6.9 Fence and hedge: Vane Arms car park, Thorpe Thewles: no progress could be reported and the Clerk was asked to follow this matter up with Punch Taverns.

6.10 Wall at 10, the Granary, Wynyard: the Clerk reported that the owner had been advised by Stockton BC to seek retrospective planning permission.

6.11 Land adjacent to the old Durham Road: the Clerk reported that the Diocese of Durham confirmed that it held the land as Glebe. Mr D Jones took the letter for further action.

6.12 WRVS: the Clerk read a letter of thanks from the WRVS for the PC's recent donation.

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## **7. PLANNING**

### 7.1 Planning decisions:

The following decisions were reported:

**7.1.1 08/0020/FUL** 5 Wellington Drive Wynyard Billingham TS22 5QJ Two storey extension to side containing swimming pool, family room, 2 no. bedrooms and triple garage... Approved with conditions

**7.1.2 08/0469/PNO** Middlefield Farm Durham Road Thorpe Thewles Extension to agricultural building for storage of agricultural machines Prior Approval Not Required

**7.1.3 14** Paddock Green Wynyard Billingham TS22 5QP Single storey extension to rear Approved with conditions

**7.1.4 08/0399/COU** Units 7 And 8 The Stables The Wynd Wynyard Billingham TS22 5QJ Change of use from D1 (Dental Surgery) to A1 on ground floor and A2 on first floor Approved with conditions

**7.1.5 08/0396/OUT** Adjacent To 14 Wellington Drive Wynyard Stockton-on-Tees TS22 5QJ Outline application for detached dwellinghouse and associated means of access Approved with conditions

**7.1.6 08/0325/FUL** 36 Castlereagh Wynyard Billingham TS22 5QF Two storey extension to rear Approved with conditions

**7.1.7 08/0100/REV** Land known as Daisy's View, Sandy Lane West, Billingham, Revised application for erection of 1no stable block, 2no stores and 1no polytunnel Approved with conditions

### 7.2 Planning Applications

**7.2.1 08/0733/FPD** 54 The Stables, Wynyard, Billingham Erection of dormer to side and velux style roof lights to other side of roof  
No comment

**7.2.2 08/0911/FUL** 57 The Granary, Wynyard, Billingham Two storey extension to side (demolition of existing garage)  
No comment

**7.3.3 08/0885/FPD** 22 The Stables, Wynyard, Billingham Single storey kitchen extension  
No comment

**7.4.4 08/0890/FUL** Unit 1, Wynyard 360 Development Site, Wynyard Avenue External alterations to existing wall cladding, new site enclosure fence/gates, new cctv and external lighting columns, new external plan enclosures, new electrical sub-station (with new vehicle access from estate roadway), new mezzanine internal floor, all in conjunction with the use of the premises for a data processing centre.

No comment

**7.4.5 08/0891/FPD** 7 The Oval,Wynyard,Billingham Relocation of existing side door & infilling existing door opening  
No comment

**7.4.6 08/0773/ADV** Wynyard Park,Wynyard Avenue,Wynyard Retrospective application for the erection of 5 no non-illuminated bill boards adjacent to the A689 and 2 no. non-illuminated bill boards adjacent to the A19.  
No comment

**7.4.7 08/0883/FUL** 30 The Plantations,Wynyard,Billingham Single storey garden room to rear with balcony above  
No comment

**7.4.8 08/0956/OUT** Land At Kennel Hill Plantation,Wellington Drive,Wynyard Outline application for erection of 1 no. detached dwelling  
No comment

## **8. HIGHWAYS**

8.1 The Clerk was asked to report to Stockton BC CFYA that the hedges on either side of Middle Bank, Thorpe Thewles at the bottom of the hill needed cutting back because they were overhanging the highway, especially when the bus was trying to get through at the same time as another vehicle. Also that the gulley on the left hand side (going up the hill) is choking in wet weather and needs clearing.

8.2 The Clerk was asked to find out from Stockton BC when work to repair both the A689 between the Wynyard East and Samsung roundabout (east side) and the A177 between the end of the dual carriageway and the bridge near Tesco would be carried out.

8.3 Mr G Rees undertook to arrange a visit to Thorpe Thewles by Stockton BC CFYA to identify issues to be addressed in the future.

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## **9. ACCOUNTS**

9.1 Grindon Parish Council budget 2008-9: the Clerk reported the following position:

### **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

£500.00 Work to trees on Thorpe Village Green

£1000.00 Repairs to chains on Thorpe Village Green

£400.00 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 25.00

STATIONERY 25.00 NIL

INSURANCE 400.00 NIL

GRINDON PARISH HALL MEETING HIRE 230.00 NIL

CLERK'S SALARY AND EXPENSES 1442.00 110.00  
CONTINGENCY 500.00 NIL  
TOTAL £8642.00 £135.00

BALANCES AS AT 1.2.2008

Current a/c 7292.99

Reserve a/c 5343.01

Following discussion it was agreed:

1. That Mr G Rees should contact the Stockton BC arborist to obtain an estimate for work to the trees on Thorpe Village Green.
2. That the £400.00 budgetted for Thorpe Village Tidy-up be amended to £500.00 to take account of the additional supervisory fee.

9.2 Wynyard Summer Fete: following discussion it was proposed by Mr P Burke, and seconded by Mr W Allison that a donation of £200 be made to Wynyard Social Events Team towards the costs of a face painter and children's entertainer at the Wynyard Summer Fete and that £50 be donated to Thorpe Thewles Residents' Association to cover costs of face painting materials for Thorpe Summer Fete. It was further agreed that the Clerk should inform both organisations:

1. That these subsidised activities should be provided free for community benefit
2. That no donation could be guaranteed in future years because the PC was reviewing its donations procedure and that all future grant requests should be accompanied by evidence of how previous grants had been spent (via a copy of the organisation's accounts)

9.3 Payment of Clerk's monthly salary of £120.00. Mr D Jones proposed and Mr P Burke seconded payment of the Clerk's monthly salary of £120.00. All in favour.

9.4 Payment of grasscutting invoice: Mr W Allison proposed and Mr G Rees seconded payment of the invoice from Garden Shape for grasscutting in St James' churchyard in the sum of £177.61. All in favour. The Clerk also read a letter from St James' PCC expressing thanks and appreciation for the PC's ongoing donations towards these costs.

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## **10. PARISH ISSUES**

10.1 Larger Postbox for Thorpe Thewles: once the Post Office had been closed it was noted that the current post box would not accommodate large letters. The Clerk was therefore asked to contact Royal Mail re providing a larger box. He was also to raise the possibility of providing a mobile service to the villages, including Wynyard.

10.2 Removal of old plastic green barrels around Thorpe Thewles. It was suggested that Thorpe Residents' association explore whether these old flower tubs might be removed via its newsletter.

10.3 Car Parking Issues around North Close, Thorpe Thewles. The Clerk was asked to contact residents in North Close, Thorpe Thewles re parking problems, especially on bin collection days and if emergency services require access. The letter should ask:

1. If residents think additional parking is required.
2. If so, would it be acceptable to residents to lose some of the green areas to achieve this?
3. If residents would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss the problem and possible solutions.

10.4 Neighbourhood Watch Signs for Thorpe Thewles: it was reported that the Thorpe Residents' Association would seek new signs.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 Resignation of Clerk: Mr R Cooper's resignation was reluctantly accepted and it was agreed to advertise for a new Clerk. Though only one month's notice was required, Mr Cooper would continue until the July meeting in the hope of ensuring a proper hand-over procedure.

11.2 Thorpe Thewles History Group: a request for access to PC archives had been received

and the Clerk was asked to respond that these were available as public documents.

11.3 TVRCC: a copy of Rural News was passed out.

11.4 Letter re dog fouling: a letter had been received re increased dog fouling in North Close and the field behind St James' church. The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC, who could advise on measures to be taken.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, June 11th, 2008 at 7.30pm