

## UPPER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE POPPLETON CENTRE, MAIN STREET, UPPER POPPLETON AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 9 MARCH 2009

#### PRESENT

Councillor John Pannell (Chairman)

Councillor Eddie Allen

City Councillor Ian Gillies

Councillor Vivien Crabb

Councillor Kathie Brydson

One member of the public

Councillor Peter Hawkins

Councillor Kate Richardson

Mr James Mackman (Clerk)

Councillor Rae Youngman

#### 09.046 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS OF BUSINESS

Councillor Hawkins declared a personal interest in agenda item 09.052d.

#### 09.047 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ted Kendall and Stuart Robson.

#### 09.048 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2009 had been circulated and read. After a minor alteration had been agreed the minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

#### 09.049 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

#### 09.050 - TO RECEIVE CITY COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS - for information only

City Councillor Ian Gillies reported on the following:-

- First Bus has applied to the Transport Commissioners for permission to discontinue the No. 10 bus service after 7.30pm. Discussion is taking place with the bus company to see if this decision can be reversed. The City Council is looking into the possibility of subsidising the No. 10 service.
- Eight children out of 55 in the village have not been awarded places at Manor School this autumn. Councillor Gillies is pursuing this matter on behalf of the parents.
- The problem of litter in the hedgerows of the A1237 between the A59 and the Wetherby Road is being dealt with.

#### 09.051 - TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

(a) *Progress on Green racks (Min. 09.030a)*

No progress to report.

(b) *Progress on the complaint to the police (Min. 09.034ai)*

The Clerk reported having written to Chief Superintendent Alison Higgins about the lack of a 999 police response to the incident on the Green but had not yet received a reply. Councillor

Gillies informed the meeting that the Chief Superintendent had only been in post since the beginning of March

(c) *Progress on the planting of the tree on Chantry Green (Min. 09.035a)*

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from the City Council's Arboricultural Officer saying the tree would be planted soon.

#### **09.052 - FINANCE**

(a) *To receive a financial statement*

The Clerk presented a detailed report showing the actual income and expenditure for the current financial year for the period to 9 March 2009. The report reflected the receipts and payments below. The bank balances at 9 March were:

Current			
Account			£500.00
Business	Money		Manager
Account		£13,859.23	

(b) *To agree accounts for payment (net of VAT);*

1136	Poppleton Community Trust	Room hire	£18.00
1137	Yorkshire Water	Allotment water	£8.03
1138	J Ferguson	Mole removal	£50.00
1139	James Mackman	Clerk's expenses	£7.25
1139	James Mackman	SLCC subscription contribution	£58.83
1140	James Mackman	Salary – March	£440.96
1141	Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI – March	£140.25

(c) *To receive a report on income received*

HSBC	Bank interest	£4.21
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(d) *To consider a request from the Poppleton Community Trust for a grant of £5,000*

The request from the Trust submitted in November 2008 was discussed. It was resolved that the sum of £3,000 be allocated to the Poppleton Community Trust to be paid in the next financial year.

The Clerk pointed out that no grants had been received from the City Council with respect to the current year's grass cutting and bus shelter maintenance. He had spoken to the City about this.

#### **09.053 - TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

*09.053.1 - The Clerk read or referred to the following item of correspondence*

- (a) An email from Councillor James Alexander, the prospective Labour MP for York Outer, asking for Parish Council support in his campaign to call for a price freeze to stop the cuts in bus services and to have a review conducted to see if services in outer York can be improved was noted.
- (b) A letter from Jane Tobin notifying the Council that she is giving up her allotment. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the resident at the top of the allotment waiting list who had agreed to take the allotment.
- (c) A letter from a resident regarding the A59 Park & Ride and traffic through the village. The Councillors agreed with the resident's sentiments and the Clerk was asked to send a suitable reply. **(Action Clerk)**

- (d) Two invoices from npower asking for payment of £4.67 for electricity for the bus shelter for the period 1 April 2006 to 14 February 2007 together with an administration charge of £211.82. Given that the Parish Council asked for the electricity to be disconnected in February 2006 and the bus shelter was demolished in June 2006 it was agreed that the Clerk should write to npower and advise that the Parish Council cannot be held responsible for any charges and that it considers that the matter is now closed and that no further correspondence will be entered into. The letter is to be sent by recorded delivery. **(Action Clerk)**

*09.053.2 - It was agreed that the correspondence received since the February Parish Council meeting, as listed below, be circulated to the Councillors*

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct - March 2009, Issue 62
- (b) Nether Poppleton Parish Council - Minutes of 19 January 2009
- (c) SLCC - The Clerk - March 2009, Vol 41 No.2
- (d) Standards Board - Town & Parish Standard, Issue 4 - February 2009
- (e) CYC - PlayBuilder 2009 details

#### **09.054 - TO RECEIVE THE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

*(a) Plans pending and Planning Committee Comments*

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the list of plans and comments made by the members of the Planning Committee on each planning application received. The list is attached as Appendix 1 at the end of these minutes.

*(b) Councillors' comments*

None.

#### **09.055 - TO CONSIDER ITEMS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, LAMPPOSTS & SIGNS**

*(a) To consider reports on vandalism*

No reports.

*(b) To receive other reports*

None.

#### **09.056 - TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE GREENS**

*(a) Trees*

No report.

*(b) Events - Children's Sports Day request, 25 May*

The secretary of the Poppleton Children's Sports Day Committee had written to request permission to use the Green for the above event 25 May. Permission for this was granted by the Councillors. **(Action Clerk)**

*(c) Maintenance –*

*(i) To discuss progress with the reimbursement for the cost of clearing Blairgowrie vegetation in Chantry Green*

The Clerk reported having received an email from the agent just before he set out to the meeting. The message read "The answer is that there may be a contribution towards further clearance works from my client." The agent had given his mobile phone number

and asked the Clerk to phone him. The Councillors welcomed this development and asked the Clerk to phone the agent. (**Action Clerk**)

*(ii) To discuss the condition of the driveways on the Greens*

It was agreed to take no action on this subject for the time being.

*(iii) To award the grass cutting contract for 2009-2011*

Two quotations had been received for grass cutting. It was agreed to accept the quotation received from Baron (Landscape Contractors Ltd).

(iv) *To discuss the incidents with problem youths on the Green and possibly removing the seat near the bus shelter*

The Clerk read an email received from a resident living on the Green in which she complained about the behaviour of a number of youths hanging around the Green in the evenings. The resident detailed the problems that the youths cause and asked if the seat under the tree could be removed. The Clerk had forwarded the email to PC Anna Tyldesley who had replied to say that the police are aware of the problem and are dealing with it. It was agreed that the Councillors would go and look at the seat under the tree before the next meeting when they would decide whether or not it should be removed. **(Action Councillors)**

#### **09.057 - TO RECEIVE COMMITTEES' REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

*Councillor Hawkins* reported on the Planning Seminar he attended on 14 February. He said that the seminar had been interesting and constructive.

#### **09.058 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON VILLAGE POLICING**

The following schedule of incidents in Upper Poppleton had been received from Nigel Colley PCSO 5642, Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

8 Feb	Antisocial Behaviour - 3 reports ,witness statements taken named offenders – progressing	On and adjacent properties, The Green
12 Feb	Antisocial Behaviour as above	On and adjacent properties, The Green
13 Feb	Criminal Damage - several reports glass smashed, fences broken	Beech Grove Allotments

#### **09.059 – TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PARK & RIDE SITE ON THE A59**

It was reported that currently no planning application has been made for a Park & Ride and no land has been bought. It was agreed to defer discussion on this subject until such time as firm proposals are on the table. The agenda item will reappear when there is something to discuss.

#### **09.060 – TO NOTE RESIDENTS’ RESPONSES FROM THE WINTER NEWSLETTER**

Just one response had been received from the Winter Newsletter. This concerned the procedure for appointing Councillors to the Planning Committee and the planning experience of the Councillors. The Clerk is to contact the resident and explain the procedures. **(Action Clerk)**

#### **09.061 – TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE TO BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR WHEN A VACANCY ARISES**

The possibility of the Parish Council appointing a representative to be a Community Governor was discussed. It was agreed that Councillor Hawkins would be the Governor if a vacancy arises and the Clerk is to inform the Head Teacher of this. **(Action Clerk)**

#### **09.062 - TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON FLOODING**

The Clerk reported that the questionnaire related to North Yorkshire parishes and need not be considered.

**09.063 – TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Date of Meeting	Meeting	Venue/ Time	Councillors Attending
20 March	Ward Team	Room 2, Guildhall/ 10.00am	Pannell, Hawkins
6 April	Poppleton Community Trust Executive Committee	Poppleton Centre/ 7.00pm	Hawkins, Kendall, Pannell

**09.064 - TO CONSIDER MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

No *Minors matters* were raised.

The *next agenda* to include “To consider the procedure for accepting applications for funding” and “To consider renewal terms and options for the Parish Insurances”.

**09.065 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11 MAY 2009**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 11 May 2009 at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm.

CHAIRMAN .....

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