

**Minutes of the Meeting of Staveley & Copgrove Parish Council
Held on Thursday 28th August 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: N. Stringer (Chair), M. North, P.Smith, P.Edwards, I Griffin
Clerk J.Quinn and 10 members of the public

1. Apologies

County Councilor John Watson
Borough Councilor A. Alton
R. Tesseyman

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None

3. To Confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 19th June 2008

Amendments:

Dog waste bins – The Parish Council would not support dog bins without the commitment from HBC for the regular emptying of the bins.

Post Office – The link to the Post office site for buying a branch should read www.postoffice.co.uk/buyabbranch

Pinfold sign – A local resident has agreed to pay for a new sign because it is showing signs of wear. Paul Smith will follow this up and report back to the council.

Matters arising:

Post Office – The Parish Council has received official notification of the closing of the village post office.

Dog bins – HBC Mike Pool has explained that only one man and one van are currently employed to empty dog waste bins. He is collecting a list of requests for this service to support a proposal to employ a second man and van. We have registered our request in support of this.

4. Ure Walks through time

Mike Collins attended the meeting to give a presentation on Ure Walks Through Time. Mike showed the maps that are displayed on village notice boards and the leaflets that have been produced. The aim is to expand the 6 original walks with 3 more areas – Aldwark, Myton and Staveley.

Parish Councils are asked to express their interest in the scheme with a donation. Donations have ranged from £200 - £1,000. The next stage would be to commission a panel (board with map of walk) which will be approximately £1,900 plus £830 for the leaflets.

The council agreed that the materials were of a very impressive standard. Paul Smith has been attending the Ure Walks meetings and has already contacted HBC to find out what commuted sums might be available, he is awaiting a reply. He has noted that the walks are all on existing footpaths and there is therefore less benefit to Staveley than there has been for other villages.

The benefits of joining the scheme are seen as increased business for pub, and increased village pride which might encourage schemes such as litter picking. The main negative would be for farmers finding footpaths being used more regularly.

The response was positive, but we needed to clarify whether any commuted funds were available. Bernard Atkinson said that last year some commuted sums were lost because they were not spent and also that other funding opportunities could be made available by signing up to the scheme, particularly through Yorkshire Forward. The Village would need a logo and since there is not one at present it would be provided as part of the scheme.

5. Sewerage and drainage

Nick Stringer has been in discussion with Environmental Health and Yorkshire Water who have confirmed that it is vital to record and report all incidents no matter how small or trivial. Nick now has a collection of letters from residents and also a video recording of Tanner Beck overflowing on to Main Street. It is left now with Michael Denny from Yorkshire Water, who has so far been pro active.

This week the Old School House has had to have the drains flushed out again, following reports of bad smells. On lifting the man holes the water board were able to see that the main problem is baby wipes in massive quantities. Also reported a leak in the fresh water pipe but the date given by the water board to attend is 2/9/08.

The Parish Council have agreed that drainage must be considered with every future planning application. A plan of the village drainage system was brought to the meeting by Paul Smith.

Nick Stringer will continue to monitor progress. Residents should continue to report all occurrences to Yorkshire Water. Also note will be placed on the notice board regarding the disposal of baby wipes.

6. Minskip road 20mph scheme

The proposed scheme has been circulated to all councilors for comments: Paul Smith had witnessed an incident where children were playing and a child had run out in front of a car, resulting in a very near miss even though the car was probably only travelling at around 30mph. This reinforced the benefits of a 20mph scheme.

Richard Tesseyman had informed the council that if there is to be a chicane with bollards there would need to be a 14ft width between to accommodate Combine Harvesters.

Having spoken with Ken Major Nick Stringer had established that there seems to be no advantage in having more than one chicane.

There was discussion about increased noise from vehicles braking at chicanes and stopping and starting. It was felt that it would be best to firstly try the flashing 20mph signs but in positioning the signs allow the distances needed should chicanes have to be installed in the future.

It is noted that there is also going to be a much needed barrier installed outside the school.

In conclusion it was agreed that the Council will request flashing signs instead of the proposed chicane.

7. Minskip Road Bus Stop plan

The Parish Council have been informed that:

Stop 64 Minskip road will be removed but will continue to be marked as an unmarked custom stop.

Stop 37 Main Street will be amended on the plans to its correct location

Stop 41 Jubilee Mills Copgrove will be checked for visibility splay prior to construction – it is felt that it restricts visibility at the junction.

The work is anticipated to take place during November and December.

After further discussion it was decided to request:

The bus stop at Bryony Cottage in Staveley is in need of repair and the bus stop outside the village hall which is used by school children needs to have a shelter for protection in bad weather. A letter will be sent to NYCC.

8. Lorries through the village

Nick Stringer is in regular communication now with Stewart Hymas and has had prompt responses to 2 separate complaints. On one of these a Hymas lorry driving was seen going through the village at 35mph, in contravention of Hymas's self imposed 20mph limit on their vehicles.

Nick stressed again that it is vital that people record dates, times and

registrations when passing on complaints about Hymas or any other company's lorries.

Bernard Atkinson brought to the attention of the council an application for a new Heavy goods licence with NYCC for Guy Reed of Copgrove Hall Stud. It was also discussed that Farnham Quarry were applying for a site expansion for waste disposal and it was felt that the council should be asking what impact this could potentially have on the villages.

It was agreed that previous applications would be looked at and the council would find out more about these 2 items.

9. Planning Application time scales

The Parish Council feel that there is not enough time to give planning decisions the attention needed, because of the short time allowed by the planning dept. and also the time between meetings.

HBC are not fully ready with an online system but the following has been decided as a compromise:

Mike North and Paul Smith will look at the HBC Web site regularly to see planning applications ahead of them being sent out. If the application is considered to be non-contentious a decision will be made by them. Any applications considered to be contentious will need a special meeting calling (it was noted that there has to be 5 days notice given for any meeting of the Parish Council). Any Copgrove planning applications will need a meeting.

10. To consider planning applications

a) 6.70.6.C.FUL 08/03567/FUL – 22 Low Field Lane

The Parish Council is to object due to concerns about drainage and vehicle access.

b) 6.70.85.B.FUL – 7 Spellow Grove Staveley

The Parish Council will consider as item 9

11. To Receive planning decisions

- a) **6.70.129.FUL – 1 Spellow crescent Staveley – Consent given**
- b) **6.70.128.FUL – Main Street Staveley Hay Store – Consent given**
- c) **6.70.130.FUL - 30 Pinfold Green Staveley – Consent given**

12. To consider planning enforcements and notices

6.70.27 08/00304/PR15 – Royal Oak Inn Staveley – Following visit from HBC

new planning applications are being submitted

13. To receive invoices

- a) Harrogate Borough Council - grass cutting - £161.59
- b) Harrogate Borough Council - grass cutting - £80.79
- c) A. Legge Copgrove grass cutting - £280
- d) Parish Clerk remuneration - £183.32

14. Public discussion

- a) River Tutt has broken its bank again – Mike North is investigating
- b) Complaint about dumping of rubbish at Little Acres. The Parish Council had asked HBC to investigate this before and an enforcement agent had visited and said that the land was being developed for agricultural use. There has also been a visit by environment agency regarding installation of septic tank. It was decided that the Parish Council needed to find out more. Paul Smith will enquire and report back.
- c) There has still been no action regarding the mirror at the bottom of Bedlam Lane. Another letter will be sent to NYCC.
- d) Allotments – Jill Quinn made a phone call to HBC regarding the waiting list for allotments and was informed that the land was owned by the Parish Council and it was up to us to run the list. This does not fit with any previous dealing regarding this land. It was decided to write to HBC confirming this telephone conversation. Meanwhile the map showing all amenity land will be looked at and we will ask Borough Councilor A. Alton to assist with this. There is a resident wishing to use one of the allotments and another resident has had to maintain the overgrown areas so it is important to ascertain who is responsible.
- e) Council homes and bungalows for Senior Citizens. An enquiry was made about the criteria for allocation of these houses i.e. should they be prioritised in favour of Staveley and Copgrove residents and the families thereof? It is thought that there is nothing in the deeds of these properties to suggest that but Nick Stringer will ask Borough Councillor A. Alton to clarify this for us.

15. Dates of next meetings

October 30th 2008
January 8th 2009
March 5th 2009

Chairman

Date