

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council

Clerk: Mr B Atkinson
Danesmead, Main Street, Staveley, HG5 9JY

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council Meeting
Held on 4 July 2013

Minutes

Present:

Chairman, Councillor N Stringer
Parish Councillor R Tesseyman
Parish Councillor P Edwards
Clerk, B Atkinson

Anthony Alton, Harrogate Borough Council
Robert Windass, North Yorkshire County Council

4 Members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Child and Cllr Manby.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Edwards declared an interest in the planning enforcement issue at Abacus, since he owns neighbouring property (item 5.2 below).

3. To Confirm Minutes of the Meeting of 9 May 2013

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a record

4. Items Brought Forward From the Last Meeting

4.1 Staveley Nature Reserve

The Liaison Group met on April 23rd 2013, and the next meeting is due on Tuesday July 23rd at 7.00 p.m.

4.2 Village Greens

A response to the PC's application to register the village green is awaited from NYCC.

4.3 Highways

Concerns regarding the safety marking of the chicane on Minskip Road have been made to NYCC, but the remedial work notified earlier to NYCC was still outstanding. The Chairman will follow up with NYCC Highways.

4.4 Recreation Field

There is no indication of any support from residents for investment in improving the facilities of the Field, so no action is proposed for the moment.

4.5 Drainage

There is still no action from NYCC in respect of their responsibility to clear ditches under their control. The Chairman will follow up with NYCC Highways.

The problems of the dip in Main Street in the centre of the village will also be referred to NYCC by the Chairman.

5. Planning Applications.

The PC considered the applications for an extension at Cherry Tree Cottage, Copgrove and it was agreed to raise no comment or objection.

5.2 Planning Enforcement

A possible planning infringement at Abacus, Copgrove, is currently being investigated by HBC, and until the outcome of this investigation is known, the PC can take no action. It was agreed that whilst the PC welcomes the provision of local employment on the Jubilee Mills site, it would object to any further planning developments there.

6. Annual Accounts

The Annual Accounts were approved and signed by the Chairman. The PC's financial position is healthy, with income exceeding expenditure by approximately £2k p.a., and a current bank balance of c. £14k.

7. PC vacancy

The PC now has approval from HBC to co-opt an additional person as councillor to fill the vacancy left by Em Lloyd-Davies's resignation. It was agreed that the vacancy should be advertised as widely as possible through the village, by word of mouth, website and notice board.

8. Lorry Traffic through the village

Concerns were raised again about the volume of lorry traffic through the village, particularly in regard to deliveries to and from the Jubilee Mills site, and milk vehicles from Paynes Dairies. The situation will be monitored and raised with Trading Standards if necessary.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PC will be held on Thursday 12 Sept 2013 at Staveley and Copgrove Village Hall. A further meeting will be held on Thursday 14 November 2013.