

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council

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

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council Meeting
Held on 16 November 2013

Minutes

Present:

Chairman, Councillor N Stringer
Vice Chairman, Councillor D Child
Parish Councillor R Tesseyman
Parish Councillor K Atkinson
Parish Councillor P Edwards
Clerk, B Atkinson

5 Members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Manby and Anthony Alton, Harrogate Borough Council

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

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

3. To Confirm Minutes of the Meeting of 12 September 2013

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a record. It was noted that these minutes had not appeared on the web site and the Chairman agreed to get this rectified.

4. Items Brought Forward From the Last Meeting

4.1 Staveley Nature Reserve

The SNR Liason Group had requested that :-

- (a) Because the NYCC appear to be doing absolutely nothing about the state of the public footpath that runs through the garden of Manor Farm, the Chairman should write to them on behalf of the PC. This was agreed.
- (b) the PC should allow an A3 or A4 size sign to be put on the PC's notice board indicating the location of the Nature Reserve's car park. This was agreed. It was also agreed, by a majority vote of 3 to 2, that the PC would fund, up to a maximum of £150, the costs of producing a brown sign to be attached to one of the existing posts on the village green, with YWT being responsible for obtaining the necessary planning permission. (Note also that contrary to what was stated at the meeting, the SNR car park location is clearly marked on the YWT website).

4.2 Village Greens

An objection to the PC's application to register the village green has been raised, concerning the exclusion of the footpath on the Arkendale Road side of the green. The application was due to be considered by the NYCC at a meeting on 15th November.

It was agreed that the oak tree in the centre of the green needs its crown lifting, and the Clerk was authorised to seek planning permission for this.

4.3 Highways

Remedial work notified earlier to NYCC about a total of 21 highway issues, including overhanging trees, poor road marking, faded signs, etc. around the village is still outstanding. The Vice-Chairman will follow up with NYCC Highways.

In addition a resident from Spellow Cottages on the main Minskip to Ferrensby road has reported no less than 3 accidents in the last 6 months, with 7 people injured. This needs to be drawn to NYCC's attention, asking what action is proposed to reduce the risks of further accidents.

4.4 Recreation Field

The recent safety report was considered, and it was agreed that action should be taken to repair the surfaces, which Councillor Tesseyman agreed to follow up. The Vice-Chairman offered to clean the moss off the playground equipment.

4.5 HGV Traffic

It was agreed to implement a LorryWatch scheme, with local residents Peter Walker and John Golding being the main observers. The Chairman will notify NYCC and also consult with Farnham PC with a view to obtaining Lorrywatch Scheme notices for attachment to all village speed limit signs.

4.6 Flooding/Drainage/Sewage Issues

The Vice-Chairman reported on the meeting recently held with representatives of Yorkshire Water (YW) and the Swale and Ure Drainage Board. Tanner Beck is due for attention shortly, and the main sewer that comes into the village from the Ferrensby direction is currently receiving attention, due for completion before Christmas which YW are confident will sort the problems out. However, that remains to be seen.

5. HBC footpaths on land adjacent to senior citizens bungalows

These footpaths are deteriorating and it was agreed that the Chairman should write to HBC asking for remedial action.

6. Planning Enforcement

The planning infringement at Abacus, Copgrove, has resulted in Abacus submitting a retrospective planning application. The PC are objecting to this on the grounds that, although the development may be small in relation to the overall site, Abacus have, over a period of time, made a number of applications which if considered as a whole form a considerable expansion into open countryside. At a previous planning committee meeting it was stated that

any future applications should result in an examination of the total site, so the PC has requested that HBC now undertake a full review of the overall site. Similar undertakings have also been given by NYCC in respect of the overall effect of traffic increases due to incremental applications. To date no overall reviews have been undertaken by either HBC or NYCC.

7. George Clark

It was agreed that, in memory of George Clark, the PC would donate £50 to the British Heart Foundation and £50 to the Stroke Association.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PC will be held on Thursday 16 January 2014 at Staveley and Copgrove Village Hall.