

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council

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

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council Meeting
held on 18 January 2014

Minutes

Present:

Chairman, Councillor N Stringer
Parish Councillor Lynne Manby
Parish Councillor K Atkinson
Parish Councillor P Edwards
Clerk, B Atkinson

NYCC Councillor Robert Windass

2 Members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies

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

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. To Confirm Minutes of the Meeting of 16 November 2013

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a record.

4. Items Brought Forward From the Last Meeting

4.1 Access to Staveley Nature Reserve through Manor Farm

The Chairman reported that NYCC were still in discussions with the landowners of Manor Farm concerning the line of the path through Manor Farm's garden. No action on improving the condition of this path will be possible until this issue is resolved. However it was suggested the stile on the pub side was unaffected by this dispute, and could now be removed since it served no purpose. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to NYCC requesting this.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Staveley Nature Reserve liaison group is on 28th January at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall.

4.2 Village Greens

The village green has now been successfully registered.

4.3 Highways

NYCC Highways have now reported back on plans to implement the remedial work previously notified to them about various issues including overhanging trees, poor road marking, faded signs, etc. In addition the NYCC are also to be notified of the following:-

Large puddle formation at junction of Park View and Main Street
Large puddle formation outside Ceres House (previously reported by resident)
Gullies needing emptying
Re-fixing of direction sign on village green (previously reported – Clerk to advise incident number)
20 mph signs required to be painted on Minskip Road
Road markings on both Spellow Grove and Spellow Crescent

There has been no written response yet from NYCC regarding the accident rate on the main Minskip to Ferrensby road, although it has been noted that the double white lines on the road have been repainted.

Regarding the PC's request for 20 mph reminder flashing signs outside the school, NYCC have advised that they have a pilot study under way throughout the county, but unfortunately the list of sites is now closed. Once NYCC has collected the data from these sites, they will establish a way forwards. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would contact Boroughbridge Council to find out what the cost of the scheme was to them, and also that the Chairman would write to NYCC to confirm our interest in getting included in the scheme as soon as possible.

4.4 Recreation Field

Ongoing maintenance is being undertaken by Councillors Richard Tesseyman and David Child.

4.5 HGV Traffic

The LorryWatch scheme has been implemented, but local residents Peter Walker and John Golding are finding it difficult to record number plates, many of which are dirty. Note action outstanding from last meeting - the Chairman to 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

Yorkshire Water have reported that all the work on the main sewer that comes into the village from the Ferrensby direction is now complete, and that there are currently no outstanding problems.

The possible development of affordable homes on land between Minskip Road and Lowfield lane was discussed, and it was agreed that this must be brought to the attention of Yorkshire Water given the drainage and sewage problems of the village, before any planning process commences.

5. Planning Applications

It was agreed that the PC has no objections to the proposed development at Arden House Copgrove

6. NHS Complaints Notice

It was agreed that the notice about the NHS Complaints advocacy service should not appear on the PC's Notice Board.

7. Refuse Collection

Councillor Windass reported that the fortnightly refuse collection service had significantly increased the amount of recycling locally, as well as reducing costs, thereby helping to avoid any increase in Council Tax. Given general acceptance of the scheme in the Parish, the PC gave their support to HBC for the scheme.

8. Fly Tipping

Some fly tipping has been reported at the bottom of Lowfield Lane, culprits unknown. It was agreed that fly-tipping was a thoroughly anti-social activity, and that anybody seen doing it around the village should be reported to the authorities.

9. NYCC Winter Agent Scheme

In line with previous decisions, the PC decided there was no need to get involved in this scheme.

10. Any other business

Dog litter bins – to be discussed at next PC meeting

Affordable homes development. The recent report on the needs for affordable housing in the Knaresborough Villages sub area indicates a need for around 20 such homes over the next five years, and the land between Minskip Road and Low Field Lane Staveley is specifically mentioned in this report as a possible development site. The PC would like to hear views from villagers about this, before it is discussed at the next PC meeting.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the PC will be held on Thursday 20th March 2014 at Staveley and Copgrove Village Hall.