

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council

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

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th September 2014

Present:

Chairman, Councillor Nick Stringer
Vice Chairman, Councillor David Child
Parish Councillor Kevin Atkinson
Parish Councillor Peter Edwards
Parish Councillor Richard Tesseyman
Clerk, B Atkinson

HBC Cllr A Alton

9 Members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Lynne Manby

2. To receive declarations of interest

Parish Councillor Peter Edwards declared an interest in Abacus Planning Applications, since his property is adjacent to Abacus

3. To confirm minutes of the Meetings held on 10th July 2014

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record.

4. Abacus Planning Applications

The Chairman reported that as a result of Abacus's two recent planning applications, one for 24 hour working and one for another storage building, he had visited the Abacus site, and reported as follows.

- (a) Abacus employs 65 people from a roughly 10 mile radius, 2 of whom live in Staveley. They have 2 outgoing articulated wagon deliveries per day. Incoming goods come either on the one articulated delivery per week, or in smaller vehicles. Much of the business activities on the site are warehousing and woodworking.
- (b) The 24 hour working will require 6 additional employees, and they will be working in the coating and drying shed, which is at the back of the site. The only machinery noise will be from a powered saw, which is unlikely to be heard from the road, because of the distance and the other buildings between it and the road.
- (c) The new storage shed will occupy a paddock currently used for horses and will square off the site. It will generate one additional lorry movement per week.
- (d) Abacus have no further space for expansion unless they were to acquire some of the adjacent farmland.
- (e) The new storage shed will only lead to small increase in the amount of the site occupied by buildings. However, the land on which it is proposed to build the shed is at quite a lower level compare to the rest of Abacus, yet they want to maintain the roof line, so the new building may be rather taller than anything else on the site

During discussion, the PC welcomed the additional job opportunities created by Abacus, but there were concerns about the potential noise and light pollution from 24 hour working, and about additional lorry traffic through the village, despite Abacus's assurance that it would only lead to one extra lorry movement per week.

It was therefore agreed that the PC would not object to either planning application, but would ask the HBC Planning Authority to attach certain conditions if granting approval. Post meeting, these are as follows:-

1. A statement from Abacus showing the current number of weekly lorry movements, and the forecast number after the advent of 24 hour working and the erection of the new shed, together with an indication of what amelioration measures would be taken if the forecast was exceeded, and an undertaking that such measures would be promptly implemented.
2. An undertaking by Abacus to impose a voluntary speed restriction of 20 mph on all lorry movements throughout the village of Staveley to and from Abacus, and to prohibit all such traffic between the hours of 6.00 p.m. and 7.30 a.m.
3. The Abacus premises not to have any external lighting, apart from security lighting triggered by movement sensors, between the hours of 6.00 p.m. and 7.30 a.m.
4. There to be no movement of fork lift trucks between the various buildings on the Abacus site between the hours of 6.00 p.m. and 7.30 a.m.
5. There to be no working on Saturday afternoons or Sundays.
6. That the use of any type of machinery between the hours of 6.00 p.m. and 7.30 a.m. be minimised, and that if it proves that such machinery can be heard by nearby residents, Abacus to undertake amelioration measures to prevent it.
7. That the full height of the new building be landscaped with trees that grow to the roof line of the new building within 5 years.

In addition, HBC planning committee will be requested to hold a full planning meeting to consider these points.

5. Items brought forward from the last meeting

5.1 Staveley Nature Reserve

Nature Reserve Notice. A proposal for the design of the YWT sign on the village green, indicating the location of the Nature Reserve, is awaited from YWT.

Aggressive and intimidatory behaviour by YWT volunteers. A further incident of such behaviour has been reported, not on YWT land. It was agreed that it was unacceptable and measures to avoid a repetition need to be considered at the next meeting of the Staveley Nature Reserve Liaison Group meeting, due on October 14th.

Dog control on the Nature Reserve

The rules regarding dog control on the Nature Reserve depend on where you are. On public footpaths within the Reserve, dogs must be kept under close control at all times. Elsewhere throughout the Reserve, YWT, as the Reserve's owners, have stipulated that all dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. It was noted that it is within YWT's rights to impose a complete ban on dogs in the Reserve, apart from public footpaths, as has happened at other YWT reserves.

5.2 Highways

The status on the various works around the village is as follows:-

Footpath clearance and overhanging bushes at Copgrove Triangle. The damaged fence has been repaired and NYCC have promised to do their work shortly. Still outstanding.

1. **Derestriction signs on exit to village largely sun bleached out.** At the last inspection they did not meet NYCC criteria for replacement but this is reviewed every 3 months.
2. **Gully in Minskip Road cleaned out but now reblocked.** Waiting NYCC action.
3. **Drainage issues by village green** (junction Main Street/Park View). Waiting NYCC action.

New items reported since last meeting:-

Deep hole in footpath next to bus shelter
Holes in Arkendale Road opposite the Recreation Field.

5.3 Recreation Field

A recent inspection has passed the Field as satisfactory, although some minor remedial attention is needed in parts.

5.4 Changes to HBC Tenancy Conditions

Further investigation has indicated that the properties were given to the Council on the understanding that they were primarily intended for Staveley citizens, and written evidence of this is being sought. This is still being pursued through the solicitor who originally handled the transfer.

5.5 Flooding and drainage problems

The problems of the main sewage pipe through the village have still not been solved. YWT are currently doing an internal survey of the pipe and a report is awaited.

5.6 State of road outside Royal Oak

It was agreed to continue with the previous policy of repairing and making good, rather than complete resurfacing.

6. Communication with the village

It was suggested that all village properties should be leafleted with a reminder about the facilities of the Recreational Field. It was also suggested that the same leaflet could be used to remind villagers of the need for new faces on the Parish Council, particularly at the time when the current Councillors have served their term of office, which is May 2016.

It was agreed that KA and NS would produce a flier and organise its distribution around both Staveley and Copgrove (the latter with PE's help)

7. Date of next meetings

The next meeting of the PC will be held on Thursday November 13th 2014 at Staveley and Copgrove Village Hall.