

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council

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

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting and held on 23rd July 2015

Present:

Chairman, Councillor Nick Stringer
Parish Councillor Lynne Manby
Parish Councillor Peter Edwards
Parish Councillor Kevin Atkinson
Clerk, Bernard Atkinson

HBC Cllr A Alton

4 Members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Parish Councillor David Child
Parish Councillor Richard Tesseyman

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

3. To confirm minutes of the Meeting held on 19th May 2015

The minutes of the meeting was accepted as a true record

4. News from Harrogate Borough Council.

A new draft local plan is now under consultation, the main item being how many of the 621 new houses required to be built per annum for the next 10 years should be built in the countryside. The plan will not include any infrastructure developments, and NYCC have stated that there are no highway issues to consider.

After some discussion it was agreed that there were opportunities for infill within Staveley, but nothing should be built until the drainage issues have been sorted out. The PC will communicate this to HBC as part of the consultation process. **Action BA.**

Meanwhile Staveley residents are urged to participate in the consultation, which opens on 26th July and runs for 6 weeks. The plan is due for completion by 2017.

5. Items brought forward from the last meeting

5.1 State of the public footpath through Manor Farm garden

The PC has offered financial assistance of £1,000 towards the cost of re-surfacing the footpath through Manor Farm, with a time limit of 3 months. The offer has been acknowledged by NYCC and a decision is awaited from them.

A further communication has been received from the owners of Manor Farm, seeking to see any correspondence between the PC and YWT concerning the 'survey' that they undertook earlier this year. There is no such correspondence. The PC had previously decided that the survey was invalid, and also irrelevant, because the YWT's position is unchanged – they will not open the track by the church to pedestrians unless the owners of all the properties adjacent to the track agree to it.

5.2 Relationship with YWT

An ongoing issue is car parking for the Nature Reserve on Sundays. As previously agreed, the Chairman will approach the school directly, to see if the school car park can be used. He will also contact YWT to see if the disabled car park can be opened on Sundays, but it is believed that this would contravene the planning permission. **Action NS.**

5.3 Highways

The status on the various works around the village is unchanged from the previous meeting, and is as follows:-

- **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.
- **Gully in Minskip Road cleaned out but now reblocked.** Waiting NYCC action.
- **Drainage issues by village green (Main Street/Park View).** Waiting NYCC action.
- **Missing Copgrove sign.** Waiting NYCC action.
- **Various road defects in Copgrove.** Waiting NYCC action.
- **Arkendale Road.** Speed limit sign lying on grass. Waiting NYCC action.

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with NYCC to discuss these issues. **Action DC/NS**

5.4 Changes to HBC Tenancy Conditions

No evidence has been discovered to show that the properties were given to the Council on the understanding that they were primarily intended for Staveley villagers. It was reported that some tenants had been visited by HBC officers attempting to persuade them to move to other property. The Chairman asked for proof of this so that HBC can be challenged.

5.5 Flooding and drainage problems

No adverse incidents have been reported since the last PC meeting.

5.6 School parking

There is ongoing concern about the inconsiderate parking during school drop-off and pick-up times, and it was felt that there was an accident waiting to happen. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the school. **Action NS.**

5.7 Road outside Royal Oak

It was suggested that there may be an opportunity to get the road outside the Royal Oak adopted by NYCC, and the Clerk agreed to pursue this. **Action BA**

5.8 Village website

Improvements have been made to the village website so that it is now quite easy to find even with two other Staveley villages in the UK. It was also suggested that its name be changed to Staveley and Copgrove.

5.9 Condition of paving on village green

A quotation of approximately £450 has been obtained, to make improvements to this, and it was agreed to proceed.

5.10 Stephenson buses and village green

It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the company asking their buses to take the long way round the village green. **Action NS.**

5.11 Parish Clerk's position

Bernard Atkinson confirmed his intention of retiring on or before April 2016. It was agreed that the position should be advertised in Link, with a salary of £1200 p.a. **Action NS**

Dates of next meetings

Thursday September 24th

Thursday November 26th