

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council

Clerk:K Haw
Corner Ways, Ferrensby HG5 9JG

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council Meeting
29th March 2016

Minutes

Present:

Parish Councillor Nick Stringer (NS)
Parish Councillor David Child (DC)
Parish Councillor Richard Tesseyman (RT)
Parish Councillor Kevin Atkinson (KA)
Parish Councillor Peter Edwards (PE)
Clerk, K Haw (KH)
HBC Councillor Anthony Alton
NYCC Councillor R Windass

10 Members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor L Manby who has now resigned her position

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. To Confirm Minutes of the Meeting of 21st January 2016

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

4. NYCC &HBC Matters

Further cost cutting means that waste recycling sites will close at 5pm from 1st April and continue to be closed each Wednesday.

Extra items such as cardboard and packaging can be recycled, this should be put in the blue bags and not into the boxes.

Cllr A Alton is retiring effective April 30th this year.

Work by the Boundary Commission means that Councillors in North Yorkshire will reduce from 54 to 40. Staveley will remain in Claro ward and be joined by Burton Leonard, with Minskip moving to Boroughbridge.

HBC new council offices should be completed and open in 2017

5. Access to Staveley Nature Reserve& Car Parking

Concerns continue over parking outside of the SNR car park which creates obstructions to the traffic on the road.

NS to speak to the police

Royal Oak has offered its car park as an overflow to nature reserve visitors at no charge. PC will request YWT to deploy a sign in SNR car park highlighting alternative parking at the pub.

Visitors should be encouraged to bike or bus to the reserve instead of coming by car. PC will request YWT to put up a sign showing access to car park via public footpath between the houses on Minskip road.

6. Manor Farm garden footpath

Although he was unable to attend the meeting, Em Lloyd-Davies of Manor Farm requested 'clarification' from the PC as to the contribution of £1,000 made by the PC to NYCC towards re-surfacing the footpath across Manor Farm garden, In May 2015 NYCC decided the route but confirmed there were insufficient funds available to improve the surface. The PC therefore voted a contribution of £1000 for a surface to be laid so that footpath users would not have to wait indefinitely until NYCC could do it.

It was noted that the furtherpart of the footpath, between the YWT track and the SNR, is in very poor condition. It was agreed that the PC would approach Allerton Park recycling centre for funds to improve footpaths and also drainage.

7. Recent flooding and drainage problems in the village

DC met with Swales and Ure drainage board regarding high water levels, and an action plan has been agreed

8. Phone Box

It was agreed to go ahead with the installation of a defibrillator in the phone box. Cost about £1300. DC to discuss with Derek Hammond for more information on purchase, installation and maintenance. PC to contact Cllr Windass to see if any funds available to assist with this.

9.Highways

Copgrove village sign has been replaced. DC to send photos of flooding to Area 6

10. Planning Applications and decisions

Loftus Hill development – still no plans available yet.

Abacus – underground burner – denied

Little Acres – concern that the green notice has gone and building started – PC to investigate

11. Transparency Fund

It was agreed that the PC would continue to opt in and utilise the services offered which include the services of PKF Littlejohn LLP who are the external auditors. It was agreed to give clerk access to website.

13. Parish Council matters

Cold calls are a problem again. NS to speak to Trading Standards

Dog waste bins not being emptied weekly, NS to address with Environmental Protection

Elections for the next Parish Council take place on May 5th. Nominations have to be in by 7th April, and there will be at least 3 vacancies, including the chairmanship.

The PC thanked Bernard Atkinson for his thorough, transparent and effective accounting practices as Parish Clerk and the professional manner in which he had supported the village for many years.

14. Next meeting

Tuesday May 10th 2016

Meeting closed @ 20.50

