Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council

Clerk: K Haw
Corner Ways, Ferrensby HG5 9JG

Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council Meeting
31st October 2017

Minutes

Present:
Parish Councillor Kevin Atkinson (KA)    Cllr Windass
Parish Councillor Peter Edwards (PE)    Cllr Zoe Metcalfe
Parish Councillor David Child (DC)

Clerk, K Haw (KH)

18 Members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies Richard Tesseyman, Bill Kirkpatrick

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest None

3. To Confirm Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd May 2017

It was noted in the previous meeting minutes a reference to the “new local plan” should in fact have said “draft local plan”. Clerk to amend. The minutes of the meeting were then accepted as a true record proposed by KA and seconded by PE.

4. Crime & Policing Update

Unfortunately the local police officer was unable to attend, he sent a report which said apart from a safety concern in August which turned out fine and his checks have not identified any other Police actions.

5. Councillor Updates

Cllr Windass shared the news that our local councillor Nick Duxbury is very seriously ill and will be stepping down in May. Zoe Medcalf will be taking over Nick’s work until the election in May.

Incinerator is up and running and has been since 10th Aug. Anaerobic digester is not full yet. The site is taking waste from across Yorkshire. A company called Northern Sugar are looking to purchase land belonging to NYCC next to the incinerator. They have offered to pay over twice the value of the site to NYCC to secure it. Plans to develop it into a Sugar Beet factory with 4 silos taller than York Minster, water from processing is proposed to go into the River Nidd or Ure, will have to be approved by Harrogate Boro Council.

Bus service – the current 1A service will be stopping. As a commercial service it is not making any money and have applied to NYCC to reduce the service to 2hourly as of Monday 6th Nov.

Education – GCSE & A level results are very high in relation to other areas of the country. Regarding planning DC asked Cllr Windass who to speak to regarding the recent Government White Paper on new homes. Cllr Windass said Rebecca Burnett, DC confirmed communications have already gone to her without any response back. It is possible R Burnett is against the White Paper. It was hoped that the White
Paper and reduction in new houses for the Harrogate district be discussed at the meeting now postponed from the 2nd Nov to the 16th

6. Accounts

Bank balance is £11,665.10, this includes the second half of parish precept, clerk’s wage. The ROSPA inspection of the recreation field invoice just arrived at £66, also £165 for hedge cutting in the field and £7 for recorded letters to HBC and our MP. It was agreed to raise the parish precept for 2018-19 by £166.

7. Planning Applications

Clerk stated the applications made since the last meeting. PE asked the clerk to chase up planning dept on the retrospective application from Abacus as nothing has been seen yet.

DC spoke about the work he has been doing with regards to the potential development on Minskip Rd. Disappointingly no response or acknowledgement from Rebecca Burnett or Kathryn Daley

Nick Stringer, Staveley Action Group, said it was imperative to get Harrogate Boro Council to adopt the Government White Paper and the new method of calculating how many houses are needed as this would reduce the need from 665 a year to 395. There is an online response available to the White Paper and it was suggested that the PC complete this.

8. Allotments

The tenancy agreement for the single allotment in Staveley expired in April 2017 and a new draft agreement was put to the parish council. Concerns over the 25% increase after 1st year. Also allotments in other areas appear to be much cheaper at only £50 a year, with over 65yrs enjoying a 50% discount. Clerk to contact council to discuss these concerns.

9. Staveley Neighbourhood Plan

Andrew Sudron outlined the work he has done to understand the requirements needed to put a Neighbourhood Plan into place. It was agreed that the PC will start to draft a Neighbourhood Plan.

10. Vacancy on Parish Council

The chairman put to the meeting that we have a vacancy and looked for suggestions for a candidate. Nick Stringer stepped forward. DC proposed we accept Nick to the parish council and PE seconded the decision. Clerk to arrange paperwork for Nick to complete.

11. Painting Phone Box

A volunteer in the village has offered to paint the phone box if the paint can be obtained. DC to enquire about getting the right paint.

12. Bungalows Fencing

Bill sent a message as he understood there were plans to fence round the bungalows. Clerk to contact to Bill to see if council needs to be involved.

Meeting closed at 20.45

Next meeting