

Minutes of the Meeting of Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council
Held on Thursday 26th January 2006 at 7.30pm

1. Present

Councillors – R. Tesseyman, K. Atkinson, A. Hales, S. Shaw, E. Wood and B. Atkinson.
County Councillor J. Watson, Borough Councillor A. Alton.
1 member of the public Em Lloyd-Davies and Marilyn Holmes (minutes taker)

2. Apologies

None

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr R Tesseyman declared an interest in Item 19

4. Minutes of Meeting 24th November 2005

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by K. Atkinson and seconded by E. Wood

5. Financial Report

A copy was distributed to all councillors.

6. Public Discussion interval

None

7. Planning Applications

- a. 6.70.72.C.FUL.05/06075/FUL. Erection of Conservatory to replace front porch (revised scheme). The Paddocks, Minskip Road, Staveley, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire HG5 9LQ for Mr & Mrs Thornhill. The PC had no objections.
- b. 6.70.66.L.FUL 05/06173/FUL Erection of chimney stack with 2 chimney pots, Staveley Mill, Main Street, Staveley, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire HG5 9LE for Mrs H. North. The PC had no objections.
- c. 6.70.66.K.LB 05/06014/LB Listed building application for the installation of a multi-fuel stove to the ground and first floor with two internal requisite encased class A flues and erection of external chimney stack with two chimney pots. Staveley Mill, Main Street, Staveley, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, HG5 9LE for Mr & Mrs M. North. The PC had no objections.
- d. 6.69.25.A.FUL 05/06384/FUL Erection of first floor extension with dormer window over garage and two storey side extension. The Gatehouse, Copgrove, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 3SZ. For Mr & Mrs Hurst. The PC had no objections.

8. Planning decisions received

- a. 6.69.6.Q.FUL Conversion of showroom to 1 dwelling to house security guard. Abacus House, 6 Jubilee Court, Copgrove, North Yorkshire for Abacus Direct. Permission granted subject to conditions.
- b. 6.70.97.A.COUC Change of use of room formerly used a shop (Use Class A1) to residential (Use Class C3). Old Post Office, Main Street, Staveley, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire HG5 9LD for Mr & Mrs Sanders. Permission granted subject to conditions.

9. Planning Applications withdrawn/going to appeal/enforcements.

None

10. Highways

Road sweepers have been through the villages after complaints from residents. It was noted that there are three "clean sweeps" per year but they are not always made at the most advantageous times. It was agreed to maintain better liaison with the Highways Division on this matter.

11. Accounts

Three cheques were presented for authorisation and payment

1. £30.88 to B. Atkinson in payment of Ordnance Survey Location Plans and Land Registry Fee.
2. £90.00 to Charlotte Atkinson for general duties as Parish Clerk.
3. £112.00 to V. Buckton for November grass cutting.

12. Parish Clerk – vacancy

There is still a vacancy for a Parish Clerk. Several options were discussed.

1. Further adverts to be placed in local papers.
2. Councillor Hales would be willing to take the minutes (providing this was legal) With Charlotte Atkinson fulfilling the rest of the duties.
3. The one applicant from previous advert to be interviewed although a local Resident would be preferred.

13. Village Hall

The flowering trees overhanging the village hall grounds need pruning. An approach to NYCC is to be made to get this done. The Village Hall AGM is approaching and it was felt that a member of the PC should attend as should a representative from any organisation that made use of the hall. Cllr S Shaw is to represent the PC.

14. Village Road Safety Schemes 2005/6 and 2006/7

A path from the Old Post Office, Staveley to the bus stop may exceed the budget, in which case an area of hard standing nearer the Old Post Office would satisfy Health and Safety criteria.

An area of hard standing near the notice board in Copgrove is needed and Councillor B. Atkinson confirmed that an application for this to be included in the 2006/7 budget.

15. Recreation Field Commuted Sums

A letter had been received from HBC listing the commuted sums left to be spent on leisure and play areas in the villages. Some of the money must be spent by Dec. 2006 or it will be lost. The Borough Council is seeking PC support for the application. K. Atkinson proposed that the application by the Recreation Field Committee be supported. E. Wood seconded.

16. Village Greens

Mr Em Lloyd-Davies raised some issues (detailed in a letter) regarding the state of the Old Village Green and the access road. He asked the Parish Council why the Road had been allowed to become in a dangerous state. The Chairman replied giving details of where the Parish Council stood on this matter. It is unclear if the Village Green was "owned" by the PC and the Borough Councillor present was asked to find this out. It would be the responsibility of the "owner" to carry out the necessary maintenance

17. Staveley Notice Board

It was stated that the grant for this was not yet approved as the NYCC meeting had yet to take place. NYCC Councillor John Watson was at the meeting and the PC were assured that the grant would be approved. The notice board has been ordered and should be in place by the end of March.

18. Village Plan

It was decided that a committee needs to be formed to draft a village plan. This should be made up of people in the community and not just Parish Councillors. A letter will be drafted to be sent to all local organisations asking for volunteers.

19. Local Authority and Affordable Housing

The PC had previously requested HBC to give a higher preference to applicants with local connections to accord with conditions used by HBC in allocating affordable housing. HBC confirmed that they have to observe legislative requirements in allocating rented houses although some priority given to applicants with local connections. HBC confirmed that there are no plans to change the rules but conceded that further discussions could take place. HBC Cllr A Alton confirmed support for further discussions. Other PC's to be approached to lobby HBC councillors to ensure that these take place.

An application has been received by HBC for housing in Ferrensby that would include affordable housing.

20. Grass Cutting

Two quotes have been received for grass cutting in Copgrove.

1. Farm Services at £30.00 per cut.
2. Bucktons at £45.00 per cut.

Farm Services, being the cheaper, have been chosen for this year.

Discussion is to be held with HBC and NYCC to ascertain the areas of grass for which they are responsible. Money is available from NYCC to be paid to Parish Councils for cutting the grass that is the responsibility of County Council.

21. Community Council

A Community Council had been set up called Yore Vision. A list of projects has been drawn up but, at present, only covers the Boroughbridge area.

A mobile cinema scheme that had been put forward has been rejected by Lottery Funding.

22. Waste Recycling

NYCC Councillor John Watson spoke about plans for further waste recycling and Disposal depots in the area. He stressed that no decisions had yet been made but some sites had been earmarked for further attention. The disposal site would be a modern incinerator and not land fill.

23. Other Business

Concerns were raised over the Landscape Gardener business on Cricket Field Lane. Doubts have been raised as to whether the land is only being used for the Designated purpose.

24. Correspondence

All items of correspondence have been put in the box to be passed round.

25. Items for next meeting

None at present.

26. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 30th March 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm