

ALNE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
ALNE ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2014 AT 8.00PM**

PRESENT: Councillors: Dr Robert Brech (Chairman), John Teasdale, David Walker,
Spike Bradley.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk: District Councillor Nigel Knapton.

25 members of the public were present.

14/21 APOLOGIES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Apologies and reasons were received from Councillor Gaudian and these were accepted.

14/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2014

Minutes previously circulated and these were accepted and signed as a correct record.

14/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. The emergency plan was still being drafted.
- b. The surface replacement on the footpath along the Kyle had still not taken place. Clerk would chase this matter up again.
- c. Additional quotes for the noticeboard replacements had still not been received despite requests from the Clerk. Another joinery firm was suggested for a quote.
- d. The survey had been completed by Yorkshire Water of the Main Street drains and they were notifying residents who had illegal cross connections. Concern was also raised regarding the drains in Monk Green and the smells emanating from the man hole covers. The Clerk would report this.
- e. The dog fouling signs would be addressed by the new Hambleton DC dog warden.
- f. There was to be a meeting between residents, the parish Council and NYCC regarding the verge opposite Evergreen Farm.
- g. The footway between Cheshire Home & the Church was not deemed by NYCC as requiring repair.
- h. The Parish Council election date of 7 May 2015 was noted.
- i. The grass cutting at Alne Cross had taken place on Monday 9 June.
- j. The dropped kerb request to NYCC on Mitchell lane had been accepted by NYCC and would be put in the 2015 programme.
- k. The cessation of the NYCC Urban Grass Cutting grant was noted and this shortfall would be addressed in the budget in December.
- l. NYCC did not find that any of the repairs required to the footway in Church Wind were actionable.

Approved Chairman

14/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. NYM/2014/0204/FUL – Consultation on planning application for the purposes of the extraction of clay and restoration of site to water body and nature conservation on land to south of Alne Brickworks, Forest Lane, Alne. **No objections.**
- b. 14/00352/FUL – Single storey rear extension at Grosvenor House, Main Street, Alne for Mr & Mrs Peter Kimpson. **No objections.**
- c. 14/01581/FUL – Demolition of existing agricultural building and construction of a dwelling to provide accommodation for site manager (resubmission of application 13/02380/FUL) at Agricultural buildings at rear Woodlands, Forest Lane, Alne for Mr Edward Gregory. **No objections.**
- d. 14/01565/CAT – Proposed work to fell tree at Melrose House, Main Street, Alne for Mr S Hutton. **No objections.**
- e. 14/01583/CAT – Proposed work to Cherry Tree at Kyle House, Main Street, Alne for Mr Richard Gore. **No objections.**
- f. 14/01027/FUL – Proposed two storey side extension to dwelling at 9 Gale Garth, Alne YO61 1TQ for Mr George Alexander. **No objections.**
- g. 14/01016/CAT – Proposed work to fell trees at Prospect House, Main Street, Alne for Mr Stuart Richardson. **No objections.**

A wide ranging discussion with members of the public took place, with views expressed both for and against the development and addressing many material considerations. All the points were noted and discussed in Council.

- h. 14/01514/FUL – Proposed construction of farm workers dwellings and two agricultural buildings at Village Farm, Jack Hole, Alne for Mr T Clark. **See attached.**
- i. 14/01513/FUL – Proposed residential development (including the conversion and replacement of existing agricultural buildings) to form a total of 10 dwellings at Village Farm, Jack Hole YO61 1RT for Mr T Clark. **See attached.**

14/25 HAMBLETON DC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

- a. 14/01027/FUL – Two storey side extension to dwelling at 9 Gale Garth, Alne for Mr G Alexander. **Granted.**

14/26 SETTLEMENT HIERACHY & AUDIT OF VILLAGE SERVICES CONSULTATION

This Hambleton DC survey had been completed online.

14/27 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. Receipts and payments, bank balances and actual vs. budget reports were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. Barclays Bank had still not transferred the balance and closed the account. A letter of instruction had been delivered by the Clerk but had been ignored. The Chairman would take another letter to the branch this week.

14/28 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence since the last meeting was noted and is attached.

Approved Chairman

14/29 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Sowray was not present.

14/30 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Knapton reported that a new dedicated dog warden had been appointed and would be able to visit the village soon to deal with any fouling and put up appropriate signage.

14/31 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

None.

14/32 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

None.

14/33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 December 2014 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Correspondence

30/04/2014	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine
01/05/2014	Yorkshire Local Council Associations	Provision of Services
02/05/2014	Hambleton District Council	European Parliamentary Election
02/05/2014	Barclays Bank plc	Statement
02/05/2014	Hambleton District Council	Street name & numbering
08/05/2014	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Annual Report
10/05/2014	Rural Action Yorkshire	CountryAir
17/05/2014	Hambleton District Council	Planning application 14/01016/CAT
17/05/2014	Hambleton District Council	Planning application 14/01027/FUL
24/05/2014	North Yorkshire County Council	Tour de France
29/05/2014	Rural Action Yorkshire	Membership certificate
29/05/2014	Hambleton District Council	Street naming and numbering
09/06/2014	Hambleton District Council	Parish Council elections
10/06/2014	WW1 Centenary Art Commissions	Lights Out
13/06/2014	North Yorkshire County Council	Mitchell Lane - dropped kerb
13/06/2014	North Yorkshire County Council	Alne crossroads - Grass cutting
16/06/2014	North Yorkshire County Council	Church Wind footpath
17/06/2014	North Yorkshire County Council	Urban grass cutting
02/07/2014	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine
03/07/2014	North Yorkshire County Council	Planning application NY/2014/0204/FUL
04/07/2014	North Yorkshire County Council	Charges for hardcore, rubble & plasterboard
07/07/2014	York Recycling (Processing) Ltd	Extraction / Wetland proposal
07/07/2014	Hambleton District Council	Planning decision 14/01027/FUL
07/07/2014	Hambleton District Council	Settlement Hierachy & Audit of Village Services
09/07/2014	North Yorkshire County Council	Mitchell Lane & Main Steet junction repair
17/07/2014	North Yorkshire County Council	Commons Act 2006
05/08/2014	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Countryside Voice
05/08/2014	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Field Work
09/08/2014	Hambleton District Council	Planning application 14/01581/FUL
11/08/2014	Hambleton District Council	Planning application 14/01583/CAT
11/08/2014	Hambleton District Council	Planning application 14/01565/CAT

Payments

26/08/2014	Nigel Knapton	Stamps
26/08/2014	Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses
26/08/2014	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI
26/08/2014	SLCC	Subscription

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Planning Applications 14/01513/FUL and 14/01514/FUL : Alne Village Farm

Alne Parish Council is aware of much interest in these proposals, as evidenced by the number of public comments to HDC and to the turnout at a special Parish Council meeting held to discuss them.

Alne Parish Council has concerns as follows:

1. The proposals fall largely outside the Development Limit and the Conservation Area. If these limits are to be breached by this one proposed development, what is the point of having the limits at all? Alne Parish Council has not been invited to comment on any recent proposals to alter these limits and is unclear why HDC is seemingly content to see them breached, probably setting undesirable precedents for the future.
2. While Alne is in need of some small units of affordable housing, no recent effort has been made to find alternative sites which might be more suitable in terms of density, traffic flow and congestion. One site at the east end of the village was offered a few years ago and may still be available.
3. The domestic sewage system in Alne is already under great pressure and fails regularly. While we note that Yorkshire Water have given a standard reply to the proposals, we would want to see an assurance from them that they will upgrade their infrastructure as necessary to accommodate the proposed development.
4. The plans for Back Lane in the proposal are vague in the extreme. Under the proposals, seven of the eleven houses will have access through Back Lane and this road is currently completely unsuitable for the existing traffic, let alone more.
5. Traffic congestion in and around Jack Hole is already severe at school times. Alne Parish Council has expressed concern on a number of occasions but the police are seemingly powerless to take action and have given up on the issue.
6. There have been various comments on how the proposals will affect the school. Alne Parish Council sees all sides of these arguments and is neutral on this point.

In summary, Alne Parish Council has some concerns at the scale of the proposed development and the impact it may have. Before coming to a conclusion as to whether or not to support or object formally to the proposals, it would like to have the above matters clarified and to see if there are alternative overall arrangements which will be better for the village in total.

Approved Chairman