

Danby Wiske with Lazenby Parish Council

Meeting held on Thursday 18th August 2016 at 8pm in the Village Hall

Minutes

Present:- Chairman:- Margaret Goldie

Councillors:- Geoff Solomon, Jeannette Darwin and Alastair Wilkin

Clerk :- Ian Parminter

1. Apologies An apology was received from Steve Knight who was away on holiday.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 2016 were circulated, read and signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising:-

Call for sites HDC:- Geoff reported further details from the meeting he attended on behalf of the Council with the chosen sites being announced in October by HDC planning dept. As they had received over 400 possible sites but only one in Danby Wiske we await to see the results.

Coast to Coast footpaths:- The Chairman suggested as this was also an agenda item that this be discussed later in the meeting.

Planning applications:- The Clerk reported that he had received further amended retrospective planning details for Mossa Grange, followed a day later a letter stating the withdrawal of the plans.

The applications for 1 Council Houses and Cleveland View Streetlam have now been approved.

Village Green Trees:- The Clerk had left a message for Anthony Eaton to get in touch re the request to see if the trees on the Village Green needed pruning but had to date received no reply. However Jeannette reported seeing him looking at the trees earlier in the week before the PC meeting, therefore a report should be received soon.

Roads:- After taking up with Arthur Barker at the last PC meeting about the dreadful state of the roads through the village it is a relief to the Council that there is now a programme to resurface the worst in September.

Folk Festival:- Steve had sent a written report on the success of the event and a promise of £110 from the profits towards the Play Area.

He also stated that there would be another festival next year.

4. Facebook page/ website

Jeannette emailed all the Councillors with an update on the Facebook page and asked for ideas as to what could be put on it that would work. Suggestions made were the contents of the Anvil, Streetlam football team match reports, Village Hall events, and Church services etc. Other villagers to be consulted.

Website, It was stated that the website was more of a marketing tool for the village and the software was probably out of date and therefore difficult to alter or change. Although Jeannette had been able to add information on certain pages including the PC minutes.

5. Police Report

A Police report had been received which stated that there had been no reported crimes over the previous month.

6. Play Area and fund raising

A written report from Shirley had been received and was circulated to all the Councillors. This stated that the Electricity pole should be moved the last week of August allowing work on the site to commence shortly afterwards.

Because there was a deadline on applying for the 106 money Shirley had contacted the Chairman with the suggestion of a shelter for the seating and landscaping which resulted in seeking quotations for both. The Council were shown the suggested shelter at a cost of £2,510, however this was felt to be like a Hay barn and the Councillors were all agreed that rather than a shelter the money should be spent primarily on landscaping. To provide shelter a more natural solution would be trees. A discussion took place as to the type to be planted Oak, Horse Chestnut or Black Poplar.

Due to the shortage of time, the Clerk was asked to contact Shirley the following day and make it clear to her the Councils discussion and what had been agreed in order for her to progress with the 106 application.

Geoff agreed that he would be happy to put the money (£500 approx) he received from writing for the D & S towards the cost of a mature tree.

A landscaping contractor who specialised in play areas had been asked to quote for natural materials- tree stumps, large boulders, raised areas etc. both for looks but also for children to climb and balance on.

As HDC needed the quotes to accompany the application for the £4,450,- 106 money, Shirley was to proceed with things but to keep the Council informed.

It was also pointed out that part of the planning approval of the Play Area was the provision of a bike stand/park which must be incorporated in the plans.

A question was also raised as to the provision of a suitable surface for the parking area and whether some of the money should be used for this purpose.

7. Footpaths to promote a safer route for C to C Walkers

The Clerk had received an email from Derek Cockell who is secretary to the Wainwright Society offering his support in improving the footpaths and obtaining a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph on Danby Lane through the bad bends. It was discussed and agreed to keep the pressure on the authorities to obtain action to repair the footpaths and speed reduction on Danby Lane.

Jeannette had sent a strongly worded email to Andy Brown at NYCC re the overgrown footpath pointing out the risks and the obligations of the Council and that if this was restored to a useable condition that it would be a safer route for Coast to Coast walkers. A reply is awaited.

8. Any other business

Alastair had received a complaint from a resident about an overgrown hedge covering the footpath near the church. After discussion Alastair agreed to approach the property owner to get the hedge cut.

Geoff said that opposite the Old Police House the Council owned trees were also partially covering the footpath and he was given approval to cut them back to an acceptable level.

9.Date of next meeting:- Thursday 15th September 2016

Signed.....Chairman

Signed.....Clerk

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