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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MOXON ROOM, CAWTHORNE VILLAGE HALL, ON THE 4th MARCH 2010 AT 7.40 PM

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs. M. J. Broadhead.

Councillors: Ms. D. M. Asquith, Mr. R. Barr, Mr. E. C. Ellis, Mr. G. O. Eyley, Mrs. D. C. Hindley, Mr. P. Kilner, and Mr. J. G. Walker.

Mr. F. Johnston, Clerk.

Prior to the meeting, between 7.30 pm and 7.40 pm, Councillors were available to answer questions from any members of the public who were in attendance.

Minute No. 131 To receive any apologies for absence

None.

Minute No. 132 To receive any Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Members in respect of items on this agenda

Cllr. Kilner declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 10, application for a grant by the Cawthorne Victoria Jubilee Museum Society in that he is Chairman of the Society.

Minute No. 133 To resolve to accept the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 4th February 2010

Proposed by Cllr Eyley, Seconded by Cllr Barr that the minutes be accepted as a true and proper record.

Resolved

Minute No. 134 My Village Collects - Presentation by Ms. Lorraine Needham-Brinley of Oxfam.

Mrs. Needham-Brinley gave an interesting and informative presentation on this Oxfam project. After discussion it was agreed that if Mrs. Needham-Brinley informed the Clerk of the proposed date, time and place for a collection vehicle the Clerk would publicise the event.

Minute No. 135 To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that:

1. All routine correspondence had been dealt with.
2. He had received the following documents:
 - a. Latest edition of 'White Rose' (the Clerk highlighted the salient points)
 - b. The YLCA annual training programme.
3. He had received the following from BMBC:
 - a. Details of way forward on the Canada geese problem.
 - b. Information regarding the new street lighting for Cawthorne.
 - c. Information on the new BMBC 'Rolling Roadshows'.
4. He had received a letter of thanks from Penistone FM Radio regarding the recent outside broadcast session held in the Village Hall.

Minute No. 136 To receive Member's Reports

- a. Cllr Barr reported that somebody had vandalised the stile which is near to the Chapel; (Cllrs commented that this was probably done to make it easier for pedestrians to climb over the stile); the owner of the stile near the lower end of the cemetery had informed him that he was intending to alter the 'kissing gate' stile so that wheelchairs etc. could pass through the stile.
- b. Cllr Kilner reported that: a) the recent works done at the Peace Garden were a very good job; b) the new drain along Cinder Hill Lane needs a grill at the entrance to stop small children, animals from falling into the drain and being swept away.
- c. Cllr Walker reported that: a) There was an inordinate amount of rubbish along Norcroft Lane; b) he had picked up a street direction sign which had fallen off its post and he would be replacing it.

Minute No. 137 To receive the minutes of the Play Facilities Committee Meeting held on the 23rd February 2010

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Received.

Minute No. 138 To receive an update from the Chairman of the Play Facilities Committee

Cllr. Eyley amplified the minutes. The Clerk informed the meeting that BMBC had awarded a grant of £14,000 towards the project, to be used for facilities for children under 8 years of age.

Minute No. 139 To consider, and if agreed, to resolve to give a grant towards costs to the Grass Roots Theatre Group

Mrs. Chris Rishworth of the group spoke to this application, after which it was proposed by Cllr Walker, Seconded by Cllr Eyley that the Council award a grant of £1000, in the next financial year, towards this project as it would benefit a Cawthorne social and community group. **Resolved**

Minute No. 140 To consider, and if agreed, to resolve to give a grant to the Cawthorne Museum Society

[Cllr Kilner, although having declared an interest in this item was permitted by the Council to remain in the Council Chamber, but took no part in the consideration of the application]
Proposed by Cllr Barr, Seconded by Cllr Asquith that the Council award a grant of £287.50 to the Museum Society to be used for electrical maintenance works. **Resolved**

Minute No. 141 To consider, and if agreed, to award a grant to the Cawthorne Toddler and Baby Group.

Proposed by Cllr Walker, Seconded by Cllr Kilner that the Council award a grant of £320 to the Toddler and Baby Group. **Resolved**

Minute No. 142 To consider, and if agreed, to award a grant to the Cawthorne Cricket Club.

Proposed by Cllr Eyley, Seconded by Cllr Ellis that the Council award a grant, in the next financial year, of upto £250, on production of invoices, to the Cawthorne Cricket Club for the purposes of hedgerow maintenance. **Resolved**

Minute No. 143 To approve the monthly accounts for February 2010

Proposed by Cllr Eyley, Seconded by Cllr Walker that the following accounts be approved:

Payments

PlusNet	ISP February 2010	£ 9.99
Inland Revenue	PAYE and NIC Month 11	£ 127.79
British Telecom	Telephone service 3 rd Quarter	£ 111.68
T & D Contractors	Grass cutting 2009	£1222.00
YLCA	Text and Standing Orders	£ 27.00
All Saints Church	Printing Parish Notes in magazine	£ 144.00
YLCA	Annual subscriptions 2010-11	£ 297.00
Yorkshire Water	Cemetery rates 3 rd quarter	£ 7.21
Cawthorne Museum	Grant	£ 287.50
Toddler and Baby Group	Grant	£ 320.00

Receipts

Cemetery fees		£ 270.00
BMBC	Grant for play facilities	£14,000.00

Resolved

Minute No. 144 To consider the following planning applications and, subject to Members' agreement, the following planning applications received for comment after the distribution of the agenda, and prior to the meeting

a. Part demolition of single storey office and erection of a two storey side extension and garage extension to dwelling at 32, Darton Road, Cawthorne.

The Council had neither objections nor observations to this application.

b. Erection of one 18m high wind turbine at Jowett House Farm, Bark House Lane, Cawthorne.

The Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

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- a. Indistinct plans which did not give a clear indication of the exact proposed location.
 - b. Near a bridleway therefore a danger of frightening horses.
 - c. Likelihood of interfering with Television reception.
 - d. Strobe and shadow flicker etc.
 - e. Out of keeping with the surrounding countryside.
 - f. Concerns about the completeness of the noise assessment/noise report.
- a. Erection of two blocks of four stables, barn and storage container (Part retrospective) (Resubmission), at Albert's' Horse Sanctuary, South Lane, Cawthorne.

The Clerk had received a strong letter of objection from a resident of South Lane, which was read to the Council.

An adjacent land owner exercised her right to address the Council on this application and spoke strongly against it, after which she submitted a written letter of objection to the Council.

The Council, after debate, once again strongly objected to this application, for the reasons which are historically recorded in the Council Minutes and in the BMBC Planning Department records. In addition to the recorded objections the Council also objected on the following grounds:

- a. The applicants have already lost an appeal at the Planning Tribunal against the decision to refuse planning consent on their previous applications, and whilst this application is partly retrospective, in view of an application for a barn in addition to the other structures, the Council views this application as essentially the same application which has been turned down at appeal and therefore object on the same historic grounds.
- b. There is an Enforcement Notice which was issued in January 2008 instructing the land owner to demolish the stables and restore the land to its original state. This Notice has not yet been complied with, despite action against the land owner in the Magistrates Court, which has given the land owner until 6th May 2010 to comply with the Notice. This current application, in the view of the Council, is a flagrant attempt to circumvent the law and to thwart the will of the Court therefore should be refused on these grounds alone.
- c. Information in the application is at variance with Councillors' local knowledge therefore cannot be accepted at face value.
- d. The details of the barn do not give dimensions etc.

Minute No. 145 Any other business

The Clerk informed the Council that the Chairman would be calling the Parish Meeting for 7 pm on the 1st April 2010, in the Moxon Room, Village Hall, and reminded Cllrs that this is not a Council Meeting but a meeting of the electorate. He requested that Cllrs bring the standard verbal reports to the meeting.

Minute No. 146 Date of next meeting

a. Proposed by Cllr Broadhead, Seconded by Cllr Eyley that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on the 6th May 2010, this being the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Resolved

- a. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.