

CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAWTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MOXON ROOM, CAWTHORNE VILLAGE HALL, ON THE 1st DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.40 PM

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs. M. J. Broadhead, Chairman.

Councillors: Ms. D. M. Asquith, Mr. R. Barr, Mr. A. Butterworth, Mr. E. C. Ellis, Mrs. D. C. Hindley, Mr. P. Kilner, Mrs. S. Pitt and Mr. J. G. Walker.

Mr. F. Johnston, Clerk.

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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. 84 To receive any apologies for absence

None.

Minute No. 85 To receive any Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests from Members in respect of items on this agenda

None.

Minute No. 86 To resolve to accept the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd November 2011

Proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Kilner that the minutes be accepted as a true and proper record.

Resolved

Minute No. 87 To receive the Clerk's Report

1. The Clerk reported that all routine correspondence and all routine matters had been dealt with and that he had also received the following correspondence:

2. From BMBC.

a. An invitation for Members to attend the Mayor's Civic Carol Service on Thursday 15th December 2011, at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley.

b. Bi-monthly inspection report regarding the Play Facilities in the Orchard. All was satisfactory.

3. A thank you letter, from the Hoylandswaine Arts Group, in respect of the recent grant.

4. Calling notice for the AGM of the Penistone and District Community Partnership, to be held on the 8th December 2011 at 7pm in St. Andrew's Church, Penistone.

5. An invitation from Cawthorne Brass Band for all Members and the Clerk, with partners, to attend the Band's annual Christmas concert at the village hall on Saturday 3rd December 2011.

6. The Clerk distributed copies of a briefing from the NALC on the 'Localism Act, 2011.

Minute No. 88 To receive Member's Reports

a. Cllr Broadhead reported that there was a continuing problem with fly posting within the village, and requested that members remind other organisations which they are involved with that fly posting is an offence.

b. Cllr Butterworth reported that he had received complaints that the sign at the 'Bottom Club' on Tivydale was out of keeping with the village environment in that it was more suited to an urban streetscape.

c. Cllr Ellis reported that he had ordered the village Christmas Tree, which would be on display shortly.

d. Cllr Kilner reported that the recessed road grates on the A635 between Clough Green and Toll Bar were completely blocked with mud, pebbles, leaves etc. *[The Clerk undertook to contact BMBC Highways about this issue]*

e. Cllr Walker reported that the village school head teacher had printed an article in the school magazine about the problems with inconsiderate parking outside the school, and had asked drivers to park properly and with due consideration for nearby residents and other road users.

Minute No. 89 Council Website – to discuss and if agreed to resolve expenditure to update the site and increase possible usage through the services of a web master.

Cllr Pitt sought approval in principle from the Council for the Council to actively consider updating and upgrading the Council website, in order to make it more informative about community matters. Cllr Pitt gave a number of proposals for consideration. The Clerk informed the Council that all the proposals were feasible and that the Council would have to consider a number of issues before taking them forward, issues being: Control, accountability, resources to maintain and update the site regularly, legal agreements with potential partners, and costs, some of which could be defrayed by charging other organisations for advertising on the site. After discussion it was agreed in principle that the Council would consider updating and upgrading the website, and that the Clerk would invite the Council website provider to meet the Council in the New Year to explore the way forward.

Minute No. 90 To receive proposals from the Jubilee Working Party

The Chairman informed the Council that the working party had a number of proposals for celebrating the Jubilee, viz: a) providing children who live in Cawthorne, and children who do not live in Cawthorne but attend the local school, with Jubilee bookmarks; b) to have a Jubilee Beacon on either the roof of the Church tower, or at Windmill Hill; c) to have a bonfire at the Cricket Club; d) to create a 'human sundial' [Cllr Butterworth had full details of how this is achieved]; e) and the possibility of planting a Jubilee Tree. After discussion it was agreed that the working party would meet again at 10 am on Monday 16th January 2012, to examine these proposals in greater depth, and establish feasibility, costs, insurance liabilities etc. The working party would also liaise with the Summer Fair Group which has already decided upon a number of events, in order to dovetail with those events, and not have any duplication.

Minute No. 91 To confirm that the Council wishes to advertise for nominations for the appointment of an Honorary Freeman of Cawthorne, in accordance with the Council's Policy

Councillors agreed, after discussion, that to call for nominations annually would diminish the status of Honorary Freeman. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Hindley, seconded by Cllr Pitt that the Council do not call for nominations this year. **Resolved**

Minute No. 92 To consider the effectiveness of the fence at the Orchard, and to resolve to either maintain it merely as a fence, or whether to plant a hawthorn hedge as previously resolved – previous resolution was over 6 months ago

This item had been put on the agenda at the request of a Councillor, who was not in favour of the hedge. The reason the hedge had not been planted was because hawthorn whips should not be planted until the autumn. The Clerk explained the legal position if the Council decided not to have the hedge planted, ie breach of contract leaving the Council open to legal action against it; Cllrs expressed surprise that the issue had been brought up again as the decision had been made after full debate many months ago; two parishioners who had exercised their right to speak on this item did so, and spoke in favour of having the hedge.

Cllr Walker proposed, seconded by Cllr Ellis that the Council honour the contract and have the hedge planted. By a vote of 8 to 1, Cllr Barr against, the proposal was **Resolved**

Minute No. 93 To resolve to accept a quote of £290 + VAT for proposed tree works in the cemetery

Proposed by Cllr Ellis, seconded by Cllr Butterworth that the quote be accepted. **Resolved**

Minute No. 94 To receive and approve the monthly accounts for November 2011

Proposed by Cllr Asquith, seconded by Cllr Kilner that the following accounts be approved:

Payments

Hoylandswaine Arts Group	Grant re. painting restoration (S137)	£ 50.00
PlusNet	ISP November 2011	£ 9.99
Inland Revenue	PAYE and NIC Month 8	£ 205.94
F. Johnston	Stationery from BOS	£ 19.50
AMARSYS	Annual website fee	£ 144.00
SLCC	Annual subscriptions.	£ 204.00
Royal British Legion	Grant towards poppy wreath (S137)	£ 30.00

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BT	3 rd quarter telephone service	£ 93.07
<u>Yorkshire Water</u>	3 rd quarter cemetery rates	<u>£ 6.10</u>
Total		£ 762.60
Receipts		
Cemetery fees		£ 50.00
<u>BMBC</u>	Business rate rebate	<u>£ 23.96</u>
Total		£ 73.96

Resolved

Minute No. 95 To receive the monthly financial report

The Clerk presented and explained the monthly financial report.

Minute No. 96 To consider the following planning application and, subject to Members' agreement, any planning applications received for comment after the distribution of the agenda, and prior to the meeting

'Erection of new farm buildings, farm shop, indoor play facility, restaurant extension, and alterations to existing buildings to create classrooms, toilets, offices and storage, Cannon Hall Farm, Bark House Lane, Cawthorne, Barnsley, S75 4AT.'

This being a major development application, with several design statements, etc., plus in excess of 30 blueprint drawings, this item was referred to the Planning Committee for said Committee to discuss on the 7th December 2011, at 7.30 pm in the Moxon Room, Village Hall.

Minute No. 97 Any other relevant business

None.

Minute No. 98 Date of next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Broadhead, seconded by Cllr Walker, that the next meeting of the Parish Council, be held on Thursday 5th January 2012.

Resolved