

HOUGH ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Hough on the Hill P.C. held on the 10th December 2009 at Carlton Scroop Village Hall commencing 8.00pm.

Present at the meeting-

B.Gray

T.Newcombe

R.Kingscott (Chair)

District Cllr Kerr also attended.

1. Public Form.
There was one member of the public in attendance. The issue of HGV signs on the Hough to Marston Rd via Gelston was raised. This matter had been agreed with LCC who had confirmed signs were to be erected.
2. Apologies for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from S.Morgan, C.Sherwood and J.Hancock.
3. Declarations of interest.
No interests were declared.
4. Notes of Previous Meetings.
 - a. Notes of Parish Council meeting held on the 24th September 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.
5. Reports from Clerk and Members on any matters outstanding
 - a. The following outstanding items were noted.
 - i. Ploughing of verges Carlton Rd.- reply awaited.
 - ii. Fencing in Conservation areas.- reply awaited.
 - iii. Registration of Brandon Land.- It was agreed that as no further information was forthcoming the land would be registered using the original deed.
 - iv. Dog Fouling in Villages it was agreed to request SKDC to put notices in Brandon and Gelston and to leaflet those villages with the SKDC information sheet subject to SKDC approval.
 - b. Any other matters outstanding.
There were no other matters outstanding.
6. Planning matters
 1. The following planning application outcomes were noted.
 - a. Change of use Gorse Lodge Stubton
Awaiting Decision – It was agreed that SKDC to be contacted to ascertain what permissions Gorse Lodge and Stubton Hall currently possess.
 - b. Erection of Dwelling and new access Adj Cottage Lower Rd Hough
Awaiting Decision

2. The following related matters were considered.
 - a. It was noted that the planning application appeal for a caravan site at Fulbeck had been adjourned and a further date set for 12th January 2010.
 - b. The meeting was informed that permission had been granted for an access onto Gelston Rd. As the PC had no knowledge of this SKDC be requested to provide details.
 - c. An application had been received for permission to build a porch at 22 Carlton Rd.

7. The following items from Councillors were considered.
 - a. Cllr Morgan – Reply from LCC on matters outstanding from village walkabout – The reply confirming that all matters were to be dealt with was read out by the Clerk.
 - b. Cllr Morgan – Report from Annual Town and Parish Conference – In the absence of Cllr Morgan this matter was deferred.
 - c. Cllr Morgan - Parking on Gelston Village Green – The meeting was informed that the letter, attached with the agenda had been sent to all Gelston parishioners.
 - d. Cllr Morgan - Playing Field – Management – The meeting was informed that the notice declaring that the Management Committee had dissolved and that the PC would take responsibility by default. It was agreed that the Chair Cllr S Morgan and the Clerk would confer with previous members of the Committee.
 - Wickstead Safety Report – the report was considered and the completion of the urgent item was agreed. It was further agreed that the Clerk would order and arrange to have the bark distributed and Cllr R.Kingscott would measure the site and confirm the quantity of bark required
 - e. Cllr Morgan – Provision of Free Trees and Planting – The Clerk informed the meeting that the plants had been ordered and a quote of £60.00 had been received for planting at the Playing Field perimeter hedge.
 - f. Cllr Gray – Provision of Bench, playing field – The meeting was informed that requests had been received from Parishioners concerning the lack of seating at the playing field. It was agreed that the clerk would cost the provision of a bench and installation.
 - g. Cllr Gray – Tree Gelston Green. – The tree on Gelston green was reported to be diseased and may be dead. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the SKDC Tree Officer to obtain an opinion and if necessary advice on a suitable replacement. A price would also be obtained for the work required.
 - h. Cllr Sherwood – Update on use of Parish Land – This matter was deferred in the absence of Cllr Sherwood.

8. Financial matters.
 1. It was agreed to make the payments shown below-
 - a. Village Hall Meeting 10th December 2009 - £10.00.
 - b. Grounds maintenance 5.11.09 £110.00.
 - c. Payment of Wickstead fee for safety inspection £81.65.
 2. To approve payments made on tender for grounds maintenance for 10/9 and 29/9 £220.

3. Adoption of Internal Audit Plan and appointment of Auditor.
It was agreed to adopt the previously circulated internal audit plan and appoint Mr J Jackson as internal auditor for 2009/10
4. Current Year Accounts to date and projected outturn
The year to date accounts and projected outturn, previously circulated were noted.
5. Precept for 2010/2011
Following debate and consideration of Budgets projected over the next three years it was agreed to apply for a precept of £4975 for 2010/2011.
6. Tender for Grounds Maintenance – Two tenders had been received though it was noted that one did not conform to the tendering procedure. It was agreed to investigate both tenders.
7. Grant application – Lincs Playing Field Association. – Considering the costs required in maintaining the playing field it was agreed that it would not be viable to donate to the association.
8. Any other financial matters. – It was agreed to renew the membership of SLCC for 2010 at £61.00.

9. Correspondence

- a. The list of correspondence previously circulated was noted.
- b. To note any other correspondence received.
Reply letter from LCC that the road from Brandon to Barkston via Hough used by the school buses would not be gritted. The Clerk would establish which buses use the route, to which schools and ascertain whether problems have been encountered on the un-gritted road.

10. Matters requiring urgent discussion.

Cllr Kingscott informed the meeting that he had commenced a website researching Brandon and its past inhabitants.

11. Presentations by other invited speakers.

District Cllr Kerr informed the meeting that –

- a. Two senior officers from SKDC planning had been suspended.
- b. Outline planning had been granted for a ASDA depot of some 35 acres on the A1 South of Grantham. It was expected that some 300 jobs would be created and also contribute to the Grantham east to west bypass.
- c. The Thorold Trust is again making grants to provide extra tuition to children on such matters for example as sport and music.
- d. Bus passes had cost much more than anticipated and the scheme was being reassessed.

12. The next meeting will be held on the 11th March 2010 after the closure of the Annual Parish Meeting commencing 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.