

North Rigton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at North Rigton School

4th March 2015

1. Attendance and Welcome; consideration of any Apologies for Absence.

Present:- Councillors Mary Hopkins (Chairman), Andrew Batcup (Vice Chairman), Barbara Massey, Jo Scott, Tim Bennett, & Mike Richards (Clerk),
Apologies for Absence – Amanda Martyn, and John Fort (County Councillor)

2. Approval and signing of Minutes; Reports on Matters arising

Reports on matters arising from the meeting of 7 January 2015:

2.1. Bank mandate. Clerk reported that the bank account was now operating as per the revised mandate. Cheques signed by different combinations of approved signatories had been processed by the bank without any problems arising.

2.2 Defibrillator. The "I-pad" version (which caters for paediatric use) has been ordered. Punch Taverns have sanctioned installation on an external wall of the Square and Compass. The exact location will be agreed with the electrician.

2.3 Community Room. The meeting in January, attended by representatives from the Parish Council, Church and school, had produced much positive output, including the possibility of extending the Church for school use. As a next step, a feasibility study will be carried out to determine what can actually be done. The Chairman is of the opinion that positive progress is now being made.

2.4 Land registration. OS grid references will be obtained by the clerk to pursue this issue with NYCC...

There being no other amendments or comments, the minutes were approved for signature by the Chairman.

3. Requests for further order variations and Declaration of Interest – None.

4. Administration

4.1 Arrangements for Annual Parish meeting – to be held on 6 May at 7.00pm, at the village school, preceding the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. The Chapel Hall had been proposed as a suitable location but was felt to be too small for the Annual Meeting should a significant number of parishioners attend. The Chapel Hall would however, be considered as a venue for Parish Council meetings.

4.2 Approval of Annual Accounts. The clerk will complete the accounts in early April and circulate to councillors for approval, well before the Annual Meeting.

5. Finance.

Approval of expenditure.

Grounds and Garden maintenance (as per contract) Sue Keane - £599.00

OS maps of village – Mary Hopkins - £74.74.

The above items of expenditure were **approved** by councillors.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning approvals for Sycamore House, Moor End and High Croft were reported...

6.2 HBC Local Development Plan. The Chairman reported back on the consultation meeting held earlier today. The main issues discussed were:

- Sustainable development. If a community is well provided for in terms of facilities eg school, health service, transport, it is regarded as a sustainable community and further development is feasible and

possible. Sicklinghall and Spofforth, for example, fit easily into this definition. Huby and North Rigton both have relevant attributes.

- Local green space. Parish Councils are to be asked if they have such areas which should be included in the new version of the Local Development Plan. Such areas do not have to be parish owned but should be what is worthy of retaining. Chairman asked councillors what areas in the Parish should fall into this definition. Suggestions were: the Village Garden, Hill Top Common, the Village Green and the school playing field.
- The new Development Plan is scheduled to be completed by July 2015. It will be on the HBC website and before finalisation, another consultation meeting will be held.

7 Highways, Footpaths and Verges

7.1 Village stocks. The stocks had been damaged by a car skidding down Rigton Hill and shearing off the right hand stone pillar at ground level. The clerk had arranged for two contractors to quote for repair and replacement of the pillar, but after discussion, councillors concluded that to retain the appearance of the stocks, the existing stone pillar should be repaired and reattached, rather than being replaced by a new one. The clerk will arrange for quotes for this work.

7.2. As reported at the last meeting, a number of potholes had reappeared, the road surface on Hall Green Lane just below the school had seriously deteriorated, and a water "stream" had appeared outside Swindon Close. In addition, there were a number of "dead" or damaged road signs within the village. These issues have all been reported to NYCC. Highways and corrective action promised.

7.3 Concern had been expressed at the potential restricted access to the village, following the extensive closures to the A658 for road repairs. The clerk had raised this issue with NYCC but had been assured that access to North Rigton should not be affected as the closures would be close to Huby and would not restrict Church Hill or Hall Green Lane.

8. Village Garden, Amenities and Activities.

8.1 BBQ/Party in the Garden. The weekend of the 13/14 June was set as the date for these events and the next planning meeting was to be on 18 March.

9. Correspondence.

Letters of thanks for donations had been received from the Royal British Legion, the Church and the Parish News.

11. Any other business

None

12. Dates of next Meeting-

Wednesday 6 May 2015

Meeting closed at 21.35 hrs.

Signed

Chairman