

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 2nd JUNE 2008 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Councillor J Green (Chairman)  
Councillor P Couch  
Councillor D Ford  
Councillor Mrs D Readman  
Councillor Miss Toase

Mrs J Marley – Clerk; 1 press, 3 members of public,  
Borough Cllr. Backhouse (from 7.50pm).

**Absent:** County Cllr. Mrs Swiers, Cllrs. Hill & Shuckford

**35/08** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received & accepted** from County Cllr. Mrs Swiers, Cllrs. Hill and Shuckford (prior commitments).

**36/08** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

**37/08** **MINUTES**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the meetings of 12th May 2008 were **approved** as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**38/08** **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting was adjourned at 7.32pm to allow the public open forum.

**39/08** **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Concern expressed that the replacement Post Office service was for 7 hours on one day (although the vacancy was still advertised as being for 21 hour/week) and it was felt the hours should be spread across several days. Also mentioned 1] this year's Marrow & Sunflower Competition would be supporting St. Catherine's Hospice (seeds available 8th May from various places in Cloughton & Burniston); 2] Village Sports Day to be held on 6th July.

**40/08** **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting resumed at 7.38pm to continue with the business on the agenda.

**41/08** **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** Concerns regarding Post Office availability noted and **agreed** Clerk to write to Post Office expressing concerns.

**42/08** **UPDATES ON ITEMS FROM MEETING OF 12/5/08**

a) **Knotweed** [Minute 24/08c) refers]

**Noted** – Clerk's report that Duchy had appointed specialist contractors to deal with the matter.

**43/08** **REPORTS**

a) **County:** No report to receive.

b) **Borough:** Cllr. Backhouse reported recycling targets were being met. SBC were looking at the possibilities of glass being included in items which went into the blue bins. He also reported that County Highways hope to use volunteers or community service people to side out the pavement on Trattles Hill.

c) **Parish:** Cllr. Couch reported 1] a parishioner had complained the path from West Lane to the cricket field was overgrown – **noted** matter already in hand, Clerk had spoken to contractor last week & work would be carried out in the next couple of weeks; 2] several Ringmaster messages regarding thefts from sheds and fuel tanks; 3] duck pond wall now repaired but concerns that traffic vibration via a culvert could be causing problems – **agreed** Clerk to speak to Highways. Cllr. Mrs Readman reported 1] a faulty streetlight near 14 Station Lane – **agreed** Clerk to report – and 2] she had attended the recent Central Rural Area Forum – **agreed** notes to circulation. Cllr. Ford had done a display board to go with the circulation which was to be left in the vestibule of the church hall for public use.

d) **Clerk: Received & noted** 1] short report from Police regarding events in the area in the last month – **agreed** to circulation; 2] written note from Clerk summarising background & suggested timetable by Duchy who were thinking of carrying out a

Village Plan-style exercise over the next six months – **agreed** to await further detailed information from Duchy & provide feedback when they give their presentation at the July Council meeting.

**44/08**    **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following was **received**:

- a) Invite to Transport Forum, Wed 9th July, 9.30 to 12.30 plus buffet lunch, Whitby – **agreed** - Borough Cllr. Backhouse attending but Cllr. Hill may be able to attend;
- b) Correspondence received after 28/5/08 requiring a response before 7/7/08 – **none**.

**45/08**    **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) **Decisions received & appeals notified:**

- i. construct access track & erect agricultural building (part retrospective) Hodgson's Moor, Gowland Lane **refused**;
- ii. Appeal against refusal of permission to erect livestock building, Hodgson's Moor, Gowland Lane – to be heard 10am 1st July, St Mary's Church Hall;

b) **Planning matters received after 28/5/08** – None.

**46/08**    **FINANCE MATTERS**

a) **Model Agreement – proposed changes by SBC**

**Received** Clerk's written report, **noted** proposed changes would reduce income by over £3,165; in order to maintain present service levels this deficit would have to be made good by increasing the precept. Clerk estimated a 222% increase in the precept would be needed (from £8/house to £17-74/house). **Agreed** Council objected in strongest possible terms to proposals which were totally at odds with central government's ethos of devolving function to parish councils. Clerk to negotiate to maintain the status quo as far as possible and keep Council informed.

b) **Draft Parish Charter with SBC**

**Received** Clerk's report that this draft was substantially the same as that rejected out of hand by all parishes in the Borough four years ago, mainly on the grounds it bore absolutely no resemblance to central government's draft & ignored quality councils altogether. The charter had little substance and offered no apparent benefits for this Council. **Agreed** to defer decision on signing until final document available, Clerk to keep Council informed.

c) **08/09 Insurance** [Minute 27/08e) refers]

**Agreed** cheque in the sum of £442-44 (being the 08/09 premium) be authorised for signature.

**47/08**    **ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY**

Having been previously circulated, the following were **approved** for payment:-

St. Mary's Church Cloughton	Hall hire 12/5/08	£10-00
Duchy of Lancaster	Quiet Area rent 24/6/08-23/6/09	£35-25
Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall	08/09 ground maintenance contribution	£675-00
St Mary's Cloughton PCC	08/09 churchyard maintenance contribution	£170-00

**48/08**    **CIRCULATION**

The following were handed to Cllr. Mrs Readman for circulation:- Renaissance News [May 08]; details of highway maintenance programme 2008/09; Assembly Digest [spring 08]; White Rose Update [May 08]; details of YLCA councillor training programme; Moors Messenger [May 08]; Police report for May 08; Agenda and notes from Central Rural Area Committee meeting of 20/5/08.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.29pm.