

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 7th APRIL 2008 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor J Green (Chairman)
Councillor P Couch
Councillor D Ford
Councillor G Hill
Councillor Mrs D Readman
Councillor J Shuckford

County Cllr. Mrs H Swiers & Borough Cllr. Backhouse (to 8.25pm)
Mrs J Marley – Clerk; 3 members of public.

Absent: Cllr. Miss Toase.

1/08 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received & accepted** from Cllr. Miss Toase (prior commitment).

2/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Received** from Cllr. Couch [agenda item 8a, personal & non-prejudicial, Duchy tenant & father rented one of sites submitted]; Cllr. Green [agenda item 8a, personal & non-prejudicial, tenant of some of the sites submitted]; Cllr. Shuckford [agenda item 8a, personal & non-prejudicial, occupier of property adjacent some of the sites submitted].

3/08 **MINUTES**
Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the meeting of 3rd March 2008 were **approved** as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4/08 **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting was adjourned at 7.34pm to allow the public open forum.

5/08 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**
Matters raised included impending closure of the village shop & post office and the considerable problems this would cause for disabled parishioners.

6/08 **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting resumed at 7.45pm to continue with the business on the agenda.

7/08 **MATTERS RAISED AT PARISH ASSEMBLY & IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** Council appreciated the difficulties the post office closure would present to disabled residents. Chairman's report that several alternative sites for the post office were under consideration by Royal Mail was **noted**.

8/08 **REPORTS**

- a) **County:** County Cllr. Mrs Swiers reported the creation of a Credit Union which covered the whole of North Yorkshire was still in development. The Health Scrutiny Committee had referred the proposed rationalisation of maternity units in Scarborough Health Trust's area to the Secretary of State. Several Councillors said there had still not been any progress with the bus stop signage and asked County Cllr. Mrs Swiers to pursue this.
- b) **Borough:** Cllr. Backhouse reported on the recent joint Operation Siren – only 1 speeding offence had been disclosed in Cloughton, but when the team had moved to Coastal Rd in Burniston, there had been 17 offences (including one vehicle doing nearly 60mph in a 30mph zone). Cllr. Backhouse reported the problems with bus stops had been raised at the recent Area Forum, as a result of which he had contacted the bus company (EYMS) who had surveyed the whole route and produced a programme of works to be carried out by themselves and NYCC. He also reported most of the funding for the first phase of the playground improvements at Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall was now in place.
- c) **Parish:** Cllr. Couch reported residents of Hay Lane Terrace continued to have problems with their refuse collection – Borough Cllr, Backhouse's offer of help **accepted** with thanks. Cllr. Hill reported he had attended various meetings connected with the harbour. Cllr. Ford reported problems with Newlands Road being almost permanently flooded near the duckpond – **agreed** Clerk to refer to

Highways. Cllr. Ford asked if meetings could be better publicised & suggested A boards be placed outside the hall on the afternoon of the meeting – **noted** Cllr. Hill and Post Office may have boards available, Cllr. Couch would put them up. In the absence of any communication from Royal Mail regarding alternative post office premises, Cllr. Ford suggested the matter be brought to our MP's attention

- d) **Clerk:** Reported a resident had written to say they couldn't see the point in Council discussing the proposed housing sites at tonight's meeting as comments were required by 4th April. **Noted** SBC had confirmed to Clerk that responses submitted after 4/4/08 would be valid.

9/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following was **received**:

- a) Letter of thanks from St. Mary's Church, Cloughton – **noted**.
b) From YLCA re. holding one of the quarterly branch meetings on a Saturday morning – **agreed** acceptable in principle;
c) From Heritage Coast Forum (questionnaire) – **agreed** to Cllr. Hill for completion;
d) Correspondence received after 2/4/08 requiring a response before 12/5/08 – **none**.

10/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **SBC Consultation (LDF)** [Minute 174/07a) refers]
Cllr. Green proposed & it was **agreed** to take this item after agenda item 12;
b) **Planning matters received after 2/4/08** – None.

11/08 **FINANCE MATTERS**

- a) **Grant request**
Received request from Good Neighbours Community Transport for contribution to running costs. **Proposed** Cllr. Ford, **seconded** Cllr. Mrs Readman and **resolved** a donation of £20 be made and a cheque be authorised for signature.

12/08 **ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY**

Having been previously circulated, the following were **approved** for payment:-
St. Mary's Church Cloughton Hall hire 3/3/08 £7-50

13/08 **PLAYGROUND WORKING PARTY**

Received & noted report by Cllr. Shuckford that he was to meet Tom Mutton of Scarborough Borough Council to discuss possible grants for the project. **Noted** that grant applications would probably require Clerk's involvement & **agreed** Clerk & Working Party to liaise.

14/08 **CIRCULATION**

The following were handed to Cllr. Hill for circulation:- Clerks & Councils Direct [March 08]; [Renaissance News [March 08]; info from NYCC on Overview & Scrutiny; info from Standards Board; leaflet on Good Neighbours Coastal Car Scheme; Moorsbus Timetable; Country Air [winter 07/08]; The Playing Field [winter 07/08]; CountryWatch News [Spring 08]

15/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **SBC Consultation (LDF)** [Minute 174/07a) refers]
[Declaration of personal & non-prejudicial interest by Cllr. Green]. Details of another 10 sites (numbered 24-07 to 24-16) had been previously circulated. Cllr. Miss Toase's written comments were held by the Clerk. **Noted** that if sites 24-3, 24-8, 24-9 and 24-15 were all approved, this would result in a huge increase in the numbers of houses, with the consequent problems of lack of school space, additional traffic to the A171, plus further urbanisation and erosion of the village's separation from Burniston.

SITE

24-07 Land to rear of 44/45 High St.
Existing highway access via Hay Lane Terrace (a private road) which has extremely restricted visibility. In conservation area. Existing problems with utilities infrastructure – **object**;

- 24-08 Land at Old School, Mill Lane.
Greenfield site which would erode natural division between villages. Believed top end of the site contains protected species of orchid. Taking into account the other nearby sites submitted (24-6, 24-9 and 24-15), it would give rise to a most undesirable intensification of use – **object**;
- 24-09 Land at Quarry Bank.
Greenfield site which would erode natural division between villages. Believed top end of the site is habitat for orchids and newts Taking into account the other nearby sites submitted (24-3, 24-6, 24-8 and 24-15), it would give rise to a most undesirable intensification of use – **object**;
- 24-10 Land adjacent Blacksmith’s Arms, High St.
[Declaration of personal & non-prejudicial interest by Cllr. Couch]
Highway access will have extremely restricted visibility. In conservation area. Adjacent land use (pub/self-catering accommodation) incompatible with housing – **object**;
- 24-11 Playground & Quiet Area, High St.
[Declaration of personal & non-prejudicial interest by Cllr. Shuckford]
Both these areas are rented by the Parish Council. The land floods regularly and the highway access is inadequate. In conservation area. Council would not wish to see the site built on unless alternative provision was made for a playground & quiet area;
- 24-12 Land at Croft Farm, High St.
[Declaration of personal & non-prejudicial interest by Cllr. Shuckford]
Highway access would need improvement. Uncertain if plan is accurate as it contains part of garden to 5 High St. In conservation area. Council under impression this site had been suggested for a new village hall;
- 24-13 Land to rear of Red Lion, High St.
No adequate highway access or utilities infrastructure, Greenfield site in conservation area, potential for flooding on W boundary due to proximity to Cloughton Beck. Otters have been recorded on this section of the beck. Unacceptable overdevelopment of hinterland site – **object**;
- 24-14 Land to south of Cloughton Beeches, Mill Lane.
Very small plot – **no objections**;
- 24-15 Land adjacent Old Mill & at Cloughton Bridge.
The land at Cloughton Bridge floods regularly. The land at the Old Mill is part of the natural separation between Burniston & Cloughton and should be preserved as such. Quarry Beck runs through the site. Large wildlife habitat with otters – housing would have a huge impact on biodiversity. Taking into account the other nearby sites submitted (24-6, 24-8 and 24-9), it would give rise to a most undesirable intensification of use – **object**;
- 24-16 Land at 18 Station Lane.
A small site which presented few highway or infrastructure problems – **no objections**.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.