

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

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

Mrs J Marley – Clerk; 1 press, 30+ members of public.
By invitation for outline of Duchy's proposed Cloughton Village Plan Workshop – Messrs. N. Dart (Duchy Surveyor), PJ Smythe (Duchy appointed architect) and D Steel (Smiths Gore as Duchy Asset Manager).

Absent: County Cllr. Mrs Swiers, Borough Cllr. Backhouse, Cllr. J. Green

49/08 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received & accepted** from County Cllr. Mrs Swiers, Borough Cllr. Backhouse and Cllr. Green (prior commitments).

50/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

51/08 **MINUTES**
Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the meeting of 2nd June 2008 were **approved** as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

52/08 **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm to allow the public open forum.

53/08 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**
Items raised included 1] Knotweed in Uttriss field; 2] continuing problems with the highway gully near 19 High Street; 3] who was responsible for flying the Union Jack; 4] overgrown verges on Moor Lane; 5] the beck in the Uttriss field needing cleaning; 6] possible changes to the village's building lines; 7] increasing traffic levels through the village – ROCA had asked Highways for a traffic count.

54/08 **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting resumed at 7.40pm to continue with the business on the agenda.

55/08 **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM Agreed/noted** items dealt with as follows: 1] (D. Steel) Contractors had been appointed by the Duchy; 2] (Clerk) Highways had remedial works programmed; 3] (Cllr. Couch) apologised for not flying flag on 16th June; 4] (Clerk) to speak to Council's contractor; 5] (D. Steel) would speak to tenant responsible; 6] (Clerk/Cllr. Hill) no specific plans at moment, but always possible it could change, after consultation, as SBC's Local Development Framework takes shape; 7] to be considered at agenda item 9d.

56/08 **DUCHY'S PROPOSED VILLAGE PLAN** [Minute 43/08d) refers]
The Chairman welcomed Messrs. Dart, Smythe and Steel to the meeting & invited them to speak about the proposal. It was explained that if the farming operation at Town Farm moved out of the village then a 'hole' would be left in the centre of the village. When combined with the recent loss of the village shop/post office, this meant Cloughton was in danger of becoming a commuter village. The aim of the proposed plan was a holistic approach to ensure Cloughton was able to retain its unique village identity and sense of "community" and be viable for many future generations. It was seen as a once in a lifetime opportunity to bring together everyone's hopes & suggestions for the future of the village and create a blueprint upon which the long-term future, needs & development of the village could be based. There were no pre-conceived ideas and nothing was ruled in or out – input from everyone in the village was essential and would be sought via a questionnaire and public meetings, culminating (probably mid-November) in 4 days of workshop where the final proposals would be drawn up.

57/08 **UPDATES ON ITEMS FROM MEETING OF 2/6/08**

- a) **Model Agreement & Parish Charter** [Minute 46/08 refers]
Noted – Clerk’s report that SBC were now considering the various amendments to the Model Agreement which had been suggested and would go a considerable way towards maintaining the status quo. General opposition to the Parish Charter as drafted remained.

58/08 **REPORTS**

- a) **County:** No report to receive.
b) **Borough:** No report to receive.
c) **Police:** Written report received and **agreed** to circulation.
d) **Parish:** Cllr. Toase reported 1] the remains of the caravan on the football field had now been removed; 2] access to the railway line at Saltpans (via steps and path) was virtually impossible due to overgrowing vegetation – **agreed** Clerk to inform SBC. Cllr. Mrs Readman reported 1] tree roots growing through the wall near the War Memorial – **agreed** Clerk to inform SBC; 2] vehicles parking on the pavement in the High Street – **agreed** Cllr. Couch to speak with householders concerned; 3] village sports day could have been better supported but was an enjoyable day; 4] grass on far side of beck opposite Church Becks needing cutting – **agreed** Clerk to speak with contractor. Cllr. Shuckford reported on a Leader 2 meeting where grant funding totalling £300,000 over the next 5 years had been announced. Cllr Hill reported on meetings of the YLCA (Scarborough Branch), Central Rural Area Committee and Community Sports Association. Cllr. Couch reported 1] overhanging hedge at 26 High St – **agreed** Cllr. Couch to speak to householder; 2] Pelican crossing had too long a delay when button was pressed – **agreed** Clerk to refer to Highways.
e) **Clerk:** No matters to report.

59/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following was **received**:

- a) YCC Area Committee, 6.30pm Thursday 10 July, Danby – **agreed** no one able to attend;
b) Invite to SBC “Meet The Officers”, Thursday 24 July 0930-1400, Scarborough – **agreed** Cllr,. Hill to attend;
c) From SBC re. new slot for Parish Councils to speak at Planning Committee meetings – **agreed** to circulation;
d) Copies of correspondence between NYCC and ROCA relating to speed of vehicles on Newlands Road and traffic counts on the A171 – **noted**;
e) From NYCC seeking comments on review of the future of Bridlington Hospital – **agreed** to circulation;
f) Correspondence received after 2/7/08 requiring a response before 1/9/08 – **received** letter from Treasurer of B&C Village Hall regarding a Parish Councillor (who was also a ROCA member) recently making inaccurate statements about the village hall’s financial position. **Noted** Clerk’s report that she had informed the Treasurer there was no record of such a statement in recent minutes and had suggested the Treasurer contacted ROCA. Clerk’s actions **confirmed**.

60/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **Application received:**
i. Change of use Post Office to dwelling, 32 High St – **agreed** flat roof at rear not particularly appealing but overall **no objections**.
b) **Planning matters received after 2/7/08** – None.

61/08 **ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY**

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

St. Mary's Church Cloughton	Hall hire 2/6/08	£7-50
Mrs M Pitts	Hanging Baskets	£33-60

62/08 CIRCULATION

The following were handed to Cllr. Hill for circulation:- WhitbyDAG News [June and July 08]; Renaissance News [June 08]; info. re. Nightstop Charity; Country Air [Spring 08]; The Playing Field [Spring 08]; Clerks & Councils Direct [July 08]; YLCA 07/08 Annual Report & Accounts; NYCC Overview & Scrutiny 07/08 Annual Report, Police Report; information on review of Bridlington Hospital Services.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.37pm.