

Millington cum Givendale Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Millington.

Present: Ward Cllr Rudd, Cllrs Berriman, Cargill, Smith, Burton and Brooks.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cargill and assisted by the clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Ward Cllr Rudd informed the PC that the Youth Offending Team are requesting all PCs to consider if there are any projects for the Youth Service to be involved in such as litter picking. If so the ERYC officer to contact is Sharon Sherwood.

The ERYC para cycling event will commence on September 21st, 2019.

5000 bags of compost were given away by ERYC during the last compost event.

ERYC are holding training sessions for new Cllrs as well as longstanding Cllrs and Ward Cllr Rudd noted that he had some facts from this training as follows;

- ERYC collect 50,000 bins a day and 1 million per month.
- ERYC have the best national record of recycling for the last 2 years in a row.
- ERYC have 350 children in their care.
- There are 10 leisure centres across East Riding that bring in £12 million worth of revenue.

Meeting started at 7.40pm.

1963: Welcome and Apologies – Ward Cllr Hammond and Cllrs Burley and Cawood.

1964: Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest – None.

1965: Signing of Minutes from 4th June 2019 – These were signed as a true and accurate record.

1966: Matters Arising including actions not covered elsewhere on the agenda and data storage

Councillor Forms

The clerk has not received Cllr Burley's form yet. ACTION: Cllr Burley to send this to the clerk once completed.

Yorkshire Water

The clerk reported that having checked the bank statement, nothing has been credited to the account. She has since contacted Yorkshire Water accounts payable and will update the PC at the next meeting. ACTION: Clerk to chase the payment before the next meeting.

Highways

The clerk confirmed via email prior to the meeting that the works on Beacon Road were on the schedule of works arising from the Village Walkabout with ERYC.

The clerk has reported the state of the collapsed verges on Swineridge Hill again to Andrew Addison at ERYC and she has requested a site visit. To-date she has had no reply. ACTION: Clerk to send this information to Ward Cllr Rudd to escalate.

The clerk has asked Andy Harper again to confirm ERYCs ownership of the hedgerow on Ousethorpe Corner and from Ousethorpe Corner to Swineridge Hill but has had no response to-date ACTION: Clerk to send the information to Ward Cllr Rudd for him to progress.

Dog-Fouling

Cllr Cargill confirmed that she was in receipt of the stencil and paint to go ahead with the campaign.

Barclays

Cllr Cargill confirmed that she now has internet banking access. Cllr Berriman voiced her concern about going ahead with this type of banking. The clerk informed her that this was a secure method of banking and it enables the swift payment of invoices as well as access to the account information at all times. In order to make payments online the clerk needs to send the information to two signatories to approve after this has already been approved in a meeting. There were some concerns about who has what access as Barclays has sent correspondence to only a few signatories. ACTION: Cllr Cargill to speak to Barclays about this. ACTION: Cllr Cargill to ask Barclays how the clerk becomes an administrator on the on-line account.

Ash Tree at Swineridge

The clerk has been liaising with Neil Lemmon at ERYC who has since carried out a site visit to the tree and confirmed that this is not an ERYC owned tree. It was then agreed that the PC own the tree and Cllr Smith offered to look at what needs doing to this. ACTION: Cllr Smith to provide an update at the next meeting.

The clerk spoke to the insurance company who confirmed that they do not need notifying of any waste management bonfires to be carried out by the Swineridge Manager as he is acting on behalf of the PC so is fully covered.

Data Storage

The clerk has clarified with ERNLLCA that she is able to use her own PC to carry out PC work as long as the files are on a hard drive and not stored on her computer. Currently the files are not stored on her computer but on her own cloud storage which is password protected. In light of this, the clerk confirmed she would remove all files from the cloud and work from the hard drive only, this will also be backed up to the laptop. The clerk asked permission to purchase a USB stick to store the PC files on. All were in agreement that this could go ahead. ACTION: Clerk to purchase USB stick.

1967: Accounts

The bank statement and reconciliation was signed by Cllr Brooks.

Cheques were written and signed by Cllr Brooks and Cllr Cargill for the following;

Samantha O'Connor - £364.83, cheque no. 100601 (Overpayment of Clerks tax to HMRC refunded by HMRC to the PC to pay back to clerk).

Samantha O'Connor – £14.94, cheque no. 100602 (Purchase of dog-fouling stencil).

Samantha O'Connor - £14.99, cheque no. 100603 (Purchase of Chalk paints for dog-fouling stencil).

1968: Planning Applications

19/01306/PLF Erection of two storey extension following demolition of existing single storey extension to provide ancillary accommodation. Location: The Manor, Main Street, Millington, YO42 1TX. Ward Cllr Rudd informed the PC that the meeting was held today and the architect was in attendance. There was no belief by ERYC that it would affect the neighbours and it was a unanimous decision to approve this.

19/00546/PLF Erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage and workshop/ shed following demolition of existing dwelling, garage and workshop/ shed. Location: Sunnyside, Main Street, Millington, YO42 1TX. Ward Cllr Rudd informed the PC that ERYC have approved this application as they felt that the existing bungalow was in need of updating and there were no planning reasons to dispute this.

Cllr Berriman voiced her frustration that even though ERYC consulted the PC and there had been so many objections to both applications, that ERYC chose to approve them both. Ward Cllr Rudd clarified that ERYC base their decision on a strict set of planning regulations and in both cases there was no planning reason why they couldn't go ahead.

Cllr Cargill echoed Cllr Berriman's views and read out the following to the PC;

The Localism Act 2011 is designed to give local communities more control over housing and planning decisions. The following is a quotation from the Department for Communities and Local Government, November 2011:

'A flaw in the planning system that existed before the Localism Act was passed was that it did not give members of the public enough influence over decisions that make a big difference to their lives. Too often, power was exercised by people who were not directly affected by the decisions they were taking. This meant, understandably, that people often resented what they saw as decisions and plans being foisted upon them. The result was a confrontational and adversarial system where many applications end up being fraught over. The Localism Act contains provisions to make the planning system clearer, more democratic, and more effective.'

If the planning application for the Manor is passed, there will now have been two recent planning decisions made which are against the democratic decisions taken by the Parish Council. Cumulatively, these planning decisions will mean that the character of the village is altered.

As a team, this Parish Council has done its absolute best to take its role seriously; listen to the concerns and views of the parishioners and, where it is clear that feeling is strong and there is a case, act to support those concerns.

I cannot see how this Parish Council can feel supported or listened to by a County Council that does not appear to take its views into account.

Ward Cllr Rudd noted that the PC can at any time contact ERYC and request that they come and talk to the PC about any planning concerns.

1969: Village Plan Data

Cllr Cargill handed out copies of the completed data and read out a few key points as follows;

- 70.2% stated that speeding was an issue.
- 40% felt an increase in precept needed to happen to address the parking problem in the village.
- Communications need to be worked upon and most were keen to see communication through a letters page in the Parish Matters.

ACTION: Cllr Cargill to put a small article together for the Parish Matters detailing the findings.

The clerk suggested that an actual plan be drawn up to act on the findings.

Cllr Cargill proposed that a village plan be produced to reflect all areas focussed on and what the PC need to do to tackle each area, Cllr Berriman seconded this and all were in agreement. ACTION: Clerk to draw up a village plan and circulate to all Cllrs. ACTION: Cllr Burton to write a small piece for the Parish Matters based on key areas of the plan. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this for September.

1970: Village Conservation Status and Conservation Group

Cllr Cargill read out a letter received from a resident requesting that the PC look into obtaining conservation status for the village. Cllr Berriman noted that the PC had requested this before and were turned down. ACTION: Clerk to make enquires about how to obtain conservation status. ACTION: Clerk to respond to the parishioner's letter.

It was agreed by the PC to defer 'Conservation Group' until the next meeting so that Cllr Burley can update the PC about what other PCs do in this area. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this for September.

1971: Website

Cllr Brooks updated the PC on the pages that were now complete and what future work was to be carried out. The business links were discussed and it was agreed that for now, the pubs and Village Hall would be listed. Cllr Brooks confirmed that he would be ready to present the website at the next meeting. ACTION: Clerk to agenda website presentation. ACTION: Clerk to bring projector and laptop in September.

1972: Allotment Inspection

It was discussed and agreed that this would go ahead on the 3rd September at 7pm prior to the PC meeting. Cllr Brooks, Berriman and Smith will carry out the inspection. ACTION: Clerk to send out letters to all tenants informing them of the inspection date and time.

1973: Leaking Pipe Near Spring

Cllr Berriman informed the PC that the spring in the centre of the village near Spring Gardens is not running properly. It flows underneath the road and it is suspected that it is leaking underneath the surface. ACTION: Clerk to contact ERYC Heritage to see what can be done about this.

1974: Neighbourhood Watch

Deferred until Cllr Cawood is in attendance. ACTION: Clerk to put this on September agenda.

1975: Ash Tree at Swineridge

This was covered under Matters Arising.

1976: Defibrillator Update

Deferred until Cllr Burley is in attendance. ACTION: Put on September agenda.

1977: VE Day Commemorations

Deferred. ACTION: Put on September agenda.

1978: Parish Council Fb Page

Cllr Burton offered to set up a Fb page and circulate the details to all Cllrs. ACTION: Agenda this for an update in September.

1979: Correspondence

None.

1980: Community Issues

Cllr Berriman requested assistance in erecting the tent, Cllr Brooks offered to help. Cllr Berriman asked the PC if they were happy for her to go ahead and purchase the paper plates, serviettes and cups, all were in agreement.

1981: Date of Next Meeting – 3rd September at 7.30pm. Cllr Cargill gave her apologies for this meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the minutes.