

Minutes of Hillam Parish Council held on Wednesday, 2 November 2011 in the Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Centre.

Present:

Councillors: Collinson (Chairman), Wright, Robertson, Sadler, Shepherd, Lorriman, and the Clerk to the Council.

Apologies for Absence: - Councillor Tuddenham, Vice-Chairman

Guests: -

(1) Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 3rd October 2011 having been circulated to all members of the Council were read, approved and signed by the Chairman Councillor Collinson.

(1A) There were no declarations of interest expressed by the members present.

(2) Matters Arising

2.1 There were no matters arising at this time.

(3) Finance

(3.1) Bank balances as at 02/11/2011:

Barclays Bank plc – Current Account	£ 651.93 (cr)
“ “ – High Interest Account	£10,048.82 (cr)

(3.2) **Cheques drawn as at 2nd November 2011**

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>CHEQUE NO.</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>NARRATIVE</u>
Burial Board	101224	425.00	2 nd half yr. precept
CSR Electrical Ltd	225	186.46	S/Light repairs
M H Walton	226	180.00	October Salary
H M Revenue & Customs	227	45.00	October PAYE
J Collinson	228	17.00	Wreath

(3.3) The Clerk requested the sum of £1,000 be transferred from the High Interest Account to the Current Account to enable the approved payments for the month can be paid. All members approved the transfer. Councillor Collinson to request the transfer and advise the Clerk once the transfer has been made.

(3.4) **Precept for 2012/13**

The members agreed that the precept for the year 2012/2013 remain at the amount raised in the previous year, 2011/2012 at £11,295. Proposed by Councillor Robertson and seconded by Councillor Wright.

(3.5) Contribution to refurbished War Memorial

The members requested the Clerk approach Reverend Hetherington and obtain details of the amount expected to be contributed by Hillam Parish Council towards the refurbishment costs. **Action: Clerk.**

(4) Correspondence Received

SDC – Parish Requirement request for the year 2012/2013. Advised the number of Band D properties for the year 2011/2012 is 341. Agreed by the members that the precept remains at the 2011/2012 of £11,295. Clerk to advise SDC of the precept requirements for the year 2012/2013.

Letter from Hanover Housing Association confirming their agreement to the Parish Council storing a grit bin at Manor Court, premises owned and managed by the Association. Councillor Shepherd proposed the parish council purchase a grit bin for Manor Court and the accompanying rock salt/grit. Seconded by Councillor Wright. Councillor Shepherd to advise of the wording to be sent to the parish council's insurers regarding the parish council's intention and the use of volunteers to clear the pathways round Manor Court and surrounding pathways in the village. **Action: Councillor Shepherd and Clerk.**

Receipt for the sum of £17 received from Councillor Collinson for the purchase of the Poppy Appeal wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Reimbursement of the amount spent approved by the members.

E-mail received from CSR Electrical Limited providing an update on the street light reported to be faulty on Betteras Hill Road. No fault found on the occasions when the inspection was made.

Thirsk Community Care Association – October 2011 payroll information and Payslip for the Clerk. Advising of the clerk's monthly salary for October and the PAYE tax deduction for the month.

Letter from Nat West bank advising of their banking terms and conditions regarding lump sum investments. It was agreed that the Parish council do not have reserves that can be left on deposit for six months or more.

NYCC Highways – Amendment to the Winter Gritting routes for 2011/2012.

Request for a financial donation from the Selby District Citizens Advice Bureau. It was agreed to defer any decision until December or the February parish council meeting when other financial requests may have been received and due consideration can be made to the applications at this time.

Precept request received dated 05/10/2011 from the Joint Burial Committee for the second half of the annual precept amounting to £425.00. Payment approved.

Invoice received from CSR Electrical Ltd for the repair of two street lights. Invoice value £186.46 including VAT of 31.08. Payment approved.

Updated price list for street light repairs received from CSR Electrical Ltd. E-mail received from NPower confirming the change of address of the Clerk for all future billing and correspondence.

SDC – Notification of temporary street closure for the switching on of the Xmas Lights at The Square, Hillam on Saturday, 3rd December 2011.

SDC – Site allocations Development Plan (SADPD) Gypsy and Traveller Site Review.

(5) Correspondence Out

Letter to Hanover Housing Association requesting permission to site a grit bin at Manor Court to enable volunteers to grit the pathways round the complex and surrounding paths in the village.

(6) Planning Matters

(6.1) Applicant – Mr C J Vickers

Proposal – Extension and alterations to existing accommodation over garage to provide dependent relative annexe to include the demolition of existing external staircase at Manor House, Main Street, Hillam. **No objections** raised by the members.

(6.2) Applicant – Mr David Platt

Proposal - Erection of a 330 kW wind turbine and associated infrastructure. The turbine is three bladed with a 33.4 metre rotor diameter and 49m hub height with a height to blade tip of 65.7m.

Location – Northfield Farm, Roe Lane, Birkin.

The Parish Council object to the application and the Clerk to submit the relevant objection within the time period allowed.

NOTICES OF DECISION

Two Notices of Decision were received in the month.

(6.3) Applicant – Mr K Pilkington

Proposal – Proposed two-storey side extension following the demolition of existing conservatory at Yew House, Main Street, Hillam. Permission **GRANTED**.

(6.3) Applicant – Mr C Johnson

Proposal – The development proposed is change of use of land to show people's quarters. Appeal decision made by the planning Inspectorate on 21 October 2011. Appeal **DISMISSED** and planning permission for change of use of land to show people's quarters is **REFUSED**.

(7) Environment

(7.1) Windfarms

The new planning application made by Mr Platt, at Northfield Farm, Roe Lane, Birkin for a wind turbine was reported at the meeting.

Regular updates are made available to residents who subscribe to the service provided by Howard Ferguson in respect of the various planning applications in hand at SDC.

(7.2) Showman's Site

The Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government heard the appeal to the planning application on 17 August 2011 and the gave his decision on 21 October 2011. The appeal made by Mr C Johnson was dismissed and planning permission for change of use of land located at East of Lowfield Lane, Monk Fryston was refused.

(7.3) Other Environmental Issues

(i) Councillor Robertson reported that a horse was seen being ridden on the pathway by a local resident. Councillor Robertson to speak with the rider's parent and ask that the practice cease from a safety and health point of view.

(ii) Councillor Wright provided a brief report following the planning meeting in respect of the planning application made by Mr T Cannon. The application was supported by Violet Cannon and strong arguments made by her on the applicants behalf. The planning committee made the decision after careful consideration of all of the facts, that the application be refused. The Cannon family can reside on the site under the current terms and conditions until 2014 when the matter will be reviewed.

The members of Hillam Parish Council thanked Councillor Wright for the work she has done on behalf of the Council in expressing the parish council's views on the planning application. Councillor Wright stated that a full report would be submitted in the next edition of Hillam News.

If a similar situation arises again regarding Traveller's occupying land within the village, the Parish Council will consult with the residents to obtain their views and opinions.

(iii) Councillor Lorriman reported there had been no news received from SDC in respect of Honey Pot field.

(iv) Councillor Lorriman reported that he had E-mailed the new Community Officer's to ask them to look into the unauthorised encampment on the Roe Lane site. It is believed there is a permanent residency. Councillor Lorriman is to e-mail Councillor Mackman to highlight the problem that has not been addressed by SDC. **Action: Councillor Lorriman.**

(8) Reports

(8.1) Burial Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Collinson reported that the refurbishment of the cemetery gates would take place once the appointed contractor has completed the works at the War memorial. It is anticipated the works at the cemetery will take about two weeks from commencement.

The next meeting of the Burial board is Tuesday, 8 November 2011 at 07:45 pm in the Church hall.

The Poppy wreath was purchased at a cost of £17.00. Councillor Collinson provided the Heroes concert is to be held on 10 November 2011.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should consider making a contribution of £25 to the Help the Heroes charity. Councillor Wright proposed the suggestion, which was seconded by Councillor Robertson. All members agreed to the proposal. Clerk to forward the cheque to Reverend John Hetherington.

(8.2) Community Association

Councillor Robertson reported that the Association had considered the suggestion of the provision of library facilities within the Community Centre, but decided the hall would not be suitable for this purpose.

The Bonfire to be held at the Community Centre on 4 November 2011.

South Milford Bonfire celebrations to be held on 5 November 2011.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations to be reported at the next parish council meeting. **Action Councillor Robertson.**

Monk Fryston Parish Council is proposing to give a grant of £1,500 towards the running costs of the Community Association, as well as further donations towards specific items of expenditure.

(8.3) CEF Meeting

(i) Councillor Lorriman provided distributed a copy of the CEF meeting to members for information, which was held on 27th September 2011.

(ii) Councillor Lorriman advised the members that then parish council could seek funding for the specific purchase of a grit bin by submitting a completed application form. Clerk requested to action. **Action: Clerk.**

(9) Any Other Business

There was no other business to conduct.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

The next meeting of Hillam Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday, 7th December 2011 at 7:30pm** at the Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Centre.

Signed.....

Chairman/Vice-Chairman

Date: 7th December 2011