

Wath and Norton Conyers Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on
Monday 25 April 2016 at Samwaies Hall**

1. **Present:** Cllr J Graham (Chairman) Cllr J Clarke (Vice Chairman),
Cllr G Peace, Cllr A Blake, Cllr S Taylor, Mr J Abel
and S Hare (Clerk).
2. **Apologies:** None
3. **Declaration of interest in items in the agenda.** Cllr Taylor item 5(a)
4. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 21 March 2016 were approved and signed. (Cllr Clarke proposed and Cllr Peace seconded).
5. **(a) Planning applications:** 6.13.32.M.FUL 16/00323/FUL Erection of dwelling and installation of package treatment plant at Britainnes Farmhouse, Tanfield Lane, Wath. The Chair explained that as a professional body the Parish Council considers all planning applications following strict guidelines and considering the interests of the village.

The application was discussed in depth taking into account the changes from the previous planning application. The PC decision was as follows:

C: The Parish Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make comments or seek safeguards as set out below:

- (i) The PC would have preferred the development being contained within the existing domestic curtilage.
- (ii) If the plans are passed as they are the PC would propose that the area outside the domestic curtilage be retained as agricultural land.
- (iii) There must be a clear demarcation ie a fence around the proposed extension of the domestic curtilage as indicated on the plans. We would expect this to be adhered to.

The Clerk to notify Harrogate Borough Council of this decision. **(Action: Clerk)**

(Mr Abel left the meeting)

(b) **Any other planning applications** received after the posting of the agenda:
None

6. **Planning decisions:** None

7. **Planning appeals/withdrawn/enforcement:** None

8. **Other planning matters:** None

9. Village Enhancement

- **Bulb/Wildflower Scheme:** Harrogate Borough Council is again offering a limited number of bulbs for collection in Autumn. It was decided to request daffodil bulbs. The display of daffodils on Bedale Lane make a particularly pleasing entrance to the village. **(Action: Clerk)**
- **Grass Maintenance Contract:** No tenders have been received for cutting the grass in around the village. It was agreed for the current season to employ the previous contractor on an ad hoc basis.
- **Play Area:** The Clerk had received an email from a local resident about the lack of a play area in the village. The Clerk to respond: The PC has always wanted to build a playground in the village but the PC does not own any land. The village doesn't have a village green which would lend itself to providing a play area. We do agree with your views that the children need somewhere to play but we are unable to offer a solution at the moment. **(Action: Clerk)**
- **Christmas Lights:** A late email has been received with very favourable comments about the village Christmas Lights. The Clerk to respond apologising for the delay **(Action: Clerk)**

10 The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations:

The lighting of the Beacon on 21 April had been well attended with approximately 55-60 people attending the lighting on Middleton Hill followed by drinks in Samwaies Hall. Commemorative coins have been ordered for the street party on Sunday 12 June.

11 **Dog Fouling:** A bin has been placed next to the seat on Middleton hill which needs to be removed. **(Action: All Councillors).**

12 Highways

- **Footpath to Melmerby:** The work has not been carried out on the footpath which was examined by Highways in December 2015.

(Action: Clerk)

- **Wath to Nunwick:** There are a number of potholes on the verges. The Clerk to notify Highways Department.

(Action: Clerk)

13 Parish Council Elections: The election was uncontested and the four current councillors for Wath and one councillor for Norton Conyers were duly re-elected.

14 Accounts: The following cheques were issued:

- £117.00 payable to Yorkshire Local Councils Association for the annual subscription.
- £150.00 payment to St Mary's PCC for a contribution towards the upkeep of the parish burial ground.
- £35.98 payable to J Graham for expenses for HM The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations
- £12.50 to J Clarke for costs towards the refreshments for HM The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations
- £74.88 payable to G Peace for refreshments for HM The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.

15 Financial Report:

- **Annual Return to 31 March 2016:** The accounts are with the internal auditor and will be presented at the next meeting.
- **Financial Regulations:** The updated Financial Regulations (January 2016) were adopted at the meeting.

16 PAYE: The Employer Payment submission to 5 May 2016 was submitted to the HMRC.

17 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was circulated by email:

YLCA White Rose Update March 2016
 White Rose Update April 2016

NALC username and password

Health and Wellbeing Newsletter

18 **Items for next agenda:** Standard items plus Village Enhancement, Highways, Dog Fouling, Queens 90th Birthday

19 **Dates of the next meetings:**

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 23 April at 6.30pm

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 23 April at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.