

Wath and Norton Conyers Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 11 December 2017 at Samwaies Hall

1. **Present:** Cllr J Graham (Chairman), Cllr J Clarke, Cllr M English,
Cllr G Peace, Cllr S Taylor, County Cllr B Bateman S Hare (Clerk).
2. **Apologies:** None

Members of the public 8

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and explained that there would be an opportunity for any points to be raised before the start of the formal parish council meeting. Correspondence relating to agenda item 5(a) had been received from 4 members of the public and previously circulated to the PC. The Chair read out correspondence received from the applicant.

A member of the public raised the issue of additional vehicles using the access lane and traffic fumes into his property, plus any maintenance work to the side of his property could be restricted.

A member of the public raised access as their primary concern, together with concerns over the nature of the village being threatened and that the proposed new building not reflecting the historic character of the surrounding properties.

A member of the public raised concern about access and the need for a detailed review to be carried out by Planning and Highways.

A member of the public queried the proposed building being sited in a garden as he understood this was agricultural land. The Chair confirmed that the area marked was a garden and had previously been owned and maintained by Crimple Cottage. He also raised concerns about further development of the farmland and the impact of the conservation image of the village. He also raised the inaccuracies on the property consultants application.

County Cllr Bateman confirmed that he had spoken with planning who will visit the site. He also confirmed that the application will go before a full planning committee at Harrogate Borough Council.

At this point the Chair welcomed Mr English to his first meeting as a parish councillor

3. **Declaration of interest in items in the agenda.** Cllr English declared a family connection to item 5(a)
4. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 31 October 2017 were approved and signed. (Cllr Clarke proposed and Cllr Peace seconded).
5. **(a) Planning applications** received up to date of meeting:

6.13.40.C.FUL 17/04512/FUL Erection of one dwelling with associated parking on land to rear of Crimple Cottage, Main Street, Wath.

The application was discussed and the PC decision was:

B The Parish Council objects on the planning grounds set out below:

- (i) There is insufficient access for the number of existing dwellings plus an additional building.
- (ii) Loss of amenity for dwellings on Main Street plus those adjacent to the proposed new building.
- (iii) The proposed building would be starkly visible from the conservation area.
- (iv) Wath is a linear village and the PC does not support back land development.
- (v) The size of the proposed building is too large for the plot.

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

(At this point the 8 members of the public left the meeting)

6.13.44.FUL 17/04540/FUL Installation of 3 no GRP kiosks with associated hardstanding and groundworks at the Sewage Works, Melmerby.

The application was considered by the parish council and their decision was:

A The Parish Council has no objections

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

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

6. **Planning decisions:** 6.13.79/FUL Conversion of garage to form ancillary living accommodation and alterations to fenestration at Russet Barn, Main Street, Wath. Harrogate Borough Council approved this application subject to:
 - The development hereby permitted shall be begun on or before 27.11.20

- The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out otherwise than in strict accordance with the submitted details.

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

8. **Other planning matters:** None

9. **Village Enhancement:**

- **Christmas Lights:** The Chair thanked the Councillors for arranging the light 'switch on' which looks as spectacular as in previous years. The Clerk to contact Ripon Gazette to see if they would be interested in producing an article for the paper.
(Action: Clerk)
- **Garden area by the Church:** This area requires some attention.
(Action: All Cllrs)
- **Flagpoles:** Cllr Taylor to remove the flagpoles from outside Samwaies Hall.
- **Telephone Kiosk:** The kiosk is in need of attention the Clerk to contact BT.
(Action: Clerk)

10. **Footpaths:** The Clerk to contact Highways to check whether the work could be carried out before Christmas. Cllr Bateman suggested contacting District/County Cllr M Atkinson.
(Action: Clerk)

11. **Highways**

- **Road Signs:** The Clerk to check whether the weight restriction sign has been repaired on Middleton Lane.
(Action: Clerk)

12. **Accounts:**

The following cheque payment were made:

- £56 to Samwaies Hall for hire of the premises.
- £439.25 to S Hare for quarter 3 salary
- £16.80 to J Clarke for mince pies for Christmas lights function

13. **Financial Report**

- **Bank Reconciliation Report to 1 November 2017:** The report was circulated.

- **Parish Precepts 2018/19:** After consideration the PC agreed not to request an increase to the parish precept for the next financial year. The precept was last increased in April 2014. The Clerk to notify Harrogate Borough Council.
(Action: Clerk)
- **External Auditors 2017-2022:** PKF Littlejohn LLP has been appointed as external auditor.

14. **PAYE:** Quarter 3 employee report has been forwarded to the HMRC.

15. **Introduction to Local Council Administration Course:** The Clerk to find out more information on this course.
(Action: Clerk)

16. Correspondence:

The following correspondence was circulated at the meeting:

High Batts Nature Reserve
Clerks and Council Direct

17. **Items for next agenda:** Standard items plus Village Enhancement, Highways, Footpaths.

18. **Date of next meeting** Tuesday 23 January at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm