

# GREEN HAMMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Green Hammerton Parish Council held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Green Hammerton village hall, Harrogate Road, Green Hammerton at 20.00

**PRESENT:** Cllrs I Bailes (Chair), I. Andrew, D. Copley, C. Greenwood, A. Tegerdine

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Andrew Paraskos, Nick Kay from Keep Green Hammerton Green Action Group (KGHG) and six members of the public.

**CLERK:** In the absence of L. Pink, it was agreed for J. Kirkwood to take the minutes

## 1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absences have been received.

## 2. Declaration of Interests

No declarations received.

## 3. Update on the consultation and the way forward

It was agreed that item 7 would also be included in this item.

Today there had been a joint consultation organised by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) with invited developer CEG attending. Plans were displayed in GH village hall and the public were able question HBC and CEG. Present were Tracy Rathmell, HBC Lead Planning Officer, Steve McBurney, CEG Head of Planning and Victoria Walker, CEG Marketing and Communications Manager.

General Feedback from the consultation:

- Successful turnout of the public
- People attending from other surrounding areas
- Information regarding specific planning issues seemed to be lacking
- HBC was attracted to GH stating it was the preferred option because it had railway links and also that there were future opportunities to develop the area further

Nick Kay (KGHG) reported to the meeting the following points:

- A good turnout for the recent full HBC council meeting.
- Good overall media coverage of the protest at planning proposal
- KGHG would continue to increase pressure on HBC as time was limited and they needed to ack quickly. Consultation period completing end of August. Another full council meeting in September.
- Pro forma letters plus reference points would be distributed

Chair signed:

Date:

### **3. cont'd**

- Nick Kay and Chris Chelton would be meeting with Tim Axe, Planning Law Solicitor to focus on key points of consideration
- KGHG had now started working in conjunction with Kirk Hammerton and other areas had shown interest (Whixley, Cattal, Nun Monkton).
- Unsure about the final date for the decision – after November possibly December/January
- KGHG would like more volunteers

Cllr Paraskos advised seeking Freedom of Information data if relevant.

**Cllr I Andrew to write a summary for Village View.**

### **4. Redrow and Linden Homes**

a) Redrow – Cllr Copley reported that Redrow had appropriate planning for the Portacabin (salesroom) and advertising signs. Other breaches of planning were ongoing with the HBC planning department. The groundworks of this site are nearly complete. The council noted the damage to the road surface near the entrance and will monitor this area closely.

b) Linden Homes – work will start shortly. Concerns were raised about the appropriate access to this development - whether it would be St Thomas's Way or Bernard Lane. It had been noted that there had been made an entrance point at St Thomas's Way to accommodate lorries. Sycamore tree and hedges with Tree Preservation Order (TPO) have been damaged. This had been reported to HBC (awaiting further action).

### **5. Public Participation – concern items on the agenda and other parish concerns**

No concerns raised for this item

### **6. Reports from District/County Councillors**

Cllr Ash Teague not in attendance

Cllr Andrew Paraskos reported that there was nothing significant to report but mentioned the following issues:

- The merging of police and fire services lead by Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner
- Possible land sale for the proposed plan for the sugar beet factory – concerns over the increase of lorries on the local roadways.
- Launch of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) parish portal – enabling parish councils (PC) to report all issues through this portal, enabling all PC's to keep informed.

### **7. Update from Nick Kay from KGHG Action Group**

Refer to item 3.

Chair signed:

Date:

**8. Minutes of the last meeting (Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017) to be agreed & signed by the Chair**

The Chair signed and dated the minutes.

The Chair was concerned that there seemed to be an item missing from the minutes:

- Dog Litter Bin – requested by the Playing Fields, unsure whether this item had been actioned. **Clerk to clarify.**

**9. Planning application as shown on HBC website and planning decisions**

a) The council was informed that the recent planning application from Green Hammerton CE Primary School had been rejected. The school cook had been informed that it was due to electrical concerns. The council wanted to investigate this further as there were no recollections of rejecting the application.

b) Some councillors had not seen the recent application from Eastview, Back Lane.

**10. A59 Hedge/verge cutting**

a) The verges have been cut by NYCC.

b) Village grass cutting – The chair informed the meeting that the contractor had visited the village and he had shown them the relevant areas for cutting. He was unhappy with the outcome and had been trying to contact the contractor without success. **The chair to monitor situation.**

c) Part of hedge along the A59 (along the footpath) has not been cut by the local farmer. The Chair asked Cllr Paraskos to pass on his concerns to NYCC.

d) Cllr Andrew raised his concerns over the school hedge running along the main roadside footpath (becoming overgrown with nettles). This is a difficult area to cut due to parked cars. Future consideration required as to the best way of solving this problem i.e. removal of hedge.

**11. Grass cutting**

Refer to item above (10)

**12. Update of new councillors' appointment**

The chair reported that this will be advertised in next edition of the Village View.

**13. Dates of the next meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 20.00hrs to be held at Green Hammerton village hall.

**Clerk to clarify the next meeting date originally noted as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October and other future dates.**

Chair signed:

Date:

**14. Report from clerk**

No report given

Noted that HBC Consultation meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> November at Ripon. The Chief Executive will attend. Only pre-submitted questions (by 24<sup>th</sup> August) will be answered.

**15. Appointment of Litter Picker Co-ordinator**

Cllr Greenwood was appointed.

**16. Payments if any/Bank mandates**

Clerk preparing statements.

**17. Correspondence/Village View August**

**Cllr Andrew to submit PC report to Village view this Friday/Saturday.**

**18. Reports from Committees**

No reports received

**19. Items for the next agenda**

None

**20. Date of the next meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 20.00 hrs

Meeting closed at 9.08pm

Chair signed:

Date: