

GREEN HAMMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th May 2017 at Green Hammerton Village Hall, Harrogate Road, Green Hammerton at 19:30

PRESENT: Cllrs I Andrew (Acting Chairman), D Copley, C Greenwood, A Taylor and A Tegerdine.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerks: Louise Pink & Paul Whelan, Cllr Andrew Paraskos. Approx 100 members of the public (part meeting only).
Roger Rippon – On behalf of Loxley Homes (part meeting only)
Jonathan Raistrick – Director, Loxley Homes (part meeting only)
James Elliott – Architect, Loxley Homes (part meeting only)

1. Election of Chairman & Signing of the Declaration of Office

Councillor Bailes was proposed as the Chairman. Cllr Bailes had given his acceptance of the role of Chairman prior to the meeting. Due to Councillor Bailes not being present at the meeting the declaration of office to be completed at the June meeting.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Andrew was elected as Vice-Chairman.

3. Declaration of interest and dispensations

None declared.

4. Apologies for absence

Cllr Bailes.

5. Presentation by Loxley Homes regarding the proposed 90 houses development between New Lane and A59 (Green Hill).

Roger Rippon, acting on behalf of Loxley Homes introduced his team and outlined the plan for 90 houses between New Lane and the A59. Mr Rippon advised that HBC currently require land for additional housing and Green Hammerton has been identified as a primary service and sustainable village due to its access to current services such as schools, village hall and local amenities. Mr Rippon advised that the house types and layout will be requested in a further planning application and as such could not currently be discussed. He advised that they are looking to realign York Road and create a new junction on the A59. The northern junction on York Road would be closed. He advised that the planning application has been made now in order to maintain the 5 year housing supply. He advised that the proposed site has good access to local amenities including the school and doctors surgery, it is the closest to Green Hammerton station, the development would be screened, it would have a sustainable drainage scheme and following the construction of the development a section 106 payment would be made to open spaces. Loxley Homes recognise that 8/9 existing homes within the vicinity of the proposed development will lose their current views but stated that views should not be the basis for objecting to a planning application.

Approx 100 members of the public were present, many who spoke, objecting strongly to the application.

A question and answer session then took place – see separate sheet.

Councillor Paraskos advised residents that written comments and objections will be accepted by Harrogate Borough Council, aswell as electronic comments/objections.

Clerk to investigate what housing association will be used.

A vote was taken with the results being a unanimous vote for the Parish Council to object to this planning application.

RESOLVED that Paul Whelan will now collate an objection to this planning application for submitting to Harrogate Borough Council.

6. Consideration of the Great Hammerton proposal as part of the Local Plan.

It was advised that Great Hammerton is still the preferred site by HBC and will shortly be going out to public consultation.

A vote was taken with the results being 4 x parish councillors for opposing the proposal and 1 against.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will be opposing the Great Hammerton proposal.

MP Nigel Adams spoke at the meeting, advising that the developer has made no contact with him regarding this proposal. He advised that the MP's role is to represent the views of its constituency, but not to remark on planning applications. He advised that the scale of the scheme is alarming, especially the joining of two villages, as this is against the national framework. He advised that the only power a Member of Parliament has available to them is if they believe proper practices have not been adhered to. Mr Adams advised that if he is re elected on the 5th June he will be requesting an urgent meeting with the developer and HBC.

Chris Chelton of the Action Group provided an update, advising that the action group believe there is a compelling case for Flaxby. He advised that the action group have now put together and issued information packs to all homes within the village. A facebook and twitter page have been set up. A board near the post box has been installed to advise resident of notifications. Posters are available to any resident wishing to display them. The group are now looking to purchase some larger signage and will produce newsletters to keep residents informed. He provided dates of up and coming meeting dates where the development will be discussed.

7. Consideration for the Parish Council to support the Action Group financially.

A vote was taken with the results being 4 x parish councillors approving the Parish Council making a donation and 1 against.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would make a donation of £1,000 to the Action Group. Cheque to be raised and issued.

8. Public participation

All public participation related to items 5 and 6.

9. Support for Playing Fields project.

A vote was taken with the results being a unanimous vote for the Parish Council providing non-financial support to the Playing Fields project.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will provide non-financial support.

10. General Power of Competence.

The Parish Council resolved that it meets the conditions below:

(a) The number of councillors that have been declared to be elected is greater than two thirds of the total number of members of the council.

(b) The current clerk holds the Certificate of Local Council Administration.

The Parish Council resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council meets the conditions of eligibility to adopt the General Power of Competence.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council adopts the General Power of Competence.

It was noted that due to the new clerk, Louise Pink not currently holding the Certificate of Local Council Administration she will have until the next election in 2019 to obtain the qualification, in order to ensure that the Council still meets the necessary criteria to hold the General Power of Competence.

11. Appointment of Members to Committees and Outside Bodies:-

It was agreed that members should be appointed to Parish Council committees and as representatives to outside bodies as follows:

- a) Employment Committee – Cllrs Copley & Bailes.
- b) Helenfield Management Committee – Cllr Taylor.
- c) YLCA representatives – Cllrs Bailes & Andrew.
- d) NYP Safer Neighbourhood Group – Cllr Andrew.
- e) Green Hammerton Recreational Charity – Cllrs Bailes & Tegerdine.

12. Allocation of ongoing tasks to Members:-

It was agreed that ongoing tasks would be performed by members as follows:

- a) Performing internal audit checks – Cllr Tegerdine.
- b) Monitoring, logging and reporting of issues to NYCC Highways Dept – Cllr Bailes.
- c) Monitoring and reporting streetlight maintenance problems – Cllr Bailes.
- d) Reporting regularly in Village View – Cllr Andrew.
- e) Welcome packs – Cllr Greenwood.

13. Dates for ordinary meetings for the year.

Due to timescales only the date for the next meeting date in June was officially approved. Remaining dates to be re assessed during the next meeting.

14. Date & time for the next annual meeting.

RESOLVED that the next Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 May 2018.

15. Planning

No new planning applications were discussed.

16. Reports from District and County Councillors

Apologies received from Cllr Ash Teague.

Cllr Andrew Paraskos spoke of the deadline for green bin licenses and the repainting of the school lines by NYCC.

17. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 18 April 2017 & 10 May 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2017 & 10 May 2017 were accepted as a true record. The acting chairman signed the minutes.

18. Report from the Clerk to the Parish Council

Nothing new noted.

19. Approval of payments

Cheque		
100940	David MacDonald Internal Audit Fee	£50.00
100941	Bedford Mowing	£129.60
100942	S P Ross Website	£64.89
100943	GHRC New Fencing	£300.00
100944	Paul Whelan Salary & Allowance	£196.28
100945	Bedford Mowing	£194.40

100946	Cheque cancelled	VOID
100947	Zurich Insurance	£257.60
100948	Toby Wallis Communication – Website hosting	£250.00
100949	Cheque cancelled	
100950	L Pink Salary and allowance May 2017	£297.09
100951	P Whelan Salary and allowance May 2017	£280.07
100952	Bedford Mowing	£324.00
100953	KGHG	£1,000.00

RESOLVED that the payments were approved.

20. Banking Arrangements

A vote was taken with the results being a unanimous vote for the Parish Council to proceed with the setting up of online banking and the use of BACS payments.

RESOLVED that the clerk would now investigate the process for online banking.

21. Reports from Representatives

Helenfield Management Committee – Cllr Taylor to submit an estimate for a new pair of waders.

It was discussed whether planning approval is needed for the site office and signage within the Village Hall car park. To be investigated and added to the next agenda for discussion.

It was discussed that the hedge on the corner of the A59 has been cut for the purposes of displaying a sign for the new 90 housing development.

Cllr Copley raised concerns over a possible alternative method to keep the roads clean as the use of the road sweeper is creating issues with the already existent pot holes.

Official letter of thanks to be issued to Martin Leather.

Cllr Greenwood raised a query whether business cards could be contained within the welcome packs.

RESOLVED that the inclusion of business cards in future welcome packs is acceptable.

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm.