

BISHOP PURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1 July 2008

Present: Councillors David Oxtoby; Sue Ellerington; Ben Byass; Martin Gray; Hilary Swann.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Ward Councillor this meeting. She had been ill with pneumonia. It was agreed that the Clerk should send Cllr Mrs Pollard a letter wishing her a speedy recovery.

08.152 Apologies for absence

Mr R Middleton, Mr D Joliffe, Mr J Wray and Mr T Thomas

Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no 'interests' to be declared.

08.154 Open Forum

No matters had been received.

08.155 Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2008, having been previously circulated, were approved as a true record of events and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

a) School House subsidence claim - Cllr Byass reported that he had heard from East Riding Council that they had objected to the felling of trees within the boundary of the War Memorial and that the said trees were to be the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. It was agreed that Cllr Byass would draft a suitable response to Mr Johnson and his solicitors informing them of the action taken by East Riding Council.

b) Cottage Field drain - the Chairman reported that ERYC were looking into whose responsibility this drain was.

c) Litter bins - there was no update on this issue as Cllr Thomas had been asked at the last meeting to arrange for the purchase of three bins. Two are to be sited on York Road and one on 'Greenbanks'.

d) North End road signs - it was reported that there were still issues regarding vehicles using this road. The Clerk was asked to write to East Riding Council again to see what action could be taken.

e) Repairs to road near the Little Green - The Clerk had received no update. It was agreed that a further letter should be sent to East Riding Council asking that action is taken as a matter of urgency.

f) Proposed new heads for street lights - The Chairman reported that a quotation had been received from East Riding Council for some new heads for street lights - the quote of £1863.72 plus VAT, was accepted and that Chairman stated that he would arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

g) Traffic calming - Cllr Joliffe had taken some photographs of traffic calming solutions which did not impact so severely on the street scene. Cllr Byass agreed to contact Mr Wilson at East Riding Council and provide him with copies of the photographs to see if similar measures could be taken in the Parish.

h) Finkle Street/York Road crash barrier - The Chairman had received correspondence from East Riding Council regarding this long running issue. It would appear that it would not be possible to install a more substantial crash barrier as this would mean the removal of the footpath. Cllr Mrs Ellerington agreed to write to Mr Pittaway to explain the situation to him.

i) Finkle Street handrail - Cllr Byass had spoken to ERYC and they had suggested a white wooden rail, 'birds mouth' type design to match others in the village. It was agreed this would be suitable and highways are to be instructed to carry out the work.

Dogs barking - Cllr Mrs Ellerington had obtained some leaflets from the East Riding Council's dog warden. These had been left in the village shop for the use of residents.

Planning

DC/08/02226/PLF/ - siting of 3 substations on BBCA campus site - Members had no objections to make on this application.

The following have been approved by East Riding Council

DC/08/00675/PLB/EASTSE - erection of a single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing extension and alteration to outbuilding in increase height at Willow Cottage, The Green - listed building consent

Balk Farm

DC/08/0712/PLF/EASTSE - erection of extension to general purpose agricultural building at Low

DC/08/00600/STPLF/STRAT - construction of an all-weather sports pitch with eight 14m high floodlights and perimeter fencing at BBCA

07/02932/PLF - Knights Garth Cottage - update on removal of wall and replacing hedge

CLA/Bishop Burton/STA 5934 - notice to remove trees within the Bishop Burton Conservation area.

Information re Tree Preservation Order (BB No 5) 2008

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Finance

The Clerk distributed a spreadsheet detailing and expenditure to date.

The following expenditure was approved:

J R Turnbull - grass cutting	£446.50
Yorkshire Water	£18.74
NPower	£18.69
J R Turnbull	£669.75
NPower	£598.80
Audit Commission	£205.63
Clerks salary plus expenses (£249.84 + £8.64)	£258.48

The Clerk reported that the payment for the letting of Cottage Field had been received. A letter of thanks had been sent to Hornsey & Sons

08.159

Any other business

a) The Mere - it was reported that 53 dead carp had been taken out of the pond. An Environment Agency Officer had taken water samples to see what was causing the problem. It was agreed that costings should be looked into to see how much it would cost to clean the pond. Cllr Gray agreed to look into this issue.

b) Grass cutting by ERYC - concerns were registered regarding the standard of grass cutting carried out by the East Riding Council. Some areas were not being cut correctly. The Clerk was asked to contact East Riding and ask that more care is taken.

c) Litter picking on A1079 - it was noted that gangs of men from East Riding Council had been litter picking along the A1079. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter of appreciation.

d) It was agreed that information should be put into the newsletter asking owners of Horse Chestnut trees to be aware of the problem with disease.

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Correspondence

ERYC Local Strategic Partnership and East Riding Rural Joint Conference 2008

Parish Newsletter

Our East Riding 2006 - 2016 - the East Riding Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 update

Letter from Cllr Mrs Pollard re non-attendance at the May meeting

Identification Badges for Parish Councillors

Protocols and Procedures in Planning and Development Control matters

Standards Committee Annual Report 2007/2008

Council Minutes - 8 May 2008 plus Agenda 25 June 2008

CPRE Information leaflets

Newsletter

A letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Woodward requesting permission to site a skip near Willow Cottage whilst alterations take place. Cllr Oxtoby is to discuss a suitable position with them

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Any other issues of concern

The Clerk was asked to send a further letter to BT regarding the poor quality broadband service received in the village and request that this is improved.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 9 September 2008