

A meeting of Burythorpe Parish Council was held on Tuesday 11th March 2008 at the Church Hall, Burythorpe.

Present; Mr S Hunter (Chairman), Mrs E Clarke, Mr C Turner, Mr E Wall, Mrs J Wilson, Mr T Hill, Mr S Tootell and Miss D Hill. Also Mrs S Bond, Cllr Marion Hodgson, Mrs S Syms (clerk), Mr A Girling (website) and a member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Hodsman, Cllr B Cottam and Cllr Lloyd Williams.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and it was agreed that they were a true record and so were signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Parish Council 'Forward Plan' – all money for daffodils now in. The bill for the bulbs was much lower than expected so there remains a surplus of £204.36. As this money was donated for bulbs it was felt that it should be kept for this, or something similar. Suggestions included trees, native plants, and heritage daffodils. CT and everyone else to keep an eye on new daffodils and identify any obvious gaps, or where new planting/plants could go.

Action: CT and everyone else

It was requested that an item go in the newsletter for ideas of what the parish would like the Parish Council to do in the coming year/s, to be discussed at the next meeting. The stone signs were mentioned again as a possibility.

Action: clerk

Website – the website could still do with more contributions. EW to ask D Quick to pass on Sports Club news/info. It is now possible to register to be alerted when there are updates – to be mentioned in newsletter.

Action: EW and clerk

Langton crossroads – it is hoped that work will start on this within the next month.

Water on roads – NYCC have done some work at the triangle, which seems to have improved matters considerably. TH still to do his bit but still waiting for grant. There is still standing water on the bends, which is treacherous particularly when icy – a taxi ended up in the beck recently. Cllr Hodgson to follow up.

Action: Cllr Hodgson

Village parking – a member of the public (Siobhan Ostojka-Starzewski) attended the meeting specifically for this item. She felt that in putting an item in the newsletter concerning the issue of parking on the pavement, the PC had not handled this very well. It was pointed out that this matter had been discussed and it was felt that by mentioning it in the newsletter, it was less heavy handed than knocking on doors. SO explained her own personal needs for needing to park near her home (disabled son and small baby), whilst the PC pointed out that whilst they sympathised with her case, this put others in danger because of children having to walk on the road as the pavement is blocked, neighbours having difficulty exiting and cars having to overtake on a bend. SO had spoken with PC Goodwill who said that it was OK for her to park on the pavement, whilst SH had spoken with PC Goodwill's sergeant who said it was not! It was suggested that a specific disabled parking bay could be painted out on the church hall car park, near to SO's home, if this could be OKed with the VCC and others who regularly use the car park (especially the Scaifes, who normally park at the southern end). SH to speak with Roger Preston and Wendy Scaife. Other bays could be painted too. EW has access to a line-painter. Meanwhile, clerk to find out from NYCC if possible to extend parking along the verge.

Action: SH and clerk

4. CHEQUES AUTHORISED

Clerk's expenses and salary £1.76 and £120.83

P Johnson (newsletter printing Feb, Mar) £7.80
Burythorpe VCC (church hall hire) £12.00
R Yates and Sons Ltd (daffodils) £130.64

5. PLANNING

Mount Pleasant Cottage – *extension to side and rear and new access*

School House Menethorpe – *extension to side and rear, detached garage, change of use of land*

Aldmoor Farm – *change of use and alteration of barn to form 3 bed holiday cottage*

Whitegrounds – *extensions and new window*

It was requested that the clerk e-mails everyone when a planning application comes in, in case those not on planning sub-committees want to see it. The onus would then be on the interested party to track it down.

6. AOB

EW mentioned that the Sports Club is trying to gather funds for a new mower, and would like to request a contribution from the PC. The PC was in favour of this but did not want to give away its whole 'amenity' fund. Clerk to establish how much is earmarked for 'amenities' at this stage.

Action: clerk

It was requested that results of fundraising efforts by the Sports Club, pub, church, etc are published to encourage people who have contributed but who hear no more.

Action: all fundraising bodies in the parish!

There is concern at the increasing amount of litter on the verges and in the hedgerows. This inevitably attracts more litter so it was suggested that we have a litter-picking day. EC to choose a date to be published in the newsletter.

Action: EC and clerk

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm. The date for the next meeting is

Monday 12th April 2008.