

ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on Wednesday September 14th 2011
at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

Councillors present: Peter Palmer (Chair), Grahame Marsden, Melvyn Arkley, Jacqueline Naylor, Judith Lowe

Also present 6 parishioners, Aidan Rayner (NYCC) and Cllr Paul Richardson (NYCC)

MINUTES

11/049 Apologies: none

11/050 It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on May 18th 2011 and 15th July 2011 be accepted as a true record to be signed by the chairman. Proposed by MA, seconded by GM

11/051 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None.

11/052 **MATTERS ARISING** - None

11/053 **FOOTPATHS**

- i) Bank top footpath – Aidan Rayner of NYCC Footpaths department addressed the meeting and explained that the problem with the bank top footpath is that a section of approximately 10m in the middle of the path no longer exists because it has slipped into the river. The current route that has been used up until recently is not the definitive route and is not therefore legally enforceable. NYCC can either work with the landowners to find an alternative route or it can enforce the definitive route, NYCC would always seek to work with the landowners in the first instance. The situation currently is that Mr and Mrs Goldberg have proposed an alternative route for the footpath. As this will also affect other landowners its viability needs to be explored and discussions held with the other landowners affected. AR expects this to happen imminently. AR will keep PP abreast of any developments but expects that the viability of the proposed route should be established one way or the other by the end of the year.

11/054 **PLANNING** – None

11/055 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

- i) The council has received a document from NYCC regarding winter maintenance It will be displayed in the bus shelter.
- ii) JL has ordered a refill for the grit bin.
- iii) Tony Pilkington made the council aware that a scheme is running whereby assets that have been confiscated from criminals can be used to fund local projects.
- iv) PP updated the council on his recent Commuted Sums training. The parish has £955 to spend although there are tight restrictions on what the sum may be used for.

11/056 **HIGHWAYS**

- i) Crab and Lobster crossroads – PP briefed the meeting on the council's concerns and actions to date and the fact that NYCC now propose to do nothing to improve the safety of the junction. The council will pursue two options:
- Funding a mirror so that vehicles approaching from Rainton can see traffic approaching from the A168.
 - Approaching the landowner of the bank and hedge that runs from the A168 slip road to the Rainton turn off to see whether the bank and hedge could be cut back and visibility improved.
- Action:PP**

11/057 **FISHING**

- i) The council noted that the bank is being well maintained although a tree has come down near the bridge in the high winds.

11/058 **FINANCES**

- i) IP circulated a bank reconciliation showing a balance at 3 August 2011 of £5,072.54.
- ii) IP reported that the council had received a clean external audit report from Mazars.
- iii) A cheque payable to Isobel Peters for £121.22 was approved and signed. Prop MA, seconded GM.
- iv) A cheque payable to Farm & Land Services Ltd for £98.40 (£82.00 + £16.40) was approved. Prop MA, seconded GM.

- v) A cheque payable to Mazars for £60 (£50 + £10 VAT). Prop MA, seconded GM.
- 11/059 CORRESPONDENCE**
- i) The Council had received a request from Craven rail to support their efforts to reopen an 11 mile stretch of railway line between Skipton and Colne. It was resolved that the council would pledge support.
Other post circulated after the meeting – no action.
- 11/060 AOB**
- i) Cllr Paul Richardson informed the council that he was trying to arrange a presentation for Rainton and Dishforth parish councils on the pros and cons of the proposed incinerator. He invited representatives from Asenby to attend. He will confirm the time and date but is hoping for 11th October.

Next meeting: 16th November 2011

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