

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF STAINTONDALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
RAVENSAR VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 20th JUL 2017 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillor W. Terry (Chairman)
Councillor C Broadhurst
Councillor S Darrington
Councillor F James
Councillor E Morgan
Councillor Mrs Russell

Mrs J Marley (Clerk), 7 members of public.

Absent: County & Borough Cllr. Bastiman

19/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County & Borough Cllr. Bastiman (prior commitment).

20/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

21/17 **MINUTES**

Cllr. James pointed out the minutes of 18/5/17 showed him as both present (incorrect) and absent with apologies (correct). Having been previously circulated, the amended minutes of the meeting of 18th May 2017 were **approved** as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

22/17 **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting was adjourned at 7.32pm to allow the public open forum.

23/17 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** The Chairman read out a letter to the councillors from Mr & Mrs Barron in which they outlined their main concerns regarding the proposals to restore the railway line. Other members of public present also explained their concerns. In summary people thought there was a need to improve the drainage at some points but felt that a tarmac surface was not acceptable and a minimum width of 3metres throughout was unnecessary. Tarmac would result in a road-like surface which would be unusable or dangerous in winter due to frost and ice. More worryingly, it would allow cyclists to do even higher speeds than currently – there are already problems with cyclists boring down at speed and being abusive/rude to riders and walkers who have not got out of their way; this problem would increase. A tarmac surface would change the character of the line from rural to urban and set user-groups against each other. Large numbers of trees were to be removed which would alter the character & ambience of the line as well as having a huge impact on the wildlife using the line as a corridor. The ecology study was desk-based and as such there were considerable inaccuracies.

24/17 **PROCEDURAL MATTER** The meeting was resumed at 7.56pm to continue with the business on the agenda.

25/17 **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Comments regarding the Cinder Track Restoration Plan were **noted** and would be taken into consideration at agenda item 8d).

26/17 **REPORTS**

- a) **Police:** No report to receive, though Clerk reported PCSO Newcombe had resigned.
- b) **County:** On Cllr. Bastiman's behalf, the Clerk reported each County Councillor had been given locality grant money of £5,000 a year for the next four years – to be awarded as they saw fit within their ward.
- c) **Borough:** No report to receive.
- d) **Parish:** No matters reported.
- e) **Clerk:** reported 1] Cloughton Parish Council had been asked to comment on an application submitted to the Caravan Club to create a 5 van certificated site on the paddock near Wyke Lodge which was currently subject to a planning appeal. Cloughton had strongly objected. Both NYM Planning and NYCC Highways had firmly opposed the application and the Caravan Club had rejected the application. 2] details of a dangerous manhole cover on Raven Hall Road reported to her by Cllr. Broadhurst had been passed to Highways and the cover had now been replaced.

27/17 **2017 PARISH ASSEMBLY** Draft minutes had been circulated with the agenda and councillors confirmed they were an accurate record.

28/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Scarborough Borough Council electoral review (proposal to reduce number of councillors from 50 to 45, which means ward boundaries will need to change; consultation ends 4/9/17) – **agreed** no comments at this stage.
- b) NYMNP Joint Area Parish Forum – meeting Wed. 26/7/17 5pm onwards, Hutton le Hole – **agreed** Cllr. Darrington to attend;
- c) Letter of thanks from Chairman of Ravenscar Cricket Club for ground maintenance money via Model Agreement – **received & noted**;
- d) Cinder Track Restoration Plan. A link to the plan had been emailed to all councillors on 14/7/17. Councillors took into account the letter from Mr & Mrs Barron and the representations made by members of public (see Minute 23/17). It was observed that there had been little communication or consultation by Sustrans/SBC with community groups, parish councils or the public between May 2016 and July 2017 about the proposals. Sustrans did not seem to be holding public meetings in order to publicise the current proposals. The rural part of the line (from Scalby to Whitby Viaduct) had always been a multiple use trail for pedestrians, cycling and horses. It was **agreed** the current proposals, especially the tarmac, would urbanise a rural line and completely change its character, cause conflict among user-groups and make the line more suitable for cyclists at the expense of pedestrians and horse riders. It would also unacceptably impact on tourism – many visitors use the line simply because it is undeveloped and natural. The proposals did not provide a balance between the requirements necessary to maintain a sustainable route and the need to retain its natural character. Council's main objection was to the proposal to tarmac large sections of the line, but it also supported the concerns raised by members of the public and **agreed** the Clerk to include those concerns when submitting Council's comments and objections to Sustrans.
- e) Correspondence received after 15/7/2017 & requiring a response before next meeting – none.

29/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **Applications received:-**
 - 1. NYM/2017/0377/FL Demolish and replace existing single storey building together with 6 rooflights, 2 replacement windows and french door at 1 Station Square, Ravenscar – **agreed** no objections;
 - 2. NYM/2017/0460/FL Install satellite dish to side elevation at Peakside Farm, Ravenscar – **agreed** no objections;
- b) **Decisions received:**
 - 1. NYM/2017/0100/FL Construct storage building at Hillside Farm, Staintondale – **granted**;
 - 2. NYM/2017/0340/FL Vary condition 4 of NYM/2009/0699/FL to allow local occupancy dwelling to be used as holiday accommodation at Hill View Barn, Staintondale – **granted**;
- c) **Planning matters received after 15/7/2017:-** None.

30/17 **FINANCE MATTERS**

- a) Parish Newsletter grant [*Minute 13/17b*] refers] – **noted** Clerk's update that the £162 was the cost of 9m months printing and distribution. **Agreed** cheque for £162 to Mrs L Williams be authorised for payment.
- b) Bank signatories [*Minute 12/17e*] refers] – **confirmed** Cllr. Morgan to replace the late Cllr. Normington; paperwork to be completed after close of tonight's meeting

31/17 **ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY**

Having been previously notified, the following were **approved** for payment:-
Ravenscar Village Hall Hall hire for tonight's meeting £10-00

32/17 **NEXT MEETING**

Agreed meeting be brought forward a week to 14th September, 7.30pm in Staintondale Village Hall.

33/17 **CIRCULATION** Clerks & Councils Direct (July 2017) – handed to Cllr. Mrs Russell.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.