

West Haddlesey Parish Meeting

Minutes of West Haddlesey Parish Meeting held at The George & Dragon Public House, West Haddlesey

10th December 2012

1. Present

Glen Williams (Chair), Robert Wood (Vice-Chair), Nikki Keep (Treasurer), Giles Bennett (Clerk), Tom Foster

2. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed by Tom Foster as being an accurate reflection of the business transacted at that meeting.

4. Matters arising

Knottingly Power Plant : no matters affecting the village to report.

Wind Farm : no developments to report.

Rabbits on the flood bank : no developments to report.

Trees along The Avenue : it was agreed to write to SDC to inform them that the age / condition of the trees was such that they could potentially pose a risk.

Trees at Westfield Farm : it had been determined that the trees were bang on the boundary. An open offer of further assistance has been made, but there's no on-going involvement from the Parish's perspective.

Playpark refurbishment : completed, agreed that it would be revamped every four years or so, rather than leaving it for so long next time.

Holiday village : no further information.

5. Planning matters

A planning application for the removal of an ash tree at Haddlesey House, the subject of a TPO, was brought before the meeting and discussed. The consensus of the meeting was that the tree should be thinned, if possible, rather than simply being cut down.

6. Precept

It was reported that the issues with SDC paying the money into the wrong account appeared to have been resolved.

It was agreed that a small annual increase be requested to allow a sinking fund to be built up for one-off or unforeseeable expenses.

7. Grass cutting

It was reported that a contractor had been chosen from the number who submitted tenders, and that the relevant steps would be taken to get a contract in place with them for fortnightly cuts of the relevant area, as well as contracting out of NYCC's services in time for the new season to commence.

One of the other bidders has offered his services as a general handyman, so we will be engaging him on an ad hoc basis to undertake various maintenance work in and around the village.

8. Lamposts

A part map had been received, and Robert was awaiting the remaining part.

Giles to enter negotiations with SDC regarding the lamp outside Wayside Cottages.

9. Any other business

Signage : it was agreed that a replacement sign be sourced for the Playpark in accordance with the quotes received.

War Memorial : it was agreed that the handyman / general contractor would be asked to undertake the repainting of this on a regular basis.

Reflective bollards : it was agreed that the remnants of the broken reflective bollards be removed.

Canal path / bridleway : it was reported that dogs' mess remains a significant problem in both of these locations, and there are a number of professional dog walkers who use it, and it was agreed that the situation should be monitored.

Santa : the visit by Santa was a great success and it was agreed that the Parish would buy a small token of thanks and have it delivered to the North Pole.

Medieval Fayre : this had been a great success and the parish would continue its support in future years.

Speeding : it appears a number of residents have been prosecuted for speeding. Residents with concerns should complete speeding concern forms, which are available on the website.

Gateforth Lane : due to a blocked drain there was significant recent flooding, which combined with cold weather lead to dangerous conditions near the entrance of Malt Kiln Farm. It was agreed that Giles would write to NY Highways to highlight the issue.

Email addresses : due to changes in Google's offering, it was agreed that email addresses be consolidated into info@ and giles@, rather than individual addresses for each member of the committee.

Committee positions : Nikki Keep and Robert Wood tendered their resignations to the meeting, which were accepted with regret and with thanks for the time which they have dedicated to the parish over the years. It was reported that Helen Bennett had agreed to take over the role of Treasurer and her nomination was seconded and accepted. It was agreed that as the work required of the committee had reduced, and it was anticipated they would reduce still further, the committee be consolidated into the Chairman, Treasurer and Clerk. The Clerk was instructed to do all things necessary arising from that in respect of bank mandates, addresses, and the maintenance of historic documents.

Compliance : a register of interests needed to be maintained, and it was agreed that Giles would sort the necessary forms.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm, with the date and time of the next meeting to be arranged.

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Chairman

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Date