

West Haddlesey Parish Meeting

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

on

10th November 2014

at

8.00 pm

1. Present

Glen Williams (Chair), Giles Bennett (Clerk)

Peter Jackson, Janet Jackson, Wendy Ormsby, Elizabeth Wetherall, Christine Andrews, Barry Fenton, Alison Camfield, David Camfield, Gillian Woodhead, Paul Woodhead, Ruth Casewell, Christopher Casewell, Ian Hedley, Beverley Tucker, Malcolm Tucker, Duncan Jackson, Lynne Jackson.

2. Apologies

Helen Bennett (Treasurer), Mick Wigglesworth

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Peter Jackson and agreed to be an accurate representation of the business transacted at that meeting.

4. Financials and grass cutting

Giles explained that the rebate received from North Yorkshire County Council for grass cutting was going to be drastically reduced in the coming financial year, and proposed a number of options for discussion. After a wide ranging discussion it was agreed that the precept would continue to be increased, the grass cutting would be put out to tender, with a more limited cutting regime and a review of the areas to be cut to be undertaken to see what savings were possible..

5. Speeding

Speeding remains a perennial problem in the village. Glen reminded the meeting that forms for reporting offenders were available on the website, but bar that we had pretty much exhausted available options.

6. Footbridge

Glen reported that the footbridge over the dyke on the footpath north of the village was in need of repair and had been reported to the appropriate authority.

7. Holiday village

There was nothing to report.

8. Wind farm

There was nothing to report.

9. Dogs' mess

A resident had raised concerns that, at the west end of the village, uncollected dogs' mess was an increasing problem. It was generally thought that things were neither better nor worse than historically. Glen reminded the meeting that anyone whose dog was seen fouling public land could be reported.

10. Broadband

Giles reported that whilst the village was in line to get – it was generally accepted that it would be nice to get it sooner rather than later, and it was agreed that Giles would investigate whether it would be possible to put pressure on the relevant bodies to speed things up a tad.

11. Santa's visit

It was agreed that due to declining attendance, and a number of other opportunities for village children to meet Santa, that he would not be asked to visit to turn on the lights. Gateforth would be approached to see if we could join forces with them.

12. Bench

Glen would raise the bench with Robert Wood in the hopes that it may one day make an appearance at the west end of the village.

13. Noise issues

Duncan raised concerns over noise from a nearby farm, and it was agreed that Giles would have a word with the farmer concerned in the first instance.

14. Incinerator

The proposed incinerator at Eggborough was raised – nothing had come across the committee's desks in a professional capacity, but that wasn't necessarily unusual. It was agreed that Glen would investigate.

15. Thanks

Thanks were tendered to Ian Hedley for his tireless litter picking in the village, and to Barry Fenton for the newly refurbished noticeboard, which it was noted had been placed by the playpark.

16. Drains

The drains at the east end of the village continue to be an issue, and it was agreed that Glen would see what could be done.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm, with the date and time of the next meeting to be arranged.

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Chairman

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Date