
AZERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 7.30pm at Winksley Church Room.

(2018 – 001) **Present** were Cllr Nick Jackson (Chairman), Cllr Robert Weatherhead (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ben Robinson, Cllr Jan Lawson, and Cllr Brian Thackray.

(2018 – 002) Also **present** were David Taylor, Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

(2018 – 003) **Apologies** were received from Cllr Patricia Harling, Cllr Neil Topham & Cllr Margret Atkinsonⁱ

(2018 – 004) No **Declarations of Interest** were received.

(2018 – 005) There were therefore no **Dispensations** granted.

(2018 – 006) It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2017 were true and correct records. The Chairman signed them accordingly.

(2018 – 007) Cllr Margaret Atkinson **reported** on the following from Harrogate Borough Council:-

- a. Harrogate Borough Council have put the Local Plan out to consultation for 6 weeks. I hope that all Parish Councils will have their say on this. (process explained in the letter below at minute (2018 – 014.g)
- b. There will be an above inflation rise in Council Tax levied by Harrogate Borough Council the Council are getting less money from Central Government and would be otherwise be unable to balance the books.

(2018 – 008) It was **resolved** that the Clerk should raise the question of damage to grass verges, disruption from ongoing road works and the prospect of localised compensation as a result of the electricity upgrade to Grantley Hall with Area 6 Highways.

(2018 – 009) It was **resolved** that the Clerk should write to Area 6 Highways to seek comment on the following points:-

- a. Damage from farm machinery on country roads is getting worse year on year; grass verges are getting churned up and roads becoming more muddy.
- b. Some farm machinery are operated by young drivers who appear to be inconsiderate to other road users.
- c. It is noticeable that contractors and feed wagons are major culprits.
- d. Scholl busses appear to be too large for the lanes and numbers of school children they serve.

(2018 – 010) It was **resolved** that the Clerk should report the following road defects/matters to NYCC via the Parish Portal

- a. Azerley Lane,
- b. Low Bank (Mickley)
- c. Mickley village.
- d. The two Cypresser trees that are growing in a garden on Mickley High Street are causing a nuisance – Clerk to investigate and report to NYCC & home owner.

(2018 – 011) The position of Ripon Thursday Market was **considered**. It was **resolved** that the Clerk should write to Harrogate Borough Council and express the following concerns;

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- a. It is feared that the proposed withdrawal of Council support for stall frames will lead to the demise of the market.
- b. The Parish Council disagree that stalls should be of different designs; this would make the market untidy.
- c. The Parish Council wishes to see the market preserved.

(2018 – 012) A report on the commuted sums available to the Parish was **considered**. Councillors would further consider and canvass for ideas on how best to spend the funds. It was resolved that Councillor Robinson would follow up some of the sums that had appeared to have time elapsed.

(2018 – 013) Information regarding the Parish Council Elections on Thursday, 3rd May 2018 was **received** by the Parish Council.

(2018 – 0014) The following correspondence was received and considered: -

- a. NYCC – re LED Street Lighting – 23.11.2017
- b. Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments, re external auditors.
- c. Invitation to "Your Community Rights" Workshop – 23.02.2018
- d. Letter from the National Assn of Local Councils – 05.01.2018
- e. E-mail – Harrogate and District local plan – Draft Consultation
- f. Letter - Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – 22.11.2017
- g. Harrogate and District local plan – Draft Consultation – Further info letter and Pack – 25.01.2018

(2018 – 015) It was **resolved** to agree the precept demand for 2018/19 of £6100.00. This represents a small increase over last year after the reduced grass cutting grant from HBC is accounted for.

(2018 – 016) The bank reconciliation of the Parish Council bank account was **received**.

(2018 – 017) Accounts for payment had been circulated before the meeting.

(2018 – 018) New & recent planning applications were **considered**:

- a. 18-00094-FUL – Manor Barn Galphay – Mr Philips it was **resolved** to return "option A"

(2018 – 019) To receive the following planning decision notifications:

- a. TPO no 28-2017 – Azerley Chase – **noted**
- b. 17-03462-DISCON – Clayton Farm, Mickley. – 21.12.2017 – Refusal to confirm– **noted**
- c. 17-04624-DISCON - Clayton Farm, Mickley. – 21.12.2017 - approved– **noted**
- d. 17-04626-DISCON - Clayton Farm, Mickley. – 21.12.2017 - confirmed– **noted**
- e. 17-04728-DISCON – Eton House, Mickley. – 20.12.2017 – approved– **noted**
- f. 17-04869- FUL- Methodist Chapel, Mickley – 17.01.2018 – approved– **noted**
- g. 17-04870- FUL- Methodist Chapel, Mickley – 17.01.2018 – approved– **noted**
- h. 17-04972-FUL – The Old Rectory, Fountains Gate – 14.12.2017 – approved - STC– **noted**
- i. 17-05061-FUL – Low Bank, Mickley. – 03.01.2018 – approved - STC– **noted**
- i. 17-05140-FUL – Stoneacre, Galphay. – 24.01.2018 – approved - STC– **noted**

(2018 – 020) There were no items forthcoming for the next meeting.

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(2018 – 021) The Parish Council **received and approved** the schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year.

(2018 – 022) The meeting closed at 8.10pm

These minutes are in draft form only and will not be classed as officially recorded minutes until ratified at the next meeting of the Azerley Parish Council.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by the Clerk to the Parish Council, David Taylor.

Signed as a true record by Cllr Nick Jackson, Chairman

Date:

ⁱ Councillor Atkinson sent her apologies and report via email prior to the meeting but these arrived too late to be picked up by the Clerk. Her apologies were not therefore presented at the meeting and neither was her report. Her report is included with these minutes.