

## ACASTER MALBIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Acaster Malbis Parish Council held on Monday, 14 September 2015 at the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor W G Taylor (Chairman)  
Councillors P Harlington, B Hawkins, J Smith and D Walker  
City of York Council - Ward Member - Councillor J Galvin  
Mr M Davies (Clerk)

One member of the public – Mr M Bridel representing Mount Pleasant Residents Association

Mr Bridel attended the open forum to express concerns that persons were frequently flying model aircraft from a field opposite Mount Pleasant creating a noise nuisance. Aircraft were reported to be sometimes flying at low level close to the homes on Mount Pleasant. Some were very noisy. Mr Bridel stated that the matter had been reported to City of York Environmental Protection Unit but that no response had so far been received.

Several members were aware of this activity, Councillor Harlington stated that a drone carrying a camera had been seen flying over Mill Garth Park on at least two occasions. Councillor Harlington distributed copies of the CAA rules on operation of drones. It is not known if the two matters are related. Councillor Galvin agreed to raise the matter with the CoYC EPU and the clerk is to contact the CAA for any appropriate further guidance. Mr Bridel left at 19:43hrs and the Chairman formally opened the meeting

**ACTION**

### ***Apologies for Absence:***

Apologies were received from Councillors Frost and Loney.

### ***Minutes of Meetings:***

(a) **Parish Council Meeting** held on 13 July 2015

(b) **Planning Committee Meeting** held on 23 July 2015

Both having been previously circulated were taken as read. Councillor Hawkins proposed, seconded by Councillor Harlington that they be approved, this was **agreed**.

### **Matters from Previous Meetings:**

(a) Superfast Broadband – There being no further news it was **AGREED** to remove this item from the agenda until there are further developments.

(b) Hazardous tree branch on Intake Lane – There being no further progress this item is also to be removed.

(c) Parish Council Website – Councillor Walker advised that funds are possibly available to fund the initial set-up costs including purchase of necessary equipment such as scanners etc. This funding is available from the Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund. This matter is to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

(d) Safety Sign YO23 2PY. There is no further progress on this. Concerns were expressed that traffic was rounding the blind corner outside The Ship Inn at excessive speeds and also that a section of footpath at the front of the pub presented a potential hazard. Councillor Galvin is to inspect the area.

### **Correspondence**

(a) The following correspondence was circulated: LCR – Autumn 2015, Clerks and Councils Direct – Sept 2015, CPRE Countryside Voice, Summer 2015

## Finance

(a) To consider Payment of Accounts – Clerk’s purchase of Desktop Computer, Flat Screen Monitor, Multi-Function Printer and Toner Cartridge totalling £455.57 including VAT – Proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Walker and **AGREED** for payment.

(b) Transfer of Funds

To consider the transfer of £456.00 from deposit to current account - Proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Walker and **AGREED** for transfer.

(c) *Bank Balances*

<u>Deposit Account</u>		<u>Current Account</u>	
13.07.15 Balance	£4936.24	13.07.15 Balance	£ 0.65
14.09.15 Transfer to Curr.	(£456.00)	14.09.15 Transfer in	£ 456.00
15.09.15 Balance	£4480.24	14.09.15 Payment (a)	£ 455.57
		15.09.15 Balance	£ 1.08

Balance at Bank £4481.32.

(d) Report on the Income/Expenditure compared with the Budget 2015-2016  
Councillor Loney being absent on holiday this matter was deferred until the next meeting

## Planning

(a) Applications

There were none.

(b) Decisions

Councillor Smith reported the following decisions;

- (i) 15/01156/FUL – Removal of condition 3 of permitted application 07/00102/FUL at Caravan at Mount Pleasant House, Acaster Malbis – Application refused but see (c) below
- (ii) 15/01177/FUL – Erection of 3 no stables – Field to the south of Foss Farm, Acaster Malbis – Application permitted with conditions.
- (iii) 14/02940/FUL – Change of use of office to holiday let at Poplar Farm, Acaster Malbis – Application permitted with conditions.
- (iv) 15/01431/FUL – Change of use from storage to photography studio and doggy care unit at Acaster Industrial Estate, Acaster Malbis - Application permitted with conditions including restrictions on hours/days of operation and number of dogs to be present at any one time.

(c) Appeals

Councillor Smith also reported that an appeal has been lodged in respect of the following application

- (i) PP-04214300 (15/01156/FUL) - Removal of condition 3 of permitted application 07/00102/FUL at Caravan at Mount Pleasant House, Acaster Malbis.

## Crime Figures

The Clerk **reported** that no information had been received for the period July / August 2015

## City of York Council Matters

- (a) Matters raised by/with the Ward Member - Councillor Galvin is to chase action regarding the damaged 30mph speed limit sign and dog waste bin near the pinfold together with the previously mentioned items adjacent to The Ship Inn.

- (b) Any urgent matters referred

There were none.

## **YLCA**

- (a) Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund

Councillor Walker confirmed that details of the fund together with a list of application dates had been received.

- (b) White Rose update – The July edition has been received and circulated.

(c) YLCA have advised that there are new regulations regarding the placing of contracts in excess of £25,000 in value – The advice was noted but the limit is far in excess of any contract values that the Parish Council would ever be likely to place.

## **Any Other Matters**

- (a) Overgrown hedges

Councillor Loney was unable to attend the meeting but had reported by email that he had (in his capacity as a private individual and with permission of the farmer) cut back the length of overgrown hedge between the Mount Pleasant bus shelter and Lakeside and asked if the Parish Council would consider funding the purchase of a petrol powered hedge trimmer. After lengthy discussion the consensus was that hedges are the sole responsibility of the landowner and that for reasons previously stated the Parish Council would not wish to get involved. If the problem reoccurs CoYC should be pressed to take the appropriate action under their Statutory Powers to resolve the matter. Whilst discussing this matter Councillor Smith reported that there was a hole in the hedge near the slipway corner and Mill Garth Park, an amount of cuttings and plant material had apparently been left there. Councillor Harlington offered to investigate and report.

- (b) Model aircraft noise – this item had already been discussed in the open forum.

(c) Letter of thanks from Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall Trustees – the Clerk read a letter from the Chairman of the Trustees thanking the Parish Council for their recent gift of tables and chairs.

(d) Register of Electors and supply to Parish Councillors – the Clerk drew the attention of the members to a communication from the Electoral Registration Officer regarding the conditions under which the Register of Electors may be used by Councillors – this was duly noted.

(e) Internet Banking - The Clerk asked that the Parish Council consider a move to online banking at the earliest opportunity. There is renewed pressure to remit PAYE deducted and due to HMRC electronically and currently the costs of maintaining a deposit account using postal instructions exceeds the small amount of interest received on deposits. It was proposed that the Clerk and two Councillors should have access to the system if it is resolved to proceed. The Clerk has sought advice from our bankers HSBC, YLCA and the Clerk and two Councillors of a nearby Parish Council who have already made the change. The Chairman asked that the Clerk circulate details of the advice received for consideration at the next meeting.

(f) Dementia Awareness – The Clerk read an email from Mrs Anne Cooper asking that the Parish Councillors be made aware of the topic of Dementia Awareness – the contents of the email were duly noted.

(g) Link Magazine – The Clerk read a further email from Mrs Anne Cooper suggesting that the Parish Council might consider publishing a summary of content discussed at meetings in LINK magazine. After discussion it was resolved that the timing of meetings relative to the Acaster Malbis copy cut off times for LINK would make this impractical. The introduction of a website in the near future was thought to be a more practical way forward

**Items to be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting**

- (a) Model aircraft noise.
- (b) Parish Council website.
- (c) Updates on damaged signs, bins and traffic on The Ship Inn corner.
- (d) Internet banking.
- (e) Slipway corner and Mill Garth Park hedge.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 12 October 2015 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm

The Chairman **closed** the meeting at 9:30 pm by thanking all for their attendance.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date