

ACASTER MALBIS PARISH COUNCIL - ASSETS REGISTER.

The publication of the council's asset register is a mandatory requirement of the Transparency code for smaller authorities section 24 - 27.

Along with items of everyday commercial usage such as printers, scanners and projectors the councils asset register does include two items of historic importance. The slipway to the river Ouse and a Pinfold the details of which are reproduced from the book 'Of Malet, Malbis and Fairfax ~ A History of Acaster Malbis published by the Acaster Malbis Millennium Book Group and reproduced with the kind permission of C A Appleby and D B Smith (eds).

The Pinfold OS Ref: 587459

The Pinfold is a small brick built enclosure situated at the junction of Mill Lane and Hauling Lane. These structures, once a common feature in many English villages, were used for the temporary confinement of stray farm animals and only after the payment of a fine could the owners retrieve their 'lost' animals. Although it may appear a little severe to fine the owners for their errant beasts it was really in everyone's interests to have a deterrent, especially when the open field system was in operation, as a loose animal could have caused much damage to people's crops. The responsibility of the Pinfold was usually that of the Pinder and any fines would have been paid to the Lord of the Manor. Unfortunately we don't know the date of our Pinfold; the present structure probably dates from the eighteenth century but it almost certainly replaced a structure built of less durable materials.

The Pinfold is in the asset register currently at a nominal £1877.00 (see note below)

The Slipway. (The Landing). OS Ref: 589448

In 1958 Mr Norman Hebden purchased the disused brickyard for the purpose of carrying out the business of boat repairer and storer. As there was no access to the River Ouse from the site, he approached the Acaster Malbis Parish Meeting to take a lease of the parcel of land known as The Landing.

It was thought at the time that the Landing had been given to the parish by Lord Wenlock at the time of the Great Sale in 1898 but in fact it had been retained by the Wenlock family and was at that time in the ownership of the Hon Mrs Irene Constance Forbes Adam of Skipwith Hall, near Selby.

Following an approach by the meeting it was agreed that the Landing should be conveyed to the meeting's representative body. On 20th October 1959 the Chairman of the Meeting, Geoffrey Smith and his father took a conveyance by way of Deed of Gift of the Landing. After

lengthy legal proceedings a County Court judgement in favour the Acaster Parish Meeting was given on 14 May 1962.

The slipway was owned and run by the Members of the Parish Meeting for a short time but subsequently this was put to tender and the successful bidder was Mr F Taylor of Villa Farm. Mr Hebden was able to operate his boat yard and used the slipway until he sold the business. The boatyard was subsequently sold and relocated to the old airfield and now operates as Waterline Leisure. Waterline Leisure also operates the slipway under lease.

The full list of assets registered is:

 Four boundary signs Built to celebrate the millennium 	£6000
 Bus Shelter built in February 1977 and seat added 2009 	£1583.50
 Peppermint Still Built in 1880's – Purchased 25/05/1971 	£6.25
 Pinfold [See historical note above] 	£1877.40
 Slipway [See historical note above] 	£1469.85
 Road Sign Installed 2014 	£1000
Total of asset value register	£11,937

Certain aspects of the asset register are still under a historical review to determine the status of those assets. In the meantime the figures above represent the true values as deemed by current asset value registration guidelines.