

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2007
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.15 PM**

Present: Councillor Mrs A Mazingham (Chairwoman) Councillors Mrs J Williams, Messrs I Shimwell, A Wilde and G Woodhouse

County Councillor Mr T Swales
District Councillor Mrs B Fortune

3 members of the public.

Meeting open to the public

Mr and Mrs Glover gave reasons for their opposition to the planning application by Mrs Patrick for alterations to the boundary wall at 9 Cooper Close. Mr Glover had spoken to Planning at the District Council and will be writing to them. He was concerned about the devaluation to his property and the loss of light. He was prepared to do something about the fairy lights about which Mrs Patrick had complained.

The Chairwoman closed the meeting to the public.

1. There were no apologies for absence.
2. The minutes of last month's meeting had been circulated and were signed by the Chairwoman after being agreed as a correct record.
3. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.** The December crime statistics from NY Police had been circulated to Councillors.
4. **Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council.** None.

Councillor Woodhouse thought the Parish Council should have more time to discuss planning applications. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said the District Council has a time scale that must be adhered to. The District Council can allow a short extra time if the Parish Council ring in to request it. County Councillor Mr Swales said the District Council incurs a Government penalty if it goes over time.

5. **Planning Applications**

- a. Application to vary condition No. 6 of planning consent 05/00479/FUL to site 21 static caravans at Goulton Beck Caravan Site, Goulton Lane for Mr P Rawson. 06/02797/MRC. Councillor Shimwell, Wilde and Woodhouse had visited the site. Councillors Wilde and Woodhouse gave their comments and Councillor Shimwell agreed. After discussion the Council unanimously recommended refusal for the following reasons:

District Wide Local Plan Policy TO1 sets out various criteria which are not met, e.g. screening and this application would definitely have an adverse impact on the character of the area.

Potto Parish has been correctly assessed by HDC as an “other settlement”. This effectively means that lack of sustainability precludes development other than modest infill and possibly for some genuinely exceptional situations. This caravan site has grown and developed significantly over recent years. This potential development is essentially a transformation from a site with temporary/mobile caravans to buildings which are effectively permanent. This site is potentially a brand new little village within itself, entirely against the intent of the LDF and the DWLP and is wholly unsuitable for Potto.

One of the timber lodges being applied for has already been erected on site. The building is shown on the drawing as existing, however, we cannot find any planning permission that has been granted for this building despite research on the HDC web site.

The roof of this timber lodge is clearly visible when driving down Goulton Lane and this building is situated at one of the lowest points on the site. The 6 planned timber lodges situated on the eastern side of the site would be considerably higher up as they are situated at the top of the hill and would, therefore, be clearly visible from the road.

The applicant has not complied with condition No. 8 of the original planning consent. Current approvals for static caravans include several on the east side of the main site road, although these have never actually been installed. The new and much larger timber buildings proposed for the eastern site area will be seen for several miles across open country and no effective screening is in place, although shown as such on the application’s site plan

The timber lodges are roughly twice the size of the caravans currently on site and would increase the density of buildings on site to an unacceptable level.

Considerable extensions to the proposed lodges are planned to provide decking areas and this combined with additional parking required for the proposed lodges would further increase the density on site.

The timber construction of the proposed lodges means that fire provisions for the site should be considered from a safety perspective.

- b. Alterations to boundary wall at 9 Cooper Close for Mrs K Patrick. 06/02859/FUL. The Chairwoman and Councillor Wilde had visited Mrs Patrick and Councillor Woodhouse had spoken to her on the telephone. A letter was received from Mrs Patrick giving her reasons for the application. A fence can be placed on a boundary up to 2 metres high but after that planning permission is required. Councillor Shimwell wondered if a third party could arrange a meeting between both parties.

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Mr Glover said they would be willing to talk to Mrs Patrick about her concerns. He gave his views on the lights and the wall.

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Councillor Woodhouse proposed that the Council recommend refusal as the extra height is beyond planning guidance, Councillor Williams seconded and all agreed.

6. Matters arising from last month's meeting

- a. Footpaths. A letter was received from Mr Bailey and read out by the Chairwoman. He will be thanked for his letter. Councillor Wilde said he had noticed stiles being erected. There was nothing to report on the bridle path but Councillors acknowledged that this needed to be pursued to a proper conclusion. Councillor Shimwell said a 4 foot wide path would take some 300 tonnes of chippings and we were offered 30. The Chairwoman offered to talk to the owner of the sheep pens mentioned in Mr Bailey's letter. The Clerk will ask the County Council for an update on Potto Slack.
- b. Parish Plan/Questionnaire. Councillor Woodhouse said a meeting had been held on 10 January with Jo Buffey. County Councillor Swales had also attended. A fair criticism was that the steering group of Penny Pinkney, Ross Neasham, Mike Whitlock and Councillor Woodhouse were all roughly the same age and there should be younger and older people represented. The Chairwoman suggested a note on the notice board asking for new members. Councillor Woodhouse said membership of the steering group does not mean that you have to be one for the full twelve months. He suggested a new bank account should be opened to pay the grant into. County Councillor Swales said the benefit of using the Parish Council's account was that the Council could claim back VAT. The Council agreed that their account should be used. County Councillor Swales said the Parish Plan will come to the Parish Council to be adopted. Councillor Woodhouse proposed that a note be put on the notice board asking for new members and if not enough replies were received a note should be sent around the village, Councillor Williams seconded and all agreed. A letter was received from a resident querying the need for a Parish Plan.
- c. Web Site. Nothing further to report. Councillor Woodhouse said Mr Whitlock has offered his help. The Council's agenda and minutes will be put on.

- d. Newsletter. The Chairwoman thanked Councillor Wilde for the newsletter and the Christmas card. An e mail was received from new residents expressing thanks for the newsletter.

7. Finance

The Clerk had purchased some suspension files and the account of £15.99 was agreed for payment. The balances in the Council's accounts were as follows:

Community Account	£263.46 (10 January 2007)
Business Premium Account	£1,362.41 (8 December 2006)

8. Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Swales asked about the resurfacing mentioned at last month's meeting. Councillor Wilde said Highways were doing it today. Councillor Shimwell said the Loop Road to the east of Potto Hall Farm floods because the drains are blocked. County Councillor Swales said a Parish Plan is a live document and things you want doing for the village should be included. The Chairwoman said we may be able to get something done about the street lighting. County Councillor Swales said a Parish Plan can highlight this. A travel to school plan could be included. Tony Lewis of NYCC, Norby Depot was the contact.

District Councillor Mrs Fortune had nothing to report. Councillor Wilde queried whether the weighing of wheelie bins might come to Hambleton. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said there are many schemes in different parts of the country but so far as she was aware there were no plans for weighing or micro chips in bins in Hambleton. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said she will enquire whether the timber lodge already built at the caravan park has planning permission. She agreed to ask for it to be called in by Planning and a site visit. Enforcement will also be asked about the obtrusive large chalet building.

9. Village Hall

Councillor Wilde said the Management Committee will meet next week. Two events are planned – a quiz on 16 February and a play on 15 March.

10. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Hambleton District Council on the LDF – Submission Development Policies Development Plan document. Councillor Shimwell had information from the web site which will be circulated.

- b. Letter from Rt. Hon William Hague in response to the letter the Council sent to Jim Fitzpatrick, MP about the closure of Post Offices.
- c. Circular from the District Council giving an amended date for the District/Parish Liaison meeting now to be held on 26 March at 7.00 pm in the Civic Centre. Circulate to Councillors.
- d. A Parish Council guide to environmental enforcement received from DEFRA. Circulate to Councillors.
- e. Information from YRCC on the Parish Government Conference to be held 2-4 March in Scarborough. Councillor Wilde wondered whether it was possible to obtain the information given at the conference without attending. The Clerk will enquire.
- f. Country Air magazine from YRCC. Circulate to Councillors.
- g. Clerks & Councils Direct magazine. Circulate to Councillors.
- h. Request from WRVS for a donation. The Council decided against giving a donation.
- i. Circular from the District Council on the appointment of a Parish Council representative to the Standards Committee. Circulate to Councillors for discussion next month.

The Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 9.16 pm.