

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 20 AUGUST 2007 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr L Bailey (Chairman) Councillor Mrs J Williams and Councillor Mr G Woodhouse.

District Councillor Mrs B Fortune

3 members of the public

**Meeting open to the public**

Mr Mason gave his view about the allegations of misconduct and request for apologies. The Chairman said the matter is with the Standards Board and they are dealing with it.

Mrs Hardy said last month when the traffic calming was being discussed, the number of children in the village was queried. She said there are 15 school age children.

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Messrs A Wilde and N Walters.
2. The minutes of last month's meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
3. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.** The July crime statistics were received from North Yorkshire Police and will be circulated to Councillors. A new notice giving details of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received and will be put on the noticeboard. The Chairman said another car had been stolen from the village and Councillor Williams said sheds had been broken into. The Council agreed to invite Inspector Richardson to address a Parish Council meeting.
4. **Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council.** None.
5. **Planning Applications.** None.
6. **Matters arising from last month's meeting**
  - a. Footpaths. The Chairman reported on a footpath that had been cut back and said lower stiles were going to be installed.
  - b. Parish Plan. Councillor Woodhouse reported on the Open Day held yesterday in the Village Hall. 128 questionnaires had been returned and a further 3 today. He had been very pleased with the feedback. The Chairman said the main query was what could be done about dog fouling. The Chairman congratulated Councillor Woodhouse on a first class day.
  - c. Standing Orders. The Council agreed that an extra meeting will be held on Monday, 3 September at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall to discuss Clause 77.
  - d. Insurance. To be discussed when Councillor Wilde is present.
  - e. Road to Village Hall. The Chairman declared an interest. He said that the owners of the new House on the lane could not discover the owners of the road. The Clerk had written to the

Land Registry. Mr Mason gave details of a 7 year law which he said meant that if an access was not gated and open to the public no-one could charge you for this access. A discussion followed on proposals to clear the stone from the surface and put something else down. Councillor Woodhouse suggested that the Council could register the land in the Council's name but concerns were expressed about public liability. The Chairman said the County Council has agreed to surface the first two metres. It was agreed that the YLCA should be asked for advice on doing something to land which we do not know who owns.

- f. Speed of traffic through the Village. Three options for traffic calming which had been discussed in 1999 were available at the meeting. After discussion the Council agreed to ask that the speed matrix be deployed in the village.
- g. YLCA Joint Meeting held on 21 July. The Chairman had attended and gave a report. All the resolutions put forward to the meeting had been passed. One he had been interested in was that the Associations request HM Government to return both the business rate and the local government grant to Parish Councils.

## **7. Report from District Councillor Mrs Fortune**

District Councillor Mrs Fortune had nothing to report.

## **8. Finance.**

A circular was received from Barclays Bank giving details of interest rates on deposit accounts. This will be circulated to Councillors. A subscription renewal was received from Clerks & Councils Direct and it was agreed to renew the Council's subscription at £9.50. At the extra meeting to be held on 3 September the following items will be discussed: Review of the effectiveness of the internal audit; financial regulations; risk analysis. The Clerk gave the details of the amounts in the Council's accounts:

Community Account	£195.17 (10 August 2007)
Business Premium Account	£1,371.26 (8 June 2007)

## **9. Village Hall**

The Play Group starts on 5 September. Councillor Woodhouse said closer liaison is still needed between the Management Committee and Mr Whitlock whenever an event is due so that it can be publicized on the web site.

## **10. Correspondence**

- a. A letter from the Standards Board informing that they had referred the allegation for investigation by Mr M Richards, the District Council Monitoring Officer.
- b. A letter from Mr G Stapleton regarding the Council's comments on his planning application. The letter had been copied for Councillors. It was agreed that the letter will be discussed at the meeting on 3 September when Councillors had had an opportunity to read it.
- c. A letter was received from the District Council on the Code of Conduct. Councillors had a copy of the Code and a copy will be made available to members of the public who wished to inspect it. The Council unanimously resolved to adopt the Standard's Board's Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils 2007. The District Council is organizing training on the new Code and one of the venues will be Stokesley Town Hall on 27 September at 6.30 pm.

- d. Newsletter No. 4 from the District Council on Local Government Review. Circulated to Councillors.
- e. North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework from NYCC. Sites allocations issues and options. Circulated to Councillors.
- f. Information from YRCC. Advance notice of AGM to be held on 3 November. Invitation to LEADER Introduction Events on EU funding. Received.
- g. York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association newsletter. Circulated to Councillors.
- h. Notification from the District Council of the next District/Parish Liaison meeting to be held on 24 September at 7 pm at the Civic Centre. Items for the agenda are required by 7 September. The Council agreed to ask that Lack of Policing in the Area be added to the agenda.
- i. Letter from NYCC concerning the closure of Post Offices. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said the announcement of the Government's decision on closures had been put back until November. This matter will be brought forward next month.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.