

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 15
SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman) Councillors Mrs D Hardy, Messrs G Woodhouse and N Walters.

2 members of the public

Meeting open to the public

No comments.

1. An apology for absence was received from District Councillor Mrs B Fortune.
2. The minutes of the last month's meeting had been circulated. Councillor Hardy proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhouse that they be agreed as a true record. This was agreed unanimously and the minutes were then signed by the Chairman.
3. **Village Hall.** The Chairman opened the meeting to the public to allow Mr Agar, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, to apprise the Council of what the Committee hopes to do. Mr Agar said they had waited until comments from the Parish Plan had been received and had drawn up options which were presented at the last Village Hall Management Committee meeting. It is early days for the scheme and things are being looked at in broad terms. Mr Agar showed 3 options to the meeting. Option 1 was a non-starter. Option 2 was for a 3 meters wide extension and Option 3 a 4 and a half metres extension with the entrance changed to the car park area. Since the meeting they had been looking at Option 4 which included an increase in the size of the kitchen also. Option 5 was a 3 metre extension plus a corridor leading to the toilets. The cost of all options plus notes were given to Councillors and a list of other considerations. The Chairman said funding may be obtained from Stokesley & Villages Regeneration Group who were prioritizing projects. Councillor Walters suggested he invite people from YRCC and Stokesley & Villages Regeneration Group who have experience in obtaining grants to the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee. The Chairman said Mr Agar and the Committee should be commended for what they are doing. Mr Agar left the meeting and the Chairman closed the meeting to the public. "Friends of the Village Hall" had been sent to the Committee. Parish Plan Action 18. The balances in the Village Hall accounts were:

Current Account	£5,701	Reserve Account	£5,191
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The barbecue mad a profit of £391. The floor sealing will be carried out at Christmas. The next meeting is on 29 September at 7.30pm.

4. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch** Crime statistics and a report from NY Police had been circulated to the Councillors. The Chairman said it was interesting to note that total crimes had gone down.
5. **Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council.** None
6. **Planning Applications**

- a. Single storey extension to Tilery Cottage to form a garage for Mrs L Leng. 08/02520/FUL. Councillor Hardy recommended approval. Councillor Walters seconded and this was agreed unanimously.
- b. Two storey extension to Goulton Cottage for Mr N Robinson. 08/02608/FUL. The Chairman opened the meeting to the public so a neighbour could comment. He said the proposed extension is not visible to anyone. The Chairman closed the meeting to the public. Councillor Walters recommended approval, Councillor Hardy seconded and this was agreed unanimously.
Councillor Walters sent the Clerk a proforma which will be used to make neighbours aware of planning applications. Action 24 from Parish Plan.

7. Matters Arising from last month's meeting

- a. Footpaths. Councillor Woodhouse reported that Mrs Cartwright is working on the footpath leaflets. Councillor Walters circulated a draft survey form. Councillors gave their comments which Councillor Walters will incorporate. This was Action 13 from the Parish Plan. Councillor Walters said maintenance of the green lane had been raised at the last meeting. Councillors Wilde, Woodhouse, Walters and Mrs Hardy had made a site visit at the weekend to discuss what needed to be done. 1. Trimming of the hedges. 2. Improvements to the ground conditions. It was agreed that it was hoped to make minor improvements before winter and then assess what happens over the winter before looking at the bigger scheme. Councillor Walters is looking of what equipment can be provided and he will contact B & Q to see if they can help. One landowner has no objection in principle to improving the land but was concerned there was a risk this may increase the speed of the motor bikes which use the lane. He suggested a "Caution" sign saying that horses, etc. use the lane. The other concern is security for that part of the village. Councillor Walters said the lane will never be able to be used by cars. The land owners of the properties to the south east still need to be contacted. The Chairman said it was hoped in the next couple of weeks to get a working party together. In response to a query from Councillor Woodhouse, the Chairman said the height of the hedges is a decision for the landowners.
- b. Traffic in Back Parsons Lane. Councillor Woodhouse reported that he had spoken to Mr Longbotham who has written to the County Surveyor. He hopes to come to the next meeting to report.
- c. No Cold Calling Zone. Parish Plan Action 11. The clerk has written to the County Council about the erection of poles.
- d. Water Trough. It is still full of clean water.

8. Finance

A letter was received by Barclays Bank giving details of interest available on deposit accounts. It had been circulated to Councillors. Councillor Walters agreed to check on other accounts which may give more interest. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Clerk – ¼ salary + ¼ travel	£127.50
Clerks & Councils Direct magazine – Annual Subscription	£9.50

The balances in the Council's accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£206.32 (10 September 2008)
Business Premium Account	£1,696.06 (9 September 2008)

9. **Reports from County and District Councillors.** None present.
10. **“Pride in Potto”.** Parish Plan Action 15. Mrs Fanthorpe will be asked for feed back.
11. **Dog Fouling.** Parish Plan Action 16. It was noted that there is only one bin for dog refuse and that is near the telephone kiosk. A list needs to be compiled of problem areas. Councillor Hardy will make out a list of dog owners. Councillor Walters suggested it should be an item for the newsletter.
12. **Correspondence**
 - a. Circular from Hambleton District Council regarding the “Big Tidy Up”. Councillors thought Potto was a tidy village as many residents pick up litter.
 - b. Agenda from County Committee for Hambleton for meeting which took place today at Coxwold. This had been circulated to Councillors.
 - c. Fieldwork magazine and booklet from CPRE. Circulate to Councillors.
 - d. Country Air magazine from YRCC and notification of conference and AGM on Empowering your Rural Community to be held on 29 November. Circulate to Councillors.
 - e. Newsletter from York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association. Circulate to Councillors.
 - f. Letter from Hambleton District Council about Area Forums. One will be held in Stokesley on 27 October. Bring forward to next Month’s meeting.
 - g. Clerks & Councils Direct magazine. Circulate to Councillors.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:50 pm.