

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 19 JANUARY 2009
AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr N Walters (Chairman) Councillors Mrs D Hardy and Mr G Woodhouse

District Councillor Mrs B Fortune

Meeting open to the Public. None present.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Walters was nominated and seconded to take the Chair.

1. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mr T Swales, District Councillor Mr S Dickins and Councillor Mr A Wilde (business commitments).
2. The minutes of last month's meeting had been circulated to Councillors and were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.** No statistics were received from NY Police. Nothing to report in relation to Neighbourhood Watch. Councillor Woodhouse asked what was happening with regard to the structure of Neighbourhood Watch. There was going to be an e mail circulation of Neighbourhood Watch and Ringmaster messages. Mr Hardy would be asked to contact Mr Whitlock to arrange how messages can be sent to people who have volunteered to receive them. Only messages relevant to the Parish will be circulated. At the Neighbourhood Watch meeting held at Osmotherley the Police said they would filter messages.
4. **Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council**
 - a. Outline application for the construction of a replacement dwelling at 43 Cooper Lane for Mr S Crosbie. 08/04323/OUT. Withdrawn.
5. **Planning Applications**
 - a. Site visit held on 5 January by Development Committee of Hambleton District Council to Potto Fields Farm, Black Horse Lane. No Councillor had been available to attend.
 - b. Two storey extension to Brook House to form a garage/study for Mr E Dumphy. 08/04737/FUL. The Council recommended approval but would like to see a condition imposed so that the garage is not converted to habitable accommodation.
 - c. Revised application for a two storey extension to Goulton Cottage for Mr N Robinson. 08/04985/FUL. The Council recommended approval.
6. **Matters Arising from last month's meeting**
 - a. **Footpaths.** Draft survey form to be carried over to the next meeting. Councillor Hardy said the planings for the green lane are at Stokesley and when the weather improves they will be laid. There are about 40 tons but we can have more. A date will be set for volunteers to help. Councillor Hardy said Mrs Cartwright rents some land from Tarrans and she is agreeable to small sized rubble being put on the footpath.

- b. Traffic in Parsons Back Lane. Carry over to next month. There is an item in Fieldwork magazine about quiet lanes. Councillor Woodhouse volunteered to send a copy to Mr Longbotham.
- c. No Cold Calling Zone. Carry forward to next month's meeting.
- d. Pride in Potto. Councillor Walters will speak to Mrs Fanthorpe.
- e. Dog Fouling. Councillor Hardy will continue her efforts to speak to a resident about this. She said the Nursery using the Village Hall has mentioned that a dog with its owner, but not on a lead, is walking through the car park. Councillor Woodhouse suggested that the Nursery speak to the dog owner about their concerns.
- f. Telephone Kiosk. Nothing to report.
- g. Potto Stell. Councillors had received a copy of an e mail sent to District Councillor Mrs Fortune from Clive Thornton, Senior Engineer, Hambleton District Council. It was agreed to ask Mr Whitlock to contact the owners of the land and he should contact the Parish Council again if he still has concerns.
- h. Seat. Councillor Woodhouse said that Marmax Products Limited seem to have the best product. He will speak to them and ask if there is a seat in the area which can be viewed and also about their returns policy. The Council agreed unanimously that if Councillor Woodhouse was happy with the quality he was authorized to order the seat up to a maximum price of £300 for everything.

7. Finance.

The Clerk had circulated copies of the budget for the year 1 April 2009- 31 March 2010. This was unanimously agreed. The balances in the Council's accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£883.57 (9 January 2009)
Business Premium Account	£1,967.93 (9 December 2008)

8. Report from District Councillor Mrs Fortune

District Councillor Mrs Fortune asked if a message could be sent to Mr Proud of the District Council thanking him for his prompt attention to installing a dog litter bin.

9. Village Hall

When the land was gifted for the Village Hall to be built it was thought that the access was gifted too. Councillor Woodhouse suggested that we contact the Land Registry and register the land for the Parish Council. The County Council was looking into the ownership of the access lane and it was agreed to ask them for an update. Councillor Woodhouse proposed contacting the Land Registry and asking them what action we have to take, Councillor Hardy seconded and this was agreed. Councillor Walters will action.

10. Village Design Statement – Parish Plan Action 2 & 4

Councillor Woodhouse suggested that an item should go in the next newsletter asking for people who are interested to contact the Parish Council. A draft of the newsletter should be circulated to Councillors before publication.

11. Increase General Care & Upkeep of Parish Appearance – Parish Plan Action 14

There was a discussion on whether a "caretaker" was necessary for Potto, what the duties would be and how much to pay. It was agreed to ask County Councillor Swales for

information. It was noted that other villages have associations such as “Care for our Village Association” in Hutton Rudby.

12. Improve Mobile Phone Reception – Parish Plan Action 30

The Clerk will contact mobile phone network providers and ask them what they can do to boost the signal in Potto. Residents feel they have a problem and the Council would like advice from the providers.

13. Correspondence

- a. Circular from Hambleton District Council asking about the supply of sandbags. There used to be a store of them in the Village Hall car park under a blue tarpaulin. Councillor Walters will check.
- b. Information from NYCC on NY Minerals and Waste Development Framework Minerals and Waste Core Strategies. The Council agreed that they did not wish to receive further information.
- c. Information from NYCC on Community Waste Warriors. A series of training sessions will be held as part of a community capacity building programme run by the environmental charity Waste Watch on behalf of York & North Yorkshire Waste Partnership. Received.
- d. Branch meetings schedule from YLCA. E mailed to Councillors.
- e. Agenda for meeting of County Committee of Hambleton held at Northallerton at 2.00 pm today. This had been e mailed to Councillors and put on the notice board.
- f. Funding Newsletter from NYCC. E mailed to Councillors.
- g. Newsletter from NYCC on Putting People First. E mailed to Councillors.
- h. eBulletin from CPRE. E mailed to Councillors.
- i. Clerks & Councils Direct magazine. Circulate to Councillors.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.