

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

District Councillor Mrs B Fortune

**Meeting open to the Public**

None present.

1. An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Mr T Swales.
2. The minutes of last month's meeting had been circulated and after being agreed as a correct record, were signed by the Chairman.

**3. Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**

The crime statistics had been received from NY Police and circulated to Councillors. Councillor Walters commented that the figures show an increase from January last year.

**4. Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council**

- a. Revised application for alterations and extensions to stables and former agricultural buildings to form an office, 3 holiday units and a club room at existing equestrian centre, as amended by e mail received by HDC on 6 January 2009, at Potto Fields Farm, Black Horse Lane for Mr K Mungham. 08/03395/FUL. Approved, subject to conditions.

**5. Planning Applications**

- a. Two storey extension to Brook House to form a garage/study for Mr E Dumphy. 08/04737/FUL. Amended plan or further information. The Council had previously recommended approval of this plan with a proposed condition preventing the garage from being changed to habitable accommodation. The Council did not comment on the amended plan.

**6. Matters Arising from last month's meeting**

- a. Footpaths. Councillor Walters said he is working on the draft survey. Councillor Hardy said it is planned that the planings will be laid during the weekend beginning 21 March. Mr Hardy will confirm the date with Mr Bainbridge who is storing the planings. The Chairman suggested a note be put on the notice board asking for volunteers to help with the work. Councillor Hardy will contact Mrs Cartwright about the footpath leaflets.
- b. Traffic in Parsons Back Lane. Councillor Woodhouse said he had reported a large pothole to the County Council last week. The Chairman said a sign has been erected warning of frost damage. Councillor Woodhouse thought the lane needed to be resurfaced. Councillors had received a copy of the letter from NYCC in reply to the Council's letter enclosing correspondence from Mr Longbotham. The Council agreed that a letter should

be sent to NYCC, copy to County Councillor Mr Swales, about the dangerous state of the lane and asking for it to be resurfaced. Councillor Woodhouse said the part of the lane west of the crossroads from Potto Hall is prone to flooding. District Councillor Mrs Fortune will bring this matter to the District Council's attention. It was also noted that on Butcher Lane part of the road had been water logged for many weeks. This may be the responsibility of Northumbrian Water but it will be drawn to the County Council's attention.

- c. No Cold Calling Zone. The Chairman will contact Mrs Fitzgerald, NYCC, about the signs.
- d. Pride in Potto. Councillor Walters will contact Mrs Fanthorpe.
- e. Dog Fouling. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said the District Council have a Dog Warden Service which is primarily for collecting stray dogs though they are contracted to do work in connection with dog fouling problems. Irresponsible owners have to be reported to the District Council. Evidence is needed such as a photograph or diary of events. Details are on the Hambleton District Council web site. Councillor Hardy reported that she had spoken to the owner of the dog which had been loose in the village.
- f. Telephone Kiosk. A letter had been received from Right Hon. William Hague MP in reply to the Council's concerning the removal of the telephone kiosk in Potto. He has written to the Chairman of BT and will write again when a reply is received.
- g. Seat. Councillor Woodhouse showed the meeting a sample of the recycled material which the seat would be made from. The cost will be slightly more than £300 including delivery. Councillor Walters proposed that the Council buy a seat at a cost of £312 plus VAT plus delivery, Councillor Hardy seconded and this was agreed unanimously. The seat will be delivered to Councillor Woodhouse who requested a Saturday delivery.
- h. Parish Caretaker. An e mail from County Councillor Swales had been circulated to Councillors. Councillor Woodhouse suggested that an item could go in the next newsletter telling residents that the Council are considering employing a Parish Caretaker and ask what they think his duties should be.
- i. Sandbags. The Chairman will bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee.
- j. NY Minerals & Waste Development Framework. The Council cannot be taken off the mailing list. They have a statutory duty to consult all Parish Councils.

## **7. Finance**

A payment of £25.00 for petty cash to the Clerk was agreed. The balances in the Council's accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£855.74 (10 February 2009)
Business Premium Account	£1,697.93 (9 December 2008)

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

District Councillor Mrs Fortune said she will send an e mail to the Clerk regarding dog fouling.

## **9. Village Hall**

A letter was received from Mrs Wilson regarding bookings at the Village Hall. The Council agreed to write to Mrs Wilson, copy to Mr Agar, inviting her to get in touch with our Chairman to arrange a meeting to discuss her concerns. Councillor Walters said he has had to step down as one of the Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee; Councillor Hardy volunteered to take his place. Councillor Walters said he will still continue his action concerning the access road to the Village Hall. Councillor Woodhouse offered to contact the

Land Registry. The Clerk had received a letter from Allied Westminster offering Village Hall insurance. This will be passed to the Committee.

**10. Correspondence**

- a. Information from Hambleton District Council LDF on Proposed Submission Allocations DPD. Received.
- b. Country Air magazine from Rural Action Yorkshire and details of the Calor Village of the Year competition. Circulate to Councillors.
- c. Newsletter from York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association. Circulate to Councillors. A subscription request was received and the Council decided not to subscribe.
- d. Update from Hambleton District Council. Circulate to Councillors.
- e. A newsletter and Rural News Digest from Rural Services Community had been circulated by e mail to Councillors.
- f. A note on NYCC Social Inclusion Strategy had been e mailed to Councillors.
- g. News from CPRE North Yorkshire had been e mailed to Councillors.
- h. A Funding Newsletter from NYCC had been sent by e mail to Councillors.
- i. A booklet from Stokesley and Villages Sure Start Children's Centre giving details of activities for families with children under 5 had been received. Circulate to Councillors.
- j. A guide to help people through the economic downturn had been received by e mail from NYCC and forwarded to Councillors.
- k. A letter was received from O2 in response to the Council's letter about poor mobile phone reception in Potto.
- l. A leaflet from CE Electric UK giving Community Update was received and will be circulated to Councillors.
- m. Agenda from YLCA for the meeting of the Hambleton Branch to be held on Wednesday, 25 March at Stone Cross, Northallerton. Bring forward to March meeting.
- n. Note from RAF Linton-on-Ouse giving details of night flying exercise to take place 16-19 March. This will be put on the notice board.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.