

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2009 AT 7.15 PM IN THE**  
**VILLAGE HALL**

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

District Councillor Mrs B Fortune

**Meeting open to the public.** None Present.

1. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mr T Swales and Councillor Mr N Walters.
2. The minutes of last month's meeting had been circulated to Councillors and after being agreed as a correct record, were signed by the Chairman.
3. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.** The February statistics received from NY Police had been e mailed to Councillors.
4. **Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council**
  - a. Revised application for a two storey extension to Goulton Cottage for Mr N Robinson. Approved, subject to conditions. 08/04985/FUL
  - b. Two storey extension to Brook House to form a garage/study, as amended by plans received by HDC on 28 January 2009, for Mr E Dumphy. Approved, subject to conditions. 08/04737/FUL
5. **Planning Application**
  - a. Conservatory extension to The Old Orchard, Cooper Lane for Mr N Micklethwaite-Howe 09/00549/FUL. The Council recommended approval with two voting for and 1 abstaining. The Council agreed to comment that this application was outside village limits. Nearby residents will be advised of the application.
6. **Matters Arising from last month's meeting**
  - a. **Footpaths.** Councillor Hardy said the planings will now probably be laid later in the month than previously reported. Mr Hardy has suggested that planings be laid on the footpath down from Maineland as it is pretty bad and is walked a lot. This footpath would be made good and any planings left over could be used to fill in pot holes on the bridle way. When more planings are available the rest of the area could be done. Councillor Hardy had spoken to Mrs Cartwright about the footpath leaflets and she will contact Councillor Woodhouse. The footpath survey will be carried forward to next month.
  - b. **Traffic in Parsons Back Lane.** A letter had been received from NYCC and copied to Councillors. Highway maintenance works will be carried out commencing 30 March.
  - c. **No Cold Calling Zone.** The Chairman reported that he had contacted Elizabeth Fitzgerald from Trading Standards and been informed that this matter had been passed over to another Trading Standards Officer. Hopefully there will now be progress.
  - d. **Pride in Potto.** Councillor Hardy agreed to contact Mrs Fanthorpe. The leaflet on Calor Village of the Year was given to Councillor Hardy.

- e. Seat. An invoice for £439.30 was received from Marmax for the new seat. The Council agreed that it should be paid. A date for delivery will be requested.
- f. Sandbags. Carry forward to next month.
- g. Water Leak – Butcher Lane. Councillors have contacted the Water Board on numerous occasions. The Water Board has confirmed that it is a leak and have promised to attend today. The Chairman noted that water pressure is down in the village because of the leak in Butcher Lane.
- h. Mobile Phone Coverage. An e mail was received from 02 and letters from T Mobile, Virgin and Orange regarding the Council's letter asking what they could do to improve reception in our area. T Mobile has requested post codes for the areas of poor reception and it was suggested that this might be an item for the next newsletter.
- i. YLCA Branch meeting to be held on 25 March at Northallerton. The Chairman may be able to attend.

## **7. Finance**

The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Marmax Products Ltd. – Seat for Village	£439.30
Clerk – ¼ salary + ¼ travel allowance	£127.50

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

Community Account	£830.74 (10 March 2009)
Business Premium Account	£1,698.32 (9 March 2009)

- 8. **Report from District Councillor Mrs Fortune.** Nothing to report.

## **9. Grass Cutting**

It was agreed that Councillor Woodhouse would contact Mr Kitching about the grass cutting. There will be two cuts this year consisting of one width cut along all the roads. Mr Kitching will be asked to provide an estimate of cost.

## **10. Village Hall**

The Chairman said he had asked for the minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee to be e mailed to the Clerk who will forward them to Councillors and Mr Whitlock. He reported on a very successful wine & cheese party on Saturday. On 28 March starting at 10.30 am there is to be a session of Chocolate Bingo run by the Nursery. The Chairman had been to see Mrs Wilson about her letter and also spoken to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. The matter has been handed to the Committee to deal with. Councillor Hardy suggested that an article go in the newsletter from the Nursery explaining how it is run. Councillor Woodhouse suggested that details of how to contact the Village Hall Committee be put in the newsletter.

Councillor Woodhouse said he has been in touch with the Land Registry regarding the access lane.

## **11. Correspondence**

- a. The weekly news digest from the Rural Services Community had been e mailed to Councillors.

- b. Poster from Hambleton District Council advertising the Stokesley Area Forum to take place on 23 March in Stokesley Town Hall. This had been put on the notice board.
- c. Leaflet from Hambleton Strategic Partnership on a meeting to be held in Appleton Wiske Village Hall on Developing Rural Youth Activities. Circulate to Councillors.
- d. An e mail from NYCC including a Flooding Questionnaire. This had been forwarded to Councillors. The Chairman will complete the questionnaire and return it.
- e. E mail on Rural Matters from Rural Affairs Forum. This has been forwarded to Councillors.
- f. An e mail from YLCA giving a web site address for the Policing Pledge from the Home Office. Forwarded to Councillors.
- g. Information from National Probation Service on Community Payback. Received.
- h. Town and Parish Standard from the Standards Board for England. Circulate to Councillors.
- i. Clerks & Councils Direct magazine. Circulate to Councillors.
- j. Letter from Hambleton District Council on Gifts and Hospitality. This will be circulated and brought forward for discussion next month. A poster from the World of James Herriot advertising a free week-end, 28-29 March, entrance for residents. This will be put on the notice board.
- k. E mail from Spinal Injuries Association asking if the Council will publicize their forthcoming event by including an article in a newsletter. They request that people hold a "Fish & Chip Supper" on Friday, 15 May to help spinal cord injured people. This will be circulated and discussed next month.
- l. Fieldwork magazine from CPRE. Circulate to Councillors.
- m. Agenda for a meeting of the County Committee for Hambleton to be held on 23 March. A poster advertising the meeting will be put on the notice board.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.