

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 15 JUNE 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

County Councillor Mr T Swales
District Councillor Mrs B Fortune

Meeting open to the public. None present.

The Chairman congratulated County Councillor Mr Swales on his re-election.

1. There were no apologies for absence
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 for May had been received from North Yorkshire Police and e mailed to Councillors. Two ringmaster messages had also been forwarded. A reply had been received to the Council's query about attendance of Police at their meetings. Any queries should be forwarded and they will be answered by e mail or phone. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Mr Hardy has met with Mr Whitlock and there is a way forward as to the circulation of Neighbourhood Watch messages. Between 60 and 70 e mail addresses were received from residents as a result of the Parish Plan and people will now be asked if they want to receive the Neighbourhood Watch messages by e mail. The Chairman will put an item in the next newsletter.
4. **Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council**
 - a. Single storey extension to The Bungalow, 12 Cooper Lane for Mr R Wyatt, as amended by plans received by HDC on 14 May 2009. Approved, subject to conditions. 09/00788/FUL. It was noted that the Parish Council's comments were not included in the Decision Notice and the Clerk had e mailed the Planning Officer to find out why. She said the comments did not reach them. The Clerk had re-sent the comments and will ask that they be put on the file.
5. **Planning Applications**
 - a. Alterations and extensions to part of roof at 5 Cooper Close for Mr Cartwright. 09/01258/FUL. Councillor Hardy proposed that the Council recommend approval, Councillor Woodhouse seconded and this was agreed unanimously.

- b. Invitation to attend site visit by Hambleton Development Committee on 22 June at Glen Lyon, Goldgate Lane. The Chairman will attend.

6. Matters Arising from last month's meeting

- a. Footpaths and Green Lane. County Councillor Mr Swales said he will meet with Mr Lewis of the County Council at the end of the month to talk about gates on the green lane. Mr Lewis has said there will not be money available but County Councillor Swales said if it fits the criteria there are funds available. It must be wide enough for a tractor or range rover to go through. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said if the Council is looking for funds they should go through the Stokesley and Villages Regeneration Group, contact Mr P Cole. In response to a question from Councillor Woodhouse, County Councillor Swales thought the cost of gates would be about £300.
Referring to the proposed footpath leaflets, Councillor Woodhouse said he needed to walk the walks and take some photographs and e mail them to Mr Whitlock who will do a draft. The Chairman said he had been to inspect the stile and it is loose at the bottom. It was agreed to write to Public Rights of Way section asking for a gate as the stile is rotten.
- b. Traffic in Parsons Back Lane. Councillor Woodhouse reported that Mr Longbotham has said there is to be a site meeting in July to discuss safety. County Councillor Mr Swales said there is not a great record of accidents there. He asked how it was different now than it had been over the last ten years. According to Mr Longbotham the traffic has increased. The Chairman asked if the member of the Parish Council would be invited to attend the meeting. Twice a year the Council funds grass cutting in this area. Mr Longbotham's letter will be circulated.
- c. No Cold Calling Zone. The Chairman said he will follow the matter up with Trading Standards and try to clarify why the zone cannot be implemented.
- d. Pride in Potto. There are 8 tubs located around the village. Over £500 has been raised so far. Another function has been organized for July.
- e. Water Trough. Councillor Woodhouse had been approached by a resident who would like to organize a rota to regularly clean out the trough. The Chairman said the trough was registered with the Commons Commissioners. County Councillor Mr Swales requested a copy of the document. The Chairman thought a water engineer was necessary as he would know how it should work. We would like it back to working condition. Councillor Woodhouse proposed we agree to the plan for a rota to clean out the trough as part of the Pride in Potto, Councillor Hardy seconded and this was agreed. County Councillor Mr Swales will follow up the matter and report back to the next meeting.
- f. Sandbags. Bring forward to next meeting.
- g. Internet Connection. An e mail was received from Mr Whitlock. Councillor Walters thought it would be useful to have this information on the website.
- h. Green Wheelie Bins. Councillor Woodhouse asked whether it was possible to have a larger green bin. County Councillor Mr Swales said the larger ones are commercial ones. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said residents need to write individually to the District Council if they wish to change their bins. Councillor Woodhouse said he had mentioned earlier about getting

a green bin for the Church but he gathers there is one but it is kept at a resident's house. The Chairman said we do not want to stop the goodwill of someone who does this work.

7. Finance

Councillor Walters agreed to do a risk assessment for the Council. The payment of the Clerk's ¼ salary and ¼ travel allowance of £133.75 was agreed. The balances in the Council's accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£1,125.46 (10 June 2009)
Business Premium Account	£1,698.55 (9 June 2009)

8. **Reports from County and District Councillors.** Nothing to report.

9. Village Hall

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2009 were received and will be circulated. Councillor Hardy reported that there is a covenant on the land which prevents any building on the car park.

10. Unclassified Road leading to Village Hall

Councillor Walters said the Village Hall Committee will fund the £80 fee for the Land Registry. The Committee does have a couple of things to discuss about ownership and liability. It must be made sure that the rest of the residents on the road have the right to use it if it is registered in somebody else's name. What obligation should they have to maintain it in the future? Councillor Hardy says access is mentioned in the deeds. Councillor Woodhouse said the proposed owner would put a proper surface down. He already owns ¾ of the road. The Chairman suggested waiting until we have received advice from YLCA and this was agreed.

County Councillor Mr Swales left the meeting.

11. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Mr A E Thoms, Churchwarden, Whorlton PCC asking for the Council's help in maintaining the Burial Ground. The Chairman said we have allocated £200 in our budget and it was agreed to make this payment. The Council will look at increasing the amount in their next budget.
- b. No-one had been able to attend the Stokesley and Villages Community Regeneration Group meeting on 10 June.
- c. Update received from Hambleton District Council which will be circulated to Councillors. Posters for the Flavours of Hambleton Awards 2009 and the Stokesley Area Forum to be held in the Town Hall on 20 July will be put on the notice board.
- d. Circular from CE Electric UK about priority treatment during power cuts. An item will be put in the newsletter and the leaflets will be put in the notice board.

- e. Information from Amanda Madden, Rural Housing Enabler on Village SOS had been e mailed to Councillors.
- f. Fieldwork magazine from CPRE will be circulated to Councillors. News from CPRE North Yorkshire has been e mailed to Councillors.
- g. Weekly Rural News Focus from Rural Services Community had been e mailed to Councillors.
- h. YLCA had e mailed the Bulletin from NALC and this had been forwarded to Councillors.
- i. Newsletter from Rural Services Network had been e mailed to Councillors.
- j. Poster from Northallerton and District Voluntary Service Association on their Wheels to Work. Posted on notice board.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.