

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2009 AT 7.15 PM IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**

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

County Councillor Mr T Swales
District Councillor Mrs B Fortune

1 member of the public

Meeting Open to the Public

Mr Howe said he wished to clarify one point raised at the last Parish Council meeting. It concerns the petition against the planning application of Mr Moore which was circulated around the village. Mr Howe asked if Councillor Woodhouse was involved in any way in that petition. The Chairman said at the last meeting it was said that we were going to wait for your comments to be received and then have a meeting. Mr Howe queried who would actually ask Councillor Woodhouse if he was involved in the petition. The Chairman said he would. There will be a meeting when Councillor Walters returns from holiday as a full Council is required.

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

1. An apology for absence was received from Councillor Walters.
2. The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 August 2009 had been circulated. Councillor Hardy proposed them as a correct record, Councillor Woodhouse seconded and they were then signed by the Chairman.
3. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch**

The crime statistics for June and July had been received and forwarded to Councillors. County Councillor Swales requested a copy be sent to him also. District Councillor Mrs Fortune reported that a meeting had been held to introduce the new Inspector for Stokesley. The difficulties the Police have in attending Parish Council meetings were discussed. If the Council has any issues she will e mail them direct to Sergeant Nick Walther and he will deal with them. He will also try to attend meetings as often as he can. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Mrs Milburn about the Neighbourhood Watch meeting and given her Mr Hardy's telephone number. Councillor Hardy asked District Councillor Mrs Fortune if they had spoken about the Ringmaster System. County Councillor Mr Swales said PC Bird is dealing with that. Councillor Woodhouse reported that he had attended a meeting with Mr I Roy, Ingleby Arncliffe Neighbourhood Watch and Mr Hardy to discuss the best way forward for Neighbourhood Watch. The Chairman said we need a mechanism so that the salient points of meetings like this are reported back to the Council.

4. Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council

- a. Installation of 2 windows and porch extension to Glen Lyon, Goldgate Lane. Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic. Construction of domestic garage, stable and store, as amended by plans received by HDC on 1 May 2009, for Mr T Foley. 09/00663/FUL. Refused. District Councillor Mrs Fortune apologized that she had reported last month that the application was deferred as she was not sure.

5. Planning Applications

The Chairman reported that he visited Stone Cross last week and asked about planning applications. The duty Planning Officer said they used the Town and Country Planning Act and he gave the Chairman a copy. Hopefully this will help when we receive planning applications.

6. Matters Arising from last month's meeting

- a. Footpaths and Green Lane. 150 tonnes of planings have been ordered from North Yorkshire Highways. County Councillor Mr Swales reported on his meeting on the green lane with Mr Lewis from Highways and said they have agreed to disagree about the gates. Mr Lewis says that the gates will be an obstruction but there are already gates on another green lane. It will not be in the Highways budget. County Councillor Swales suggested that if the Council wishes to proceed they should put one in to start with and see what the reaction is. The gate needs to be placed so that it turns stock into the field and to be able to be opened by a rider on a horse. The Chairman said he would get some costs.
- b. Traffic in Parsons Back Lane. Carry forward to next month.
- c. No Cold Calling Zone. The Council's application was not successful because one resident objected. Councillor Woodhouse had spoken to the resident and perhaps he had misunderstood the reasons for a cold calling zone. If we can clarify the information and forward it to the resident we can then see if he still objects. The Clerk will contact Trading Standards.
- d. Water Trough. The trough is not the responsibility of Highways though it is in the highway. The Chairman could not see the point in putting a grill across it. Is the Parish Council going to take responsibility for it? Would we have to insure it? The Clerk reported that she had sent an e mail to Highways, copy to County Councillor Swales, saying that the water trough is the responsibility of the Parish Council and asking if they can arrange for it to be jetted through on a quarterly basis. It was agreed that the YLCA be asked for advice.
- e. Sandbags. The Chairman had received a note from Councillor Walters for inclusion in the newsletter. The Clerk had received an e mail from Mr Brown, HDC to say that the supply of sandbags is on hold for the moment.
- f. Grass Cutting. Councillor Woodhouse said Mr Kitching has a map marked up showing which areas to cut. Last year we paid £150. The Chairman asked Councillor Woodhouse to clarify with Mr Kitching where we are at the moment. The Council agreed to pay Mr Kitching's invoice for £150.00. The Chairman said since the first cut the farmers have been

better at cutting the sides of the road and the hedges and we need to review our cutting in the light of what other people are doing.

g. Planning Applications. The Chairman said when Councillor Walters returns we will have a meeting.

Mr Howe left the meeting.

h. Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Training Partnership Training Conference. Scarborough 30 October – 1 November. No-one was available to attend.

7. Finance

A leaflet was received from Barclays Bank giving information on changes to Community Accounts. Circulate to Councillors. The balances in the Council's accounts were as follows:

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| Community Account | £756.71 (10 August 2009) |
| Business Premium Account | £1,698.55 (9 June 2009) |

8. Reports from County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Fortune said the Police are putting a heavy presence into Great Ayton and Stokesley with the result that we do not see them here. Talks are going on to bridge the gap. County Councillor Mr Swales said he had received a letter from Highways about warning signs for the nursery. He did not want to promise things which there were no feasibility of the Council getting such as a speed limit on Parsons Back Lane. County Councillor Swales is our representative on the Crime and Disorder Partnership. Councillor Woodhouse said there is a concept of rural or quiet lanes and wondered if this would apply to Parsons Back Lane. County Councillor Swales thought not. Traffic off the A19 can use it. Councillor Hardy said there was an item in CPRE's Fieldwork magazine about quiet lanes. The Clerk will look it up.

9. Village Hall

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 July were received and will be circulated to Councillors. The Chairman said the village barbecue was an outstanding success. Yorkshire Day celebrations on 1 August were well organized by Mr Irvine of the Dog & Gun and profits were given to the Village Hall. The toilets are being refurbished and a new fence is being erected around the play area. Discussions are going on with Mr Griffin about the covenant on the land concerning new building and the sale of more land.

10. Unclassified Road leaving to Village Hall

A letter has been sent to residents informing them of the Council's proposal. The Clerk has written to the insurance company. Bring forward next month.

11. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Highways on the Council's request for a Children warning sign for the nursery. They cannot provide the sign requested as the playgroup and children waiting for school transport do not satisfy the criteria in the Traffic Signs Manual. The Chairman asked if there was anything the Council could do. Councillor Woodhouse said that signs are not allowed on existing street furniture because of insurance. Councillor Hardy said the nursery is a learning environment. District Councillor Mrs Fortune said she will ask the person who makes the signs for their advice.
- b. A consultation on Strengthening Local Democracy. E mail from YLCA forwarded to Councillors. The Chairman will look at the questionnaire.
- c. E bulletin from YLCA. Forwarded to Councillors.
- d. Update by e mail from Amanda Madden, Rural Housing Enabler. Forwarded to Councillors.
- e. Putting People First newsletter received by e mail from NYCC. Forwarded to Councillors.
- f. Country Air magazine received from Rural Action Yorkshire. Circulate to Councillors.
- g. Weekly Rural News Focus for 12 and 17 August received by e mail from Rural Services Community and forwarded to Councillors.
- h. Domestic Extensions Supplementary Planning Draft document received by e mail from Hambleton District Council and forwarded to Councillors. Bring forward next month.
- i. What's new on the YLCA website e mail forwarded to Councillors.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.