

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 18 JANUARY 2010 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

10 members of the public

**Meeting open to the public**

Mr Moore said residents were attending the meeting to progress what was said last month. The Chairman said, unfortunately, District Councillor Mrs Fortune is not able to attend the meeting as she is attending the Stokesley Area Forum meeting tonight. Over the weekend there were problems with the back up of sewage. The Chairman had again spoken to Northumbrian Water and they have offered to send a representative to the Parish Council February meeting. He suggested that a meeting be held beforehand to decide what questions to put to the representative. We will invite a representative from the Environment Agency to the same meeting. We will approach Environmental Health through District Councillor Mrs Fortune. The Chairman said he understood a note has been sent around the village. The Parish Council can set up a committee and the Chairman suggested that it should be done in this case. Mr Moore said the emergency contact numbers have been distributed to householders at the bottom end of the village and they are trying to provide a structure to any input to meetings. The issues do not necessarily overlap. The sewage issue, which occurred again this weekend, is a continuing problem. There is an overlap drainage issue and surface water which involves the beck. They are happy to see these issues handled separately. The Environment Agency said they would like to come and do a walk around with residents. The state of the beck is appalling at present and it requires a lot of attention.

The Chairman queried to whom the note had been delivered. Mr Moore said from No 56 downwards. North Yorkshire Highways had been informed that the drains were not working. Mr Richardson said Highways did come out three weeks ago and cleaned out the drains. Mr Moore said they were looking for a technical point of contact.

It was thought that we needed to get the pump house problems resolved with Northumbrian Water. The Chairman said it is always easier to get people to come out during working hours. It will be useful to have e mail details of residents who wish to be involved. Councillor Hardy said she would like to be a member of the committee. The Chairman said he will contact Northumbrian Water and the Environment Agency and District Councillor Mrs Fortune about a technical contact. The Chairman said it would be useful to have a list of things that have happened. The Chairman and Councillor Hardy will be the Parish Council representatives on the Committee.

Councillor Woodhouse said Action 3 in the Parish Plan – Investigate capacity of sewerage system and drains – was due to be started this year. Mr Hopper said the sandbags requested had not been delivered. The Clerk will check what has happened. It was decided to ask Northumbrian Water if they can be stored at the pump house.

Mr MacPherson gave his observations about the proposed construction of a replacement dwelling at 43 Cooper Lane. He had concerns about the height, impact and proximity of the dwelling. Mr Hawkes was concerned about the surface water. Mr Crosbie said calculations had been done about the water run off and it is covered in the planning document.

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

1. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mr Swales and District Councillor Mrs Fortune.
2. The minutes of last month's meeting had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman after being agreed as a correct record.
3. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.** The December crime statistics from NY Police had been circulated to Councillors. Councillor Woodhouse said the information for the Neighbourhood Watch page is with Mr Whitlock. An e mail from Mr Proctor, forwarded by Councillor Woodhouse, was received concerning the Cold Calling zone. Councillor Walters said the area had to be a cul-de-sac. The Clerk will write to Trading Standards about other areas in the village.
4. **Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council.** None.
5. **Planning Application.** The Chairman opened the meeting to the public.
  - a. Construction of a replacement dwelling at 43 Cooper Lane for Mr S Crosbie. 09/04147/FUL. Councillor Woodhouse suggested a site visit. Mr Crosbie was unsure that more information could be obtained from a site visit then he was able to provide now, but was happy for the Council to have a site visit. The Chairman thought one of the major issues is the flooding. Mr Crosbie said the Environment Agency is now happy with the application and he was not sure what else could be done. The Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

It was agreed to have a site visit at 1.00 pm on Saturday, 23 January for Parish Councillors and a meeting in the Village Hall following the site visit to which members of the public were welcome to attend. The Clerk will put a note on the notice board and ask Mr Whitlock to put it on the Potto website.

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

- a. **Footpaths and Green Lane.** Councillor Woodhouse thanked Councillor Walters for his assistance with a layout for the footpath walks leaflets. The Chairman will look at the hedges on the green lane and provide the Clerk with names of owners.
- b. **No Cold Calling Zone.** The Clerk will contact Trading Standards about other areas.
- c. **Planning Applications.** Bring forward next month.
- d. **Salt Bins.** A letter was received from NYCC advising that salt supplied in accordance with the data sheets which the Parish Council provided would be acceptable. NYCC say that anyone undertaking the replenishment of the bins should be covered by the Parish Council's insurance. The Parish Council will need to order supplies for the salt bins. Councillor Woodhouse had sent an e mail regarding gritting in Potto. An e mail from Mr Hague of Thornton le Beans re problems with getting roads cleared was received. Letters were received from the Leader of the County Council and the District Council on disruptions due to the severe weather.
- e. **Actions from Parish Plan.** Councillor Woodhouse had provided a progress summary and went through the items listed. In order to produce a Village Design Statement for Potto a group of residents who are interested in the task would have to be formed. Councillor Woodhouse proposed, seconded by Councillor Walters that the Council request 24 hour monitoring of speeding near Black Horse Lane crossroads. This was agreed with 3 votes for and 1 abstention. It is hoped that when street lights become due for maintenance they

will be changed for environmentally friendly ones. Councillor Hardy will ask for use of Village Hall car park to be on the Management Committee agenda. With regard to the website and the work done without charge by Mr Whitlock it was agreed that he should be given a gift of appreciation. It was agreed that the names of Councillors should be put on the notice board. The Chairman thanked Councillor Woodhouse for the update.

- f. Flooding in Potto. Dealt with under Meeting open to the Public.

## **7. Finance**

The Chairman will e mail the Risk Assessment to Councillors. The balances in the Council's accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£1,424.39 (8 January 2010)
Business Saver Account	£1,698.97 (9 December 2009)

## **8. Reports from County and District Councillors.** None present.

9. **Village Hall.** The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 4 January had been e mailed to Councillors. Information from Allied Westminster on Insurance for Village Halls was given to Councillor Hardy for the Management Committee.
10. **Unclassified Road leading to Village Hall.** Councillor Woodhouse said he had spoken to the Land Registry and received an e mail. He had replied and was awaiting their reply. He asked about legal advice and Chairman said if we have a specific item it would go through the Clerk to the YLCA. He mentioned an e mail from the Rural Services Network detailing a new free service for communities which may be the way to go. Councillor Woodhouse will speak again to the Land Registry.

## **11. Correspondence**

- a. Information from Hambleton District Council on the LDF Submission Allocations DPD and CD detailing Sustainability Appraisal Report, Statement of Community Involvement and Consultation Statement. Circulate to Councillors.
- b. E mail from S Shaw asking Councillors to send a letter to their MP about the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill. A sample letter was enclosed.
- c. Allotment survey from the District Council. There are no allotments in Potto.
- d. E mail from YLCA concerning the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Councillor Hardy will forward to the Management Committee. Rural Matters had been e mailed to Councillors. White Rose Update will be circulated to Councillors.
- e. E mail from YLCA on 20 mph limits and zones and speed limits on rural single carriageway roads. Forwarded to Councillors.
- f. Parish News e mailed from Rural Services Network. Forwarded to Councillors
- g. E mail from Rural Services Network detailing new free service for communities. Discussed under item 10.
- h. Notice for meeting of Hambleton Area Committee to be held at 2.00 pm on 18 January received by e mail from NYCC and forwarded to Councillors. A notice had been put on the notice board.
- i. Thank you letter had been emailed from Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau for donation. Forwarded to Councillors.
- j. Winter newsletter from CPRE. Circulate to Councillors
- k. Clerks & Councils Direct magazine. Circulate to Councillors
- l. Leaflets and poster from CE Electric. Leaflets will be distributed to residents. Poster will be put on the notice board.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm