

STOKESLEY & VILLAGES COMMUNITY REGENERATION GROUP

Vice Chairman: John Fletcher

Treasurer: Caroline Seymour

Secretary: Peter Cole

Wednesday 12th August 2009

7.30pm at Stokesley Town Hall

Minutes

Present

Cllr. Bridget Fortune	HDC representing Rudby Ward
Simon Hodgson	Stokesley Resident
Peter Cole	Hambleton District Council
Cllr. Caroline Seymour	Stokesley Parish Council and NYCC
John Marshall	The Rambler's Association
Grace Wade	Stainton Resident
Barry Warrington	Cleveland Search & Rescue Team
Inspector Andy Criddle	North Yorkshire Police
Sgt. Nick Walther	North Yorkshire Police
Rosemary Taylor	Hambleton Strategic Partnership
Fe Foreman	Stokesley Resident
Mike Forman	Stokesley Resident
Noel Collings	Hambleton District Council
Cllr. Heather Moorhouse	NYCC & Easby Parish Council
Mary Frew	Kirkby Parish Council
Cllr. Margaret Skilbeck	Gt. Broughton PC and HDC
Cllr. Ron Kirk	Roseberry School, Great Ayton and HDC
Tanja Braun	Stokesley Play Areas Action Group
Hazel Warhurst	Ingleby Arncliffe Parish Council

Apologies

Cllr. Mike Richardson	Stokesley Parish Council and HDC
Cllr. Frances Greenwell	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC
Cllr. Jackie Griffiths	Stokesley Parish Council and HDC
Cllr. John Fletcher	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC/NYCC
Michelle McFarlane	North Yorkshire Police

1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Bridget agreed to Chair the meeting in John's absence and welcomed John Marshall, Grace Wade, Inspector Andy Criddle and Cllr. Heather Moorhouse.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2009

Agreed as a true record thereof.

3. Matters Arising

- Peter circulated details of 'Demographic Profiling Information' for Hambleton which provides more recent gender, age and race statistics than is include in the Neighbourhood Profile presented at the last meeting.

- It was noted that positive feedback has been received following the extension of the cemetery car park. The project received £1677 from the HDC Community Grant Scheme.

4. A Climate Change Strategy For Hambleton 2009-2014

Noel Collings, HDC's Sustainable Development Officer, presented an outline of HDC's Climate Change Strategy and explained that the purpose of the Strategy is reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions being released within the District (at a National level the UK government has set its own target of 20% reduction in emissions from the 1990 base-line figure by 2010.) Noel described measures by which climate change can be addressed at a local level including the promotion of community allotments to reduce 'food miles', the installation of micro-renewable energy sources (small-scale wind turbines, ground source heat pumps etc.) and the use of energy meters to monitor domestic energy consumption. Noel reported that 15% of the energy used at Stone Cross comes from renewable sources and that a Green Travel Plan has been adopted by the Council. Noel confirmed that details of the strategy will be made available on the District Council's website shortly. The Council is to provide Secondary Schools across the district with climate change education packs along with Waste Partnership toolkits to promote composting.

5. LSP Funding: The North Road Park Regeneration Project

Members endorsed Tanja's request for £3000 of LSP funding to support the North Road Project. Draft proposals from Groundwork North Yorkshire have been agreed which include a zip wire, climbing structure, climbing boulders, swings and a wheels bowl. Funding has been secured from Hambleton Community Safety Partnership and the Community Grants scheme. Building work on the over 8's play area and access paths will start over the winter months with February 2009 as an anticipated completion date for Phase One of the project. Tanja confirmed that the Scouts are involved in consultation and that further fundraising activities are being undertaken. It was noted that the project may include a 'community garden' and/or allotment space.

6. Election of a New Chair

Cllr. Heather Moorhouse nominated Cllr. Bridget Fortune as Chair of the Group. This nomination was seconded by Cllr. Margaret Skillbeck and endorsed by the Group. Cllr. Fortune was duly elected Chair of the Stokesley & Villages Community Regeneration Group for 2009/2010.

7. Project Updates

- **Website:** it was agreed that only accredited accommodation providers be included on the visit-stokesley.org website. It was also agreed that attractions outside Stokesley be added to the site including Newham Grange Leisure Farm. Peter confirmed that Beth is looking to secure volunteer support to help maintain the five sites across the District. Thanks were expressed to Margaret for her work to populate and maintain the site. A meeting is to be held with the HDC IT team to consider hosting the site in-house to avoid annual costs to the five Area Groups. **Action:** Peter to forward Margaret the contact details of the volunteers assigned to the Stokesley site.
 - **Middleton on Leven Play Area:** the land has been purchased and the area is being cleared.
 - **Picton Community Recreation Area:** the new play area, which includes a community garden, will open on Saturday 19th September 2009.
 - **Hutton Rudby:** at present the land is being used as a 'kickabout' area for young people. Work is underway to raise money to create a BMX park.
 - **Battersby Junction Playscheme:** it is understood that work is ongoing to develop the scheme.

- **Hutton Rudby Hydro Electric Project:** funding has been secured to undertake a feasibility study and it has been suggested that the electricity generated could illuminate the local church and nearby houses.
- **Great Ayton Village Hall:** work is to start shortly subject to the results of a surveyor's report.
- **Stokesley Village Hall:** Wii sessions being delivered from the hall are proving very successful.
- **Ingleby Villages Recreation Area:** the rented land has been fenced off and consultation with local residents is underway. Tenders have been sent out for the purchase of playground equipment.
- **Crathorne Reading Room:** funding has been secured from the HDC 'Regional Pledge', the Crathorne Estate and Reading Room funds to undertake work to improve disabled access and toilets and to refurbish the kitchen. It is anticipated that work will start in September.
- **The Stokesley & Villages Cycleway Group:** Caroline confirmed that the first meeting of the group, held Wednesday 5th August at Faceby Village Hall, was well attended. The Group considered plans for possible cyclepaths and quiet lanes including a dedicated cyclepath linked to quiet lanes along the A172 'corridor' from Ingleby Arncliffe to Stokesley. It was noted that the Rambler's Association must be consulted should a proposed cyclepath cross over a footpath. The Group is looking to elect a Chair and representatives from NYCC Highways, Sustrans and the LEADER programme have been invited to attend the next meeting which is to be held on Wednesday 30th September at 7pm at Faceby Village Hall.

8. Meeting Updates/Correspondence

Area Forum Update

Peter circulated the minutes of the Stokesley Area Forum held Monday 20th July. Issues under discussion included cardboard recycling, provision for gypsies and travellers in Stokesley and public transport at the Stokesley Business Park. Suggested agenda items for future meeting include ambulance service provision and Broadband speed.

9. Any Other Business

Low Easby Footpath Re-instatement

Members considered a proposal to re-instate a footbridge over the river in Low Easby that had been washed away over twenty years ago. Some confusion remains over the legal situation and it was agreed that further consultation be undertaken with the local community, the Parish Council and the landowners and that the outcome of this consultation be fed back at the next meeting. It was noted that the group supports the general, but not site-specific, principal of re-instating public rights of way.

Cleveland Mountain Rescue

Barry described plans for the refurbishment of the Roseberry Topping HQ which includes increased security, greater storage space and the creation of a control centre and training facility. The total cost of the project, which will allow the team to provide a rapid response service, is approximately £150K. The proposal to add the project to the Community Plan was nominated by Bridget, seconded by Margaret and endorsed by the Group. **Action:** Barry to forward Peter a completed Project Proposal Form for inclusion in the Community Plan.

Dates of Future Meetings

- 14th October

- 9th December