

STOKESLEY & VILLAGES COMMUNITY REGENERATION GROUP

Chairman: Mike Richardson

Vice Chairman: John Fletcher

Secretary: John Morley

Treasurer: Caroline Seymour

Hambleton District Council Community Link Officer: Peter Cole

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th February at Stokesley Town Hall, Stokesley

Present

Mike Richardson (Chair)	Stokesley Parish Council and HDC
Frances Greenwell	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC
Peter Cole	HDC Community Link Officer
John Morley	Whorlton Parish Council & HDC
Caroline Seymour	Stokesley Parish Council and NYCC
Helen Murfin	Stokesley Community Care Association
Bridget Fortune	HDC representing Rudby Ward
Mary Frew	Kirkby Parish Council
Emily Thomas	Broadacres Housing Association
Brian Loader	Ingleby Arncliffe Parish Council
Nicky Smith	HDC/NDVSA
Barbara Beveridge	Battersby Junction Resident's Association
Vicky Tucker	Battersby Junction Resident's Association
Glyn Jones	North Yorkshire Police

Apologies

Kathryn Chapman	Rural Action Yorkshire
Margaret Skilbeck	Gt. Broughton PC and HDC
Eddie Dryden	Stokesley and Gt. Ayton Extended Schools
Tanja Braun	Stokesley Play Areas Action Group
Jackie Griffiths	Stokesley Parish Council and HDC
John Fletcher	Gt. Ayton Parish Council and HDC/NYCC
Bernie Bowes	Battersby Jn Residents/Ingleby Greenhow PC
Ron Kirk	Roseberry School Great Ayton and HDC
Michelle McFarlane	North Yorkshire Police

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mike welcomed Emily Thomas, Brian Loader, Barbara Beveridge and Vicky Tucker to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held 10th December 2008

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record thereof.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Finance Report

Caroline confirmed that the current balance stands at £923.70 of which £553.07 is held for SNAG. The Group therefore has £370.63 in reserves. It was noted that SNAG is to disband and that Caroline is awaiting a reply from Sara Atkins to clarify the situation.

5. Broadacres Community Development Initiatives

Emily Thomas described the role of Community Development Co-ordinator which seeks to develop stronger links between tenants and the local community and described the purpose of the 'Community Development Fund' which can be used to support community-based activities.

Broadacres employs approximately 200 members of staff across Hambleton and provides a range of services to over 4,700 homes in North Yorkshire. Broadacres has housing stock in Stokesley, Great Ayton, Chopgate, Seamer, Hutton Rudby, Swainby, Worsall and Battersby. A tenants group meets quarterly and it was suggested that links between this group and the Stokesley & Villages Regeneration Group be strengthened. Broadacres is keen work alongside community organisations across the Stokesley area and is looking to purchase properties to help address the current housing shortage. A mortgage rescue scheme has been established to support those at risk of facing mortgage payment arrears. For further details visit: <http://www.broadacres.org.uk>

6. Development Officer Update: Support for Village Projects

Nicky reported that funding has been secured to complete the refurbishment of Newby Village Hall. Nicky is also providing information, advice and guidance to the Hutton Rudby BMX Park, the Kirby/Great Broughton Nursery, Faceby Village Hall, Ingleby Arncliffe Church and the Battersby Junction and Ingleby Arncliffe Play Areas.

For further information about these projects please contact Nicky on 01609 774633 or email: nicky@ndvsa.co.uk

7. Project Updates

- **Website:** A meeting is to be held between Sam Swinbank and the HDC IT Team to discuss the hosting of the visit-stokesley.com website. A review of the links between the HDC & LSP website is also being undertaken.
- **Play Areas:**
 - **Middleton on Leven:** near to completion - the land has been purchased and agreements are ready to be signed off.
 - **Picton:** it is understood that good progress is being made and that the project is near completion.
 - **Chopgate:** John reported that he has written a letter requesting a project update but has yet to receive a reply.
 - **Stokesley North Road Regeneration Project:** consultation has been undertaken and the design brief has been completed. 'Groundwork' is providing support and bids are being submitted to Play Pathfinder Grant, the Grassroots Grant, the Co-Op, the Jack Brunton Trust and the Community Spaces grant.
- **Hutton Rudby BMX Park:** work to develop the site is ongoing.
- **Battersby Junction Playscheme & Village Enhancements:** progress is being made although legal issues over land ownership have to be resolved. Legal advice is being sought. A preferred design has been chosen and discussions with play equipment providers are underway.
- **Hutton Rudby Hydro Electric Project:** work is ongoing and feasibility studies are being undertaken twice a year to identify 'peak flow'.
- **Stokesley Cemetery Access:** NYCC Highways are involved and alternative methods of widening the access route are being explored.

- **Great Ayton Village Hall:** It was reported that no contact has been made with Nicky regarding funding applications and advice. Frances agreed to contact members of the Village Hall Committee for an update.
- **Stokesley Cycleway:** Phase 1 of the cycleway is being used but it was reported that given the costly NYCC Highways specifications the project may not be completed.
- **Stokesley, Great Ayton and Area Intergenerational Project:** Wii sessions are being offered on a Tuesday in the Library and in the café area at Town Close. These sessions are proving popular with young people. A 'Team Read' is being planned for 2009.
- **Ingleby Arncliffe Playing Field:** Phase 1 of the scheme is almost complete - a 25 year lease has been signed and work to erect fencing and gates and plant hedging will be completed by June/July 2009. Funding has been secured from NYCC to relay the path. Phase 2 of the scheme is to be undertaken shortly and will involve consultation with local residents. The planning group has been renamed the 'Ingleby Villages Recreation Area Group'.

Members considered the Action Plan Review document circulated prior to the meeting which identifies those projects within the Community Plan which have yet to be started or completed.

It was agreed that Project 228 which refers to improvements at Swainby Village Hall should include general refurbishment, not simply improved disabled access.

Bridget described the need to restore the Crathorne Reading Room and to provide disabled access to the building. It was agreed that proposals to refurbish the Crathorne Reading Room be added to the Community Plan. **Action:** Peter to make further amendments to the Plan and Review document prior to the next meeting.

8. Meeting Updates/Correspondence

There was nothing to report.

9. Any Other Business

- Bridget noted that anti-social behaviour had been reported at the Hutton Rudby Play Area. It was suggested that funding be secured to purchase equipment should the BMX scheme not reach completion. **Action:** Bridget to forward details of cost to Nicky Smith.
- Peter reminded the group of Mike's decision to step down as Chair at the next AGM. It was agreed that the Group's AGM be held in the summer to give enough time to seek nominations for suitable candidates for the post. A press release will be drafted prior to the next meeting explaining the role and inviting nominations.

10. Dates of Future Meetings on Wednesdays in 2009

April 8th June 10th August 12th October 14th December 9th

Chairman.....

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