

**Keswick and Intwood Parish Council Meeting 19th November 2008.
Minutes of the meeting held at The Reading Rooms, Keswick at 19.00.**

Present: Alan Gelder (AG); Hayley Spouge (HS); Joe Loades (JL); and Phillip Brooks (Clerk).

Also Present: Christopher Kemp (Councillor Cringleford Ward) (CK) and Tim Philpott (PCSO).

1. *To consider apologies for absence:* Resolved to accept apologies from: Lars Tibell (LT) being away from Norwich; and Diana Bulman (DB) unavoidably detained elsewhere.

2. *To receive declaration of interests in items on the Agenda:* No interests were declared.

3. *Public Participation. It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for public participation and any district councillor reports:* Tim Philpott reported that since 1st September the following crimes had been reported: four burglaries to dwellings all connected with Railway Farm; theft from a motor vehicle in Colney; theft of lead from the Reading Room roof; and a domestic incident in Keswick. Nothing had been reported in Intwood during the same period. AG said these crimes represented a worrying trend after many years with no crime in the villages and underlined the need to get the anticipated Home Watch schemes under way as soon as possible. (CK suggested that the apparent existence of four caravans as indicated by Tim Philpott should be brought to the attention of Tony Cooke at SNC.)

CK apologised for not being able to stay for the entire meeting and commented on the following Agenda items:

- Local Government Reorganisation – the final Report of the Boundary Committee would be available in about five weeks time after which the Minister would publish the government's intentions. However, a Judicial Review had been brought by five councils and complex political manoeuvring connected with the Review had the potential to impede progress towards a conclusion.
- New Town Proposals for Mangreen – a number of plans were mooted for housing around main road corridors in the south and west of the County, the latest (in the *Regional Spatial Strategy Refreshed* document) being for up to 135,000 homes by 2031, with restricted funding for the supporting infrastructure. For Mangreen however it was thought unlikely that the six or seven thousand homes currently being talked about would be built. Nevertheless, it is probable that between two and three thousand houses will be there, with an appropriate and fitting infrastructure, in a five to fifteen year time frame - but planned in such a way that the development would not merge with Mulbarton.
- Gypsy and Traveller sites – following the very large number of representations made to SNC consequent to the *Gypsy and Traveller Local Development Document*, the Council will be revisiting the whole issue of its plans for gypsy

and traveller sites including looking again at private lawful sites. Then there is likely to be a completely new consultation process on the revised proposals.

- Reading Room – AG outlined the current options being considered (for a lease or licence from the Keswick Estate) enabling the Parish Council to establish an acceptable legal right and claim to use of the building. This was now vital because a number of significant items, including possible roof repairs and creation of a car park, cannot be progressed (as grants cannot be obtained) because of the existing use arrangement. CK advised that a properly executed lease was undoubtedly the only way forward and agreed to provide the names of solicitors who might act on behalf of the Council at a reasonable fee. He also noted that the lease must contain entitlement to automatic review and should be for at least 21 years or even 50 or 99 years. **(Action AG)**

4. *To confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st October 2008:* it was resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. *To report matters arising from minutes not on the Agenda: for information only:* all matters arising from the minutes would be covered in later Agenda items.

6. *Finance:*

- *To receive Statement of Accounts for the year to date:* PB said that LT had informed him that there was a balance of £4,196.60 in Act. No. 1 and £23.86 in Act. No. 2. There were no bills outstanding.
- *To agree invoices for payment in accordance with the budget and any other payments made since the last meeting:* PB said that he had passed a bill £440.00 plus VAT to LT for the roof repairs following theft of the lead. This would be covered by the insurance claim less £125.00 excess which applied under the terms of the policy. PB added that the insurance renewal for 2009 – 10 had been received at £668.50
- The Council resolved to pay Mills & Reeve £440.75 in respect of investigation work done on the title to the Reading Room and tax implications for the Gurney Estate if the Council were to rent paddock for a car park at a peppercorn rent.

7. *Parish Issues:* To receive any updates relating to:

- *the new town proposals for Mangreen* dealt with at item 3 bullet point 2.
- *bus services* nothing new to report other than a poster had been displayed in the Cringleford general store reminding people about the importance of using the service so that its viability is maintained for Anglia buses and the subsidy continues from SNC.
- *highways and traffic* A140 Ipswich Road - B 1113 Mulbarton Road Junction. AG said that a letter had been received from Norfolk County Council saying that different options for improving the junction highlighted by the study all exceed the amount of funding available. However, a benefit (of the study) was that if additional funding becomes available and (or) development occurs in the area, the scheme may be resurrected. AG also said that the grass had been cut back on the mound (adjoining the Mulbarton Road) thus improving visibility there; and that

he had a schedule for road sweeping commencing in April 2009 and then quarterly throughout the year. PB said that Norfolk County Council would be making the *Norfolk County Council (Keswick and Cringleford, Low Road) (30 MPH and 40 MPH Speed Limit) Orders* provided that no objections were received from residents by 23rd December 2008. It was anticipated that restriction signs would be in place by the end of February 2009.

- *security including Home Watch schemes* AG was disappointed that it was not possible to report progress since the last meeting – especially in view of the crime figures reported by Tim Philpott at item 3 - and asked PB to contact LTh with the aim of making progress before the next meeting. **(Action PB)**
- *Reading Room* dealt with at item 3 bullet point 4.
- *horse traffic* PB said that Norfolk County Council (Mike Allfrey) had apparently accepted the need for warning signs to be placed on the Intwood Road where horses were crossing in the vicinity of the A 47 flyover.
- *Travellers* dealt with at item 3 bullet point 3.

8. *Planning:*

- 2008/1850 Honeysuckle Cottage, Low Road, Keswick. Erection of double garage, potting shed and timber fencing. Extension of residential curtilage. Outstanding.
- 2008/1926 The Vynes, Low Road, Keswick. Retention of utility extension and erection of kitchen extension. Outstanding.
- 2008/21112 Tesco Stores Ltd. Main Road, Caistor St. Edmund. Erection of two 10.6 meter high micro wind turbines and associated works for a period of 15 years.

9. *Local Government Re-organization.*

- Dealt with at item 3 bullet point 1.

10. *Correspondence received.*

- It was resolved not to pursue the options from South Norfolk Council for Community Composting in the Parish.

11. *Items for the next meeting.*

- Consideration of making a contribution to Keswick graveyard
- The cost and implications of multiple planning applications by national organisations (i.e. Tesco's). (Local councillor item.)

Phillip Brooks

Parish Clerk

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