

Hayfield Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 27th April 2011
at 7.30pm in St Matthew's Church Hall

Present: Cllrs Mrs A Seipp (Chair), Mrs E Hodgson, P Gee, A Ramwell, Mrs K Waterhouse, Mrs V Wieteska, M Bagshaw and 12 members of the public.

In Attendance: Clerk M Crompton, Assistant Clerk Mrs S Fuller.

1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S McCall, J McCall and J Harvey.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked the Council staff and volunteers within the Parish for their work in the past year. There have been many staff changes during the year: Helen Taylor and Katie Chesworth left, Genette Pope arrived and then left on maternity leave. There are 2 new Gardeners – Iain Thompson and Andrew Mycock and a new Assistant Clerk – Sally Fuller. Both Mike Crompton and Trevor Middleton have reduced the number of hours they work.

Ongoing Projects:

- Bank Vale Football Field – the deeds to the land still need to be found before progress can be made.
- Orchard Project – many trees have been successfully planted.
- Cenotaph – has been levelled and now allows disabled access.
- The Kinder Trespass Heritage Centre – funding has been found and the project approved by Council.
- Youth Advisory Committee – Planning and fundraising for a new BMX track.
- Sustainable Hayfield – Have just received £7500 grant to help fund sustainable energy initiatives in the village.

Looking Forward:

The Localism Bill comes into force in September. 2 parts are particularly significant for the Council:

1. Community Right to Challenge – The Parish Council will be able to offer local services instead of the Borough or County Councils, if decided by referendum.
2. Community Right to Build – Neighbourhood Plans can be created and planning issues decided at a local level.

See www.communities.gov.uk for further information.

3a. Little Hayfield Advisory Committee (M Dean Chair)

The Committee has met 14 times since February 2010 and is well attended. Following a Consultation Survey and a 'Grot and Clutter' Survey, the Committees main concerns were perceived as traffic, parking, the Middlefield's Path and The Clough.

Main achievements include:

- The placing of an interactive road sign at the Glossop end of the village (another one at the Hayfield end is to be erected too).
- Working Parties to clear The Clough and the creation of a Management/Development Plan for The Clough which will be distributed to all households for feedback in the near future.
- The construction of 5 stone planters (awaiting planning permission).
- The siting and filling of 2 new grit bins.
- 5 white blossom trees, daffodils and a permanent Christmas tree (with solar lighting) in The Clough.

Thanks to the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Tom Cunliffe for allowing the meetings to be held at The Lantern Pike.

3b. Recreation, Leisure and Tourism (P Gee Chair)

The Committee have been consolidating work on supporting BMX proposals. The football posts have been removed from the Recreation Ground to allow the ground to recover. There are now 3 junior football teams so the Bank Vale Field's future is important. The Underbridge Mural has been planned and the tiles fired, ready for placing onsite in the next few weeks.

4. Balance sheet of Non-Ecclesiastical Charities

Cllr K Waterhouse reported that the total balance at the end of December 2010 was £341.12.

5. Questions and Suggestions

Members of the public suggested that Little Hayfield residents could help in the fight against speeding traffic by taking part in Community Speedwatch which entails about 1 hours training and 1 hour shifts to check traffic speeds.

Concerns about the Middlefield's Path were raised. Finance is being sought by DCC to improve the path to allow disabled/pram access. A badger sett alongside the path may cause a problem.

Members of the public suggested that should people need to walk along the main road between Little Hayfield and Hayfield then they should wear high-visibility jackets to improve safety.

Members of the public again reiterated the need for a Dog Warden in the parish. HPBC Dog Wardens are only involved with loose dogs and not dog fouling. The Council are continuing to work with other parishes within the area to seek funding for a Dog Warden to patrol all participating parishes. It was also suggested that areas be designated for exercising dogs.

Concerns were also raised about the manning of the Tourist Information Centre which has declined due to cuts and although the use of volunteers has been suggested, the idea has not been taken up by DCC.

It was suggested that the 30 mph sign on New Mills Road is clear from Glossop direction but not from Chapel direction and the zebra crossing near the junction, needs to be made more noticeable to traffic as many cars do not stop.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.