

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 16th JULY 2014 7:00PM
YORK HOUSE, GREAT BARUGH**

Present: Peter Milner (Chairman)
Carolyn Swift (Treasurer)
Dorothy Ashton (Clerk)
Richard Metcalfe
Susan Gough

Apologies: Mr. John Swift

Minutes

1. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd July 2013 were approved and signed.

Correspondence

2. **Ryedale Area Committee** has written to advise that there is to be an election to fill the vacancy for a co-opted member to the Ryedale District Council. There are two Candidates for the position: Ms. Christine Dowy and Mr Paul Andrews, The meeting unanimously agreed to vote for Ms. Christine Dowy. The Chairman will complete the form and return to Ryedale Council.

3. **Acorn Services** is a registered charity, working to 'make a difference to young people with learning difficulties' They are looking for volunteers to help in the community and to increase public awareness of the cause. A Hog Roast will be held at Whinflower Hall, Scarborough Road, Norton, on 26th July to demonstrate the scope of the task and to encourage others to volunteer their support. A copy of the letter will be included in the circulation.

4, **Ryedale Community Transport**, have provided the Parish Council with a number of leaflets detailing the services available and how journeys can be arranged. The information has been posted on both village notice boards.

Planning Application

5. **14/00614/FUL**. A Planning Application has been made by Mr. Stephen Houlston for change of use of agricultural land to equestrian, The land is at Barugh Lane, Great Barugh, on the right hand side of the hill going down, directly opposite the turning to Brawby, It is proposed that the land will house 4 mobile equestrian field shelters/stables housing up to 13 horses or ponies. The application clearly states that the land will be used for a 'hobby'.

The meeting reviewed the plans and it was agreed that the Chairman would reply to Ryedale District Council with comments:

- require clarification that the land behind 'Bridge Foot', which is currently being used for equestrian purposes, will be 'closed' and that the shelters will be re-located in the proposed new position;
- confirmation of the maximum number of horses/ponies is required;
- there needs to be a clear restriction on the land to ensure that it continues to be used as a 'hobby' and will not become a commercial enterprise;
- the location of the gate to the field, opposite the T junction from Brawby, is dangerous.

There is ongoing communication with North Yorkshire highways and North Yorkshire Police regarding the dangers of speeding traffic on the approach to and through Great Barugh: the bend and the Brawby junction being particularly dangerous to speeding traffic.

Of particular concern is the gateway to the field which is marginally up from the T-junction. There is no doubt in the Parish Council's consideration of the proposal that the daily coming and going into the field will result in numerous crashes.

It is because of the significant traffic issues, that the Parish Council recommends refusal of the Application.

A copy of the letter will be forwarded to Melanie Farnham at North Yorkshire County Transport.

The owner/residents of Bridge Foot have written directly to Ryedale District Council expressing their concerns as to the logistics and safety of the proposal.

A copy of the letter will be included in the circulation.

Any other business

6. Mrs. Carolyn Swift spoke of the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting held at The Golden Lion, Great Barugh. It was organized by local resident Ms. Janet Isherwood and attended by PC Steve Leach and Terry Wallis our local area Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Attendance was good. The meeting reiterated the need for people to report their suspicions by calling '101'. Janet will be arranging for booklets to be delivered and Carolyn will distribute to the villages.

Meeting closed 7.50pm.