



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, Clifford

Held in the Village Hall, Clifford on Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 7:30pm.

Cllr Nicholas Fawcett (Chairman, Clifford Parish Council) in the Chair

Electors of the parish present: *G Allan, C Aspinall, T Blackmore, J Dunnington, C Leeming, P Leeming, J Marsden, O Milligan, P O'Brien, S Park, D Phillips, J Phillips, A Shaw, A Wilkinson, P Winterburn, J Winterburn*

Apologies for absence: Ward Cllr Wilkinson
(names in italics denote members of Clifford Parish Council)

In attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs T Poulter; R Basharat, M Brewer, PC D Muscroft,
The Chairman declared the meeting open and welcomed electors to the meeting.

Cold Calling

The Chairman welcomed members of Wetherby & District Crime Prevention Panel and a representative of West Yorkshire Trading Standards who were attending the meeting to inform the parish about 'Cold Calling Control Zones'. These are areas which are considered to be vulnerable to doorstep crime and where residents have, collectively, stated that they do not want cold callers. The main aim of the zones is to prevent incidents of doorstep crime, raise awareness of the activities of rogue traders who target vulnerable people, and give residents the confidence to say NO to uninvited callers as a community. In order to set up a zone, a minimal amount of funding is required which will vary depending on the size of the zone. There needs to be evidence, within the area, to suggest that cold calling is a problem. People should call Consumer Direct (08454 040506) or the Police non-emergency line (0845 6060606) to report incidents of cold calling so that evidence is logged. Where a Cold Calling Control Zone is proposed, all residents will be involved in a consultation before it is set up.

Minutes

It was proposed by Owen Milligan and seconded by Glennis Allan that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th May 2010, copies of which were distributed, be approved with one amendment to change the name of the proposer of the Financial Statements from Tony Backhouse to Tony Blackmore This was agreed unanimously.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th May 2010, as amended, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

The issue of rusty railings alongside the bus stop on Willow Lane, near the War Memorial has not been resolved. Leeds City Council stated it is not a high enough priority to be repainted and the Parish Council have been pursuing quotations so it can consider funding it out of the precept. Unfortunately most contractors have declined to quote, given the conditions which Leeds City Council impose on contractors. The clerk will continue to pursue quotations.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced the report printed in the Clifford Directory and delivered to all households in the parish. The report was RECEIVED.

Car Parking in the Parish of Clifford

The Chairman drew residents' attention to the plans, drawn up by Leeds City Council, showing the proposed white lines in the Parish. Some residents felt that there should be additional white lines while others thought the more considerate parking by those who have off-road parking facilities would ease the situation. Residents questioned whether parking on the white lines would be monitored and the chairman confirmed that the police have said that if white lines are in place then they will enforce them.

Financial Statement

The financial statement prepared by the Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer had been printed within the Annual Report and Directory booklet circulated to all households. Ms Leeming questioned asked about the proposed £8,000 grant for Heritage Lighting. It was explained that the Ward Cllrs (who award the grant) felt that, although the original proposal had been for a grant for Heritage Lighting, the money might be put to better use. Given the low level of support for Heritage Lighting in the village it had been agreed that the request for grant monies would be changed to provide a new piece of equipment in the Play Area and improved signage at the entrance to the village and this is what the grant was awarded for. It did not show in the accounts as it was not received until the new financial year. The financial statement was RECEIVED.

Matters Raised By Electors

There were no further matters raised.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.08p.m.