

Haighton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th March 2023. The meeting was held by phone and e-mail owing to the fact that Covid infections are still an issue and the lack of items for the agenda made a normal meeting difficult to justify.

Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 5th December 2022: confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

- The pot-hole near to the entrance to Haighton Hall had still not been properly repaired a few weeks ago so the clerk reported it to LCC again.
- Regarding the rut near the entrance to Seamark Farm, Cllr Clarke thought that this might be rectified when the electricity cable laying works passed through, but we await confirmation that this has occurred.

Correspondence:

- Best Kept Village Competition: Haighton's entry for this year's competition has been submitted.
- E-mail from Grimsargh Parish Council Clerk: a resident on the new Park House estate, who also happens to be a parish councillor on Grimsargh PC, asked whether HPC might be able to arrange for dog waste bins to be installed on Cow Hill. HPC's clerk replied, stating that HPC had investigated the possibility a few years ago, but that PCC did not seem too enthusiastic about emptying the bins.
- Cllr Kennedy reported that two plastic tanks, about 1 cubic metre in volume, had been left on the verge/layby opposite Haighton Reservoir. The tanks appear to contain liquid, possibly oil, which might have consequences for the local environment were it to be released from the tanks. The clerk reported the matter to LCC, but they said that fly-tipping was a matter for PCC. When the clerk contacted PCC, they said that the tanks had been left by LCC following some road-works, and that PCC did not have the equipment to move them. The clerk reported this to LCC, with no result to date. Perhaps we should ask PCC to prosecute LCC for fly-tipping.

Meetings:

- None

Update on Planning

Applications:

- Application No. 06/2022/1418 :Proposal: 1no. replacement dwelling and garage following demolition of existing farmhouse and garage. Site Address: Simpson House Farm, Fernyhalgh Lane, Haighton, Preston PR2 5ST. All members agreed that this proposal was in keeping with the location and would not have a detrimental visual impact upon the area, so there were no objections.
- Application No. 06/2022/1419: Proposal: Conversion of 3 no. barns to 5no.dwellings including partial demolition of barns 1 and 3. Site Address: Simpson House Farm, Fernyhalgh Lane, Haighton, Preston PR2 5ST. Following consultation of the Council members, there was a majority decision to object to this proposal on the grounds that it represents excessive development for this location, in effect creating a small hamlet behind Fernyhalgh Nursery. There were also implications for increased traffic along the narrow Fernyhalgh Lane. The proposal also failed to represent sustainable development in that it was too remote from service centres of employment and transport links. Furthermore, only one of the three 'barns' could be described as capable of conversion to a dwelling (the brick-built one); the other two were just metal-clad, timber- framed structures that would have to be completely demolished before building new houses. Most importantly, the buildings were needed for the farming of the land which the church rents to a local farmer. His beef cattle enterprise would not be viable without them. Although these applications (1418 and 1419) were made just before Christmas, there has been no decision to date.

Approvals

- Application No. 06/2022/0802: Proposal: Two storey and single storey extension to rear with balcony, front porch and single storey extension. Site address: Lodgefield House, Haighton Green Lane, Haighton, Preston PR2 5SR.

Refusals

None.

Appeals:

None.

- **Central Lancashire Local Plan: 2023-2038.** PCC e-mail announcing the first consultation period for the forthcoming Local Plan. The first one was concerned with areas of land which are already designated for development. Since it contained nothing that we did not already know, it is the second consultation exercise which will invite landowners to propose sites for development and is scheduled for the coming summer that may contain issues that threaten this rural area.

Accounts:

- Cheque No.356 for £ 60.00 paid in favour of Mr Stafford for gardening services at Haighton Green.
- Cheque No. 357 for £69.46 paid in favour of J N Jones for the Clerks' expenses.
- Cheque No. 358 for £25.00 paid in favour of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition for this year's entry.

AOB:

- No other matters were reported for attention by the Clerk

Date of next meeting: to be agreed.