

# **MICKLEFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**

**7.30PM, CHURCHVILLE HOUSE, CHURCHVILLE DRIVE**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr J A Crossley, Chairman of Micklefield Parish Council, J L Hebden, Clerk to Micklefield Parish Council

**PRESENT:** Public (2)

The meeting opened at 7.32pm and was chaired by the Chairman of Micklefield Parish Council, Cllr J A Crossley.

## **17/01 – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016**

Proposed by Cllr J A Crossley

Seconded by Mrs E Todd

**RESOLVED by unanimous vote that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 23 May 2016 are an accurate record.** The Chairman signed the minutes for verification.

## **17/02 – MATTERS ARISING**

The meeting noted the following matter arising, not otherwise covered by the agenda:

**16/03** – Cllr J A Crossley reported that there was no update on the planting of trees on the Hall Farm Park boundary (as per the planning approval), but that the land owner had not offered the land to be included in Leeds City Council's Site Allocations Plan.

## **17/03 – ELECTORS' QUESTIONS**

The following question was asked:

- Will the seats on the Public Rights of Way be replaced? *Cllr J A Crossley confirmed that they would be.*

## **17/04 – EXISTING HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - reported that there had been no further movement on the development of existing approvals i.e. Barratt-Persimmon. It was assumed that issues arising from road access via Church Lane had caused complications and delayed the development. The approval for a terrace of four houses at the old Co-op site had been completed and named Railway Mews and houses at Manor Farm were in the process of being built.

## **17/05 – LEEDS' SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN (MICKLEFIELD, PARLINGTON ESTATE AND STURTON GRANGE SOUTH)**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - reported that Leeds City Council's Site Allocations Plan, which included several sites in Micklefield as well as Parlington Estate and Sturton Grange (South), had been submitted and would be subject to an Examination in Public.

The meeting discussed the Parlinton Estate proposal and the advantages/disadvantages of a new development with purpose built services and facilities, as opposed to piecemeal development in and around existing villages. The meeting also discussed the funding of the improvement of existing services, such as the doctors' surgery and primary school, and its piecemeal nature.

**RESIDENT** – had been told that a site only needed to be identified for development, not necessarily be built on and that the proposed site at Sturton Grange would not be developed.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – explained how the planning system worked with regard to the planning inspector and the possibility that the plan could be changed by an inspector; for example, by taking out a proposed allocation site, or adding a new one.

**RESIDENT** - Could previous proposals to develop the fields [between Micklefield and the A656] be reborn?

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – yes. In a previous examination a proposed site had been removed and the site at Manor Farm had been added. This was a possibility with the current plan.

**RESIDENT** – Micklefield would no longer be a village [if such a development went ahead].

### **17/06 – MULTI-USE GAMES AREA**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - gave a report. The Caird Peckfield Fund, referred to at the 2016 Annual Parish meeting, had been closed to bids in the interim and the Parish Council had successfully applied to WREN for a grant, instead. All other funding that had been applied for had been approved and the scheme was due to begin on the 26 June.

### **17/07 – RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**RESIDENT** - explained that changes had been made to the junction near Micklefield Station to improve the speed of the trains to York and in advance of future electrification. He reported that there had been changes to Platform 2 (to Leeds), but the newly constructed extension had been removed for reasons unknown.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – reported that there seemed to be excavations in the area of the new extension, which was also the location of the removed footbridge.

**RESIDENT** - reported that there were plans to move Platform 1 (to York/Selby) further to the west and wholly to the western side of the signals. The access point would not change, but re-instating a footbridge would reduce the distance to the new platform for people coming from the south. It would be particularly beneficial for the disabled, wheelchair users, parents with pushchairs etc. and should be pushed for.

### **17/08 – WIND FARM AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTER**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - reported that Hook Moor wind farm was operating with no issues. There had not been any recent funding bids made.

**RESIDENT** - was aware that some local groups had applied for funding.

**RESIDENT** – informed the meeting that one turn of a single turbine could power one house for 26 hours.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – the 5 turbines [at Hook Moor] could produce 10 megawatts of energy.

**RESIDENT** – enough power for 10,000 houses.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - reported that smells emanating from the anaerobic digester since the 2016 Annual Parish meeting had not been caused by the digester itself. The operating company had received permission to use chicken litter (Micklefield Parish Council had not received a copy of the planning application, as the site was not in Micklefield parish). The

chicken litter had not been stored correctly, causing odours. The problem seemed to have been sorted and the site had a new owner-operator.

**17/09 – PECKFIELD LANDFILL SITE**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - reported that since the 2016 Annual Parish meeting, conditions had worsened, with smells being stronger and experienced more often.

**RESIDENT** – posited that the management of the site was the problem

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – reported that the grant fund was still suspended.

**17/10 – NEXT PARISH MEETING**

Proposed by Cllr J A Crossley

Seconded by Mrs E Todd

**RESOLVED by unanimous vote to hold the next Annual Parish meeting on a Monday or Thursday in May 2018.**

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

**Signed:**

**(Chairman)**

**Date:**

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