

# **MICKLEFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 MAY 2019**

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

**PRESENT:** Public (8)

The Annual Parish Meeting opened at 7.34pm and was chaired by the Chairman of Micklefield Parish Council, Cllr J A Crossley.

### **19/01 – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

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 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 are an accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes for verification.

### **19/02 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

**18/02 (previously 17/08)** – Micklefield Tenants and Residents Association (MTRA) had arranged a visit to the anaerobic digester and the chairman of MTRA gave a report. He gave the meeting the following facts:

- The digester uses sugar beet and chicken manure to produce methane via fermentation with the resultant 'green gas' being sold to energy suppliers.
- The digester is owned by Northumbria Water
- The lagoon was empty and he has requested a repeat visit when the lagoon is full
- The residue from the production of methane, which has a strong odour, is sold to farmers to spread on their fields
- The plant itself is powered by electricity that is made by the gas produced on site

**18/08** – Inspector Lund, East Leeds Neighbourhood Policing Team, had attended a later Parish Council meeting with PCSO Butler. The Chairman of MTRA confirmed that representatives from the Police attend MTRA meetings.

### **19/03 – ELECTORS' QUESTION TIME**

**RESIDENT** – Reported that crime figures for the village on the internet don't match the figures given to the Parish Council.

**RESIDENT** – Does the Parish Council have any information on the road being constructed next to Newthorpe Quarry?

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – No [Newthorpe is in another Parish].

**RESIDENT:** Could the quarry be used for landfill?

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Yes, in theory but it would have to be approved by Selby DC

**RESIDENT** – Newthorpe Quarry is still being worked for limestone.

**RESIDENT - Reported** that there was no progress on the removal of the vehicles on the green area off Lower Peckfield Lane.

**RESIDENT:** Raised concerns about the delay in response and in some cases lack of response from Leeds City Council Planning Department and asked if there is anywhere else that concerns can be taken?

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Advised to start with the officer and move through the system to the ombudsman if necessary. A request could be made to Leeds City Council for a scrutiny board, as with the landfill site.

**RESIDENT** – Experiencing problems with enforcement on various issues with various developments.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Was aware of the enforcement issue and had been informed that it was being dealt with. Members of the public are free to contact Leeds City Council [with complaints] but an organisation like the Parish Council would need evidence [that Leeds City Council was not working to standard].

**RESIDENT** – Suggested that the Parish Council write to the Chief Executive of Leeds City Council on behalf of the village to express dissatisfaction with Leeds City Council's public liaison.

**RESIDENT** – Developers are running rough shod over planning conditions, Manor Chase being a case in point.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – The discharge of planning conditions isn't open to public objection or comment.

**RESIDENT** – Had contacted ward member Cllr James Lewis about problems with planning system.

**RESIDENT** – Is it possible to have a designated contact at Leeds City Council who can make sure the complaint reaches the correct person?

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – No designated contact is available because the planning department doesn't work in a way that makes it possible. Each area has a team leader to deal with applications and a different team leader to deal with enforcement.

**RESIDENT** – There aren't enough resources to 'police' development.

Proposed by Mr D Brown

Seconded by Mrs C Boothroyd

**RESOLVED by unanimous vote that Micklefield Parish Council should inform Leeds City Council that it expects the City Council's officers to undertake enforcement in accordance with its own processes and monitor the process of multiple developments in Micklefield.**

### **19/04 – RANGER'S WALK**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – The process of requesting Ranger's Walk be designated a definitive Public Right of Way is only open to those who have walked the route at some point in the last 20 years, even if they aren't walking it now. He explained the User Evidence Form and how to fill it in.

**RESIDENT** – The form can be uploaded to the Community Facebook Page.

**RESIDENT** – The issue can be raised at the MTRA meeting.

### **19/05 – DEVELOPMENTS**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Gave an update on the progress of various developments, as follows:

- Barratts-Persimmons [from Manor Farm to Garden Village] – Approved and being built.
- Strata [behind Great North Road] – Reserved matters approval, building underway.
- North-End Field – No outline approval issued.
- Behind St Mary's Walk/Hallfield Avenue – No outline approval issued.

**RESIDENT** – The Site Allocations Plan for Pit Lane was for 79 houses but the developer’s proposal is for 113, why?

**RESIDENT** - Leeds City Council recommended the developer builds smaller 2 and 3 bedroom homes, which the village needs and which allows for more houses to be built.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – The Parish Council will receive [a small portion of] Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds from the Manor Chase development. It will be less than expected, as CIL is only paid on new floor space created. Other developments will raise CIL but it is capped at 15 percent for Parish Councils with no Neighbourhood Plan [Micklefield does not have a Neighbourhood Plan] and the total amount given to Parish Councils is also capped.

Proposed by Mrs E Todd

Seconded by Mrs D Backhouse

**RESOLVED by unanimous vote to recommend to Micklefield Parish Council that it designates the Parish a Neighbourhood Plan area.**

### **19/06 – SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – The Inspector’s Report on Leeds City Council’s proposed Site Allocations Plan (SAP) was due in June. Leeds City Council was not expecting there to be many changes required. The Pit Lane site was not challenged by the Inspector. If it remains in the SAP objections to a planning application would need to be made on material issues (i.e. roads, building design, materials) and not on the grounds of principle. Those present discussed the consultation event held by the developer of the Pit Lane land for a proposed housing development.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – The triangle of land near the railway line is also in the proposed SAP. The Core Strategy housing figures have been decided and will require use of some of the greenbelt.

**RESIDENT** – Is there any way to stop greenbelt status being removed from land?

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Only if you can prove that the site is unsuitable and must be kept as greenbelt.

**RESIDENT** – what is the status of the showpeople’s site?

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – The showpeople’s site is in the proposed SAP, so we will have to wait for the Inspector’s report.

**RESIDENT** – The land [proposed as a showpeople’s site] will be bought by a family with 8 units and isn’t for general traveller use.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** - The land is still designated for employment use.

### **19/07 – RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – The improvement works to the eastbound platform are complete and the signal has been moved. There is no further information regarding the closure of Peckfield Level Crossing. In the event that the level crossing is closed, a turning circle for vehicles and alternative bridleway must be provided. Land can be purchased compulsorily to undertake the necessary works, if required.

### **19/08 – HS2**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Informed the meeting that the Parish Council had objected to the design of the part of the route that passes through the Parish. The design cuts through two Public Rights of Way [and a non-definitive footpath]. The primary route, which needs to be maintained, is footpath No. 1 but a footbridge is only provided for footpath no. 11.

## **19/09 – PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Explained that uncontested elections had been held in May and the Parish Council had two member vacancies that it needed to fill.

**RESIDENT** – Asked what the role involved.

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Explained what it is like to be a member of Micklefield Parish Council and gave the meeting the following information:

- The Parish Council has 11 Council meetings, 6 meetings as Sole Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity, 3 committee meetings and working group meetings when necessary
- Meetings last 2-3 hours
- Any work undertaken between meetings depends on individual councillors

## **19/10 – PECKFIELD LANDFILL SITE**

**CLLR J A CROSSLEY** – Informed the meeting that the landfill site should be filled completely by the end of 2019 and restored by 2022. There had been fewer complaints about odour. The planning application for the restoration of the eastern neb hadn't been approved yet.

## **19/11 – NEXT PARISH MEETING**

Proposed by Cllr J A Crossley

Seconded by Mrs E Todd

**RESOLVED** by unanimous vote that the date of the next Annual Parish Meeting is a suitable time within the statutory period at the Chairman's discretion.

The meeting closed at 10.21pm.

**Signed:**

**(Chairman)**

**Date:**

Joanne Hebden, Clerk and RFO  
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