

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT** Chairman D Hargreaves  
C Cookman M Turvey S Handley P Swiers  
Clerk R Brown  
Apologies S Gall. G Hill  
In Attendance C Patmore

1. **The Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 had been circulated prior to the meeting and with a number of amendments were agreed, as a true record.

2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

a) **Trees**

While the Parish Council had obtained all necessary authorities to undertake the work on the trees; the contractor is still waiting for the go ahead from NEDL to work near the Electricity Cables.  
D Hargreaves agreed to hasten

b) **Repair of Kerbs and Footpaths**

NYCC have been contacted to ascertain when they expect to commence the work on the kerbs and Footpaths. They have been unable to give us a date when they expect to start the work.

d) **Mobile Telephone Signals**

An article had been placed in the Stillington News recommending residents who do not enjoy a good signal should complain to their provider on an individual basis. If enough people complain it may encourage the mobile service providers to improve their coverage within the Village. This is an on going problem and will be kept under review

e) **Grass Cutting 2012**

The first cut of the Churchyard and the Greens has taken place  
NYCC have confirmed the amount of their financial contribution for the cutting of some of the road side banks and verges and it expected that the first these cuts (except the daffodil bank) will be undertaken early May.

3) **Planning New**

a) 1 Hall View Mill Lane Stillington

Proposed single storey rear extension to existing dwelling

There was no objection to this application.

b) Fairview High Street Stillington

Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling

While the Parish Council were supportive of renovation of this house We had a number of concerns that the proposed alterations were not in keeping with surrounding street scene, large windows and balcony to the south and restriction of neighbour's amenities. Therefore we wish to see this application refused.

c) Four Acres West lane Stillington

Proposed side and rear extension to existing bungalow

There was no objection to this application

4) **Finance**

a) Authorised

i)	Clerk's Salary Jan-Mar 2012	£336.00
ii)	Inland Revenue	£84.00
iii)	Stillington News	£100.00

b) Income received

Jubilee Committee

i)	Coffee Morning	£244.87
ii)	100 years of Jubilee (2)	£123.00
iii)	Gulshan Meal	£134.00

	Northern Electric (Way leave)	£71.50
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5) **Jubilee Celebrations**

Further planning Meetings are planned for 2nd May 2012. Fund raising events are on going; meals are to be held at The Bay Tree 1<sup>st</sup> May and White Bear 25<sup>th</sup> May. An outline programme for the Jubilee Weekend has been published in the Stillington News. All children in the Village are to receive a Mug as memento of the Jubilee.

6) **Notes from C Patmore**

A copy of C Patmore's report for February and March 2012 is attached to these minutes

7) **Correspondence**

The following items of Correspondence have been circulated for information

Minerals and Waste Development Framework Vision Consultations March 2012

8) **Any other Business**

a) Litter Pick

The annual litter pick had taken place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. All Volunteers were thanked for their efforts.

b) Village Walk

A leaflet featuring points of interest in the Village is being prepared and should be available in time for the Jubilee celebrations in June

c) Water leak South Back Lane

Despite numerous site visits and telephone calls with both Yorkshire Water and NYCC the leak has not been repaired. Renewed efforts are to be made with both organisations to resolve the situation.

9) **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Signed as a true record D Hargreaves Date 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012

REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012

Council Tax 2012/13

At Full Council on 21 February it was agreed that NYCC would accept the Government grant that would give them the equivalent of a 2.5% rise in Council Tax. This is for one year only and concern has been expressed by the Leader of the Council that it may lead to difficulties in the next and subsequent years. Nevertheless it is excellent news for the people of North Yorkshire. Zero Increase.

Charging for Care of Disabled and Elderly People

It was brought to the notice of the County Area Committee for Hambleton earlier this month that the charges for vulnerable people needing care in the community or in Extra Care Housing have been changed. Although with the help of a few local people I have tried to get to the bottom of these it is proving hard to get an accurate picture of exactly what these people are having to pay. However it seems that if you have savings of less than £23,000 there is no charge at all, but if you have more then you are expected to pay £20.40 per hour, £10.20 per half hour, and £6.90 for a quarter of an hour for personal care. Of course £6.90 x 4 = £27.60. So if you require assistance for four short periods in the day you will be charged £27.60 rather than £20.40! If you require assistance during the night for less than a quarter of an hour you will be charged £8.10p.

These charges are being phased in, but all private clients will have to pay them by the Autumn. We were assured that there are no charges made for travel or travel time, so the rates are the same across the board, even if there is a carer on the premises you live in.

This is causing deep concern as it is feared that people needing assistance to get down from a first floor apartment to the ground floor in an Extra Care Housing facility, even if it takes only 5 minutes, will be charged at the quarter hour rate. To make a cup of tea will cost them £6.90!

Standards Board for England

This is the body that complaints about someone in public life, an MP, a county, district or parish councillor are taken to. It is to cease in July in its National form. In North Yorkshire all the local authorities are to get together to look at what should be put in its place. It is agreed that a local system is needed, and it is hoped that by the next Full Council meeting in June we will know what or who will take over this work.

Public Health Grant in North Yorkshire

All Counties in England and Wales are allocated a grant to spend on NHS per head of population in their specific area. In this County we have been allocated the sum of £26 per head. It is however very interesting to note that in a County area just north of here, their grant is £107 per head! We are considered, I believe, wealthier and healthier.

Changes to Business Rates and Benefit System

Business rates have always been collected by the District and Borough Councils and then sent in total to the Government of the day who then reallocated them back to authorities in the form of a grant which was either more than the total income of the Business Rate collected or less, depending on a formula known to them. In North Yorkshire we made a net gain under this system, in other words the Government grant was more than we collected from Business Rates. Now they are to be collected by District & Borough Councils as before and the Government will give each Authority a figure that is their Business Rate Grant, and if the Business Rates are more than this figure the difference is passed to the Government, and if the difference is less than this figure, then the Government will top it up.

The District and Borough Councils are to deal with the benefit system as before, but are required to make 10% savings on these. If they fail to hit the target, then the County Council will have to make up the savings.

Caroline Patmore  
County Councillor for the Stillington Division.

