

Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton and Dallowgill Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held in the Annex Room of the Mechanics Institute on Monday 5th June 2017

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Howard Mountain (Chairman), Mike Hurford (Vice-Chairman), Gwyneth Jackson, John Peacock, Geoff Loble, Gerry Mass, Ruth Broadley and Linda Johns (Clerk) and 38 members of the public (some of whom were not Parish residents).

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. No absences.

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, Other Interest or close association by Councillors for any item on the agenda.

There were no new declarations.

3. Insurance renewal

Following on from the meeting of May 22nd 2017 the chairman confirmed he had contacted AON for a new quote to include damage cover for the three structures owned by the council. The revised quote came in at £530.15. This quote included the 5% discount if the council signed up for three years. Cllr Mass proposed that the council select AON this was seconded by Cllr Broadley and the vote was unanimous in favour.

4. Henry Jenkins Inn, Main Street Kirkby Malzeard

The Chairman circulated and read out the proposed response by the Parish Council to Harrogate Borough Council on the new ACV submission from the Save the Henry Jenkins Group (SHJG). A representative from the SHJG spoke to the council. He explained that the situation was now critical and that the strength of feeling to return the Henry Jenkins to a Public House was very strong. He apologised if he had misrepresented the Council by saying they had had private meetings with Mr Fielder, the owner. He went on to explain that 95 objections had been made to Harrogate Borough Council against the demolition and building of new houses, which is an unprecedented high number, illustrating the strength of feeling in the village, and that there had been no letters of support. 150 members of the public had also signed the SHJG petition and that there was increased support for buying up the pub and managing it themselves. They also stated that they had written evidence that the owner had refused to enter into negotiations with anyone who wished to purchase the building in order to re-open it as a Public House.

The council explained that as there was already a pub in the village this significantly affected the issue and, together with other residents, they felt that the building might be better used in other ways, for the benefit of the whole community. The proposed response was intended to reflect that there were residents who do not support attempts to re-open it as a pub as well as updating Harrogate Council about changes which has taken place since the previous response in January. A member of the public raised the point that the Queens Head is owned by Enterprise Inns and that the future of the pub was not secure, but by owning and running the Henry Jenkins it would ensure the future of a Public House in the village, that any profits from the pub would be ploughed back into the village and this would be good for Kirkby Malzeard. The discussion was heated and emotional and on an informal show of hands by the members

of the public, only 1 person was in favour of the draft response as it stood. The Council noted the level of opposition and Cllr Hurford proposed that the council defer their decision and ask Harrogate Borough Council for an extension to the deadline for providing a response, so that it could be reconsidered. This was seconded by Cllr Mass and the vote was unanimous in favour.

ACTION: Extension to submission date to be sought.

5. Planning – recent applications made to Harrogate Borough Council to be considered by Parish Council

17/01765/FUL – South View, Laverton – Change of use of holiday let to additional living accommodation – Burton

The Council had no objections to this application. Proposed by Cllr Mountain and Seconded by Cllr Jackson the vote was unanimous in favour.

6. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Linda Johns
Parish Clerk

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