

# FERRIBY CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting  
held at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
at 15 The Triangle, North Ferriby.



**Present:** Brian Bannister (BB), Chairman  
Thelma Bannister (TB)  
Alex Hodgson (AH), Treasurer  
Kay Laister (KL), Planning Secretary  
David Nolan (DN)  
Margaret Swindin (MS), Secretary  
Marigold Vodden (MV)

**Apology for Absence:** Rosemary Suddaby (RS), Ings Fields Warden

## 1. Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007 were accepted as a true record of the proceedings, subject to the correction under item 44, Newsletter, of "laser printer" to "Riso printer".

## 2. Matters arising from the Minutes

16.1 *Village Website.* MS reported that she had notified changes (e.g. regarding committee Minutes, AGM documents, new committee member) to Graham Latter for updating. She is happy to prepare text for any additional information which may be required. Since information is made available via this means, it was not felt necessary to produce a newsletter at this stage, but we would consider it again at the end of the year, prior to the next AGM.

16.3 *Parish Plan.* BB told the Committee that the Open Day had been very successful. Inter alia, six new Conservation Society members had been recruited. The feedback had been analysed, and five small working groups of Steering Group members had been set up, two of which would design questionnaires to distribute to businesses and households. Steering Group members had subsequently visited the primary and secondary schools to involve the younger generation in the consultation process.

44. *Any other Business.* The AGM had been very successful, with fifteen attendees. Minutes and reports had been posted on the web page.

## 3. Ings Fields

BB informed the Committee that the Parish Council had been very strongly against taking on ownership of the Ings Fields and asked if the Conservation Society would do so.

AH had had a discussion with Peter Greenfield about the next inundation, and it appeared that there were not many high tides this March/April. A date had been agreed, but this may have to be reviewed as Ray Eades had pointed out that the Spring was so advanced that the birds were already nesting.

## 4. Planning Developments

Old Pump House. KL reported that the hearing of the appeal against the Enforcement Order would be held in the Priory Rooms of the Village Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 a.m.

8 Low Street. The appeal against the decision to refuse permission to convert the former Dental Surgery for residential use would be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the parties and a site visit by an Inspector.

27 Low Street. The application to convert the former butcher's/baker's shop for residential use had been granted.

10 Station Road. This development was to be named Cranford Close. Of the application to fell four trees, the request to remove the Lawson cypress had been withdrawn and E.R.Y.C. had refused consent to fell the black pine. The situation regarding the two smaller trees was not known.

11 Nunburnholme Avenue. The application for outline planning permission to build four houses at the rear and to alter the access via Elmtree Avenue had been refused. The three main reasons, supported by policies, were that the scale, layout and appearance of the proposed development would detract from the character of the Parkfield Conservation Area, that it was located in this Conservation Area, and that it would overdominate the adjoining gardens.

17-19 High Street. This new application involved the demolition of the existing shops and dwelling and the erection of three new dwellings. It was agreed that KL would send comments to the effect that since the village was 'full', any new developments on prime sites should be either affordable housing or accommodation suitable for the elderly, both of which were badly needed. Also, being in the Conservation Area, any designs should be in sympathy with adjacent buildings.

## **5. Review of Village Trusts**

BB reported that all the identified Trust documents had been transcribed, and then verified by Peter Greenfield. The next steps were to find out whether there were any others, to agree a standard format, and to collate them.

## **6. Village Signs**

DN had obtained costing details from the Kirkella Preservation Society for the provision of decorative signs at the entrances to the village, and asked the Committee whether they would be in favour of erecting them in Ferriby. The purpose would be to give the village a lift, rather than simply to point out its presence. BB felt that this would enhance the village, and would provide an opportunity to include Le Pellerin once the twinning had been formalised. BB would seek approval from the Parish Council, and in the meantime DN would investigate the possibility of obtaining a grant.

## **7. Correspondence**

7.1 Ings Fields. BB had sent a letter to Steve Devey in response to Mr. Roberts' letter of 30th October, advising him of the Parish Council's decision not to take responsibility for the Fields and requesting information about the legal and financial position were the Conservation Society to form a Trust to oversee the area, provided the owner was agreeable. Pat Lambert had also sent a letter on behalf of the Parish Council in which she said that the Council would continue to support the protection of the *carex divisa*.

7.2 East Riding of Yorkshire Biodiversity Action Plan. Julie Abraham had received an e-mail from the North and East Yorkshire Ecological Data Centre about a survey which was currently being undertaken in the county to identify areas which should be designated as local wildlife sites. This included the Ings Fields and Long Plantation, and would eventually lead to the development of an East Riding of Yorkshire Biodiversity Action Plan.

7.3 Treasures of the East Riding. The Society had received a letter from the Curator of the East Riding Museums Service about a funding application for a project to support local volunteer heritage groups. The Secretary was asked to advise the Curator that we should wish to be involved, were the grant to be awarded.

7.4 Hull Civic Society Newsletter. The January issue was provided for circulation around the committee.

## **8. Any other Business**

There was no other business.

## **9. Date and Time of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008, at 10.30 a.m. at 15 The Triangle.

Margaret Swindin  
8<sup>th</sup> March, 2008