

FERRIBY CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
held at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 3rd December 2007
at 15 The Triangle, North Ferriby.



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

Apologies for Absence: Thelma Bannister (TB)
Rosemary Suddaby (RS), Ings Fields Warden

37. Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

38. Matters arising

16.1 *Village Website.* BB reported that the webpage had been launched and MS agreed to arrange for it to be updated as necessary. It would be reviewed at each committee meeting.

16.3 *Parish Plan.* BB told the meeting that there were thirteen people on the Steering Group. Peter Hirschfeld of the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council had attended the meeting on 8th November to provide guidance on the next stages in the process. An informal public meeting would be held in the Village Hall on 12th January to give residents the opportunity to express their views on what is important to them. A grant application had been made to fund questionnaires to be distributed to everyone in the village. MS mentioned that the Parish Plan was to be reported on in the December Parish Council newsletter, it was mentioned in the November edition of "About Ferriby", and a web page had been set up.

39. Parkfield Conservation Area

BB reported that this had been officially approved by the full East Riding Council on 14th November.

40. Review of Village Trusts

BB reported that since the last meeting five of the trust documents had been transcribed, although there were some signatures which we had not been able to decipher, and that there were three more to be typed. Peter Greenfield had commenced reviewing them prior to the production of a reference version combining all the available documents. It was suggested that in addition to the Conservation Society, its web page, the Parish Council and the village library, a copy could also be held in the Post Office.

41. Planning Developments

The Old Pump House. KL reported that the most recent application to demolish the building and erect a house in a conservation area had been refused. She had not yet heard the outcome of the appeal against the enforcement order. DN told the meeting that he did not think the East Riding Council, which would be defending the appeal, would feel that they could defend it on the grounds of road traffic problems, nor refuse access to the site on these grounds. He said that the Parish Council would have sight of the rebuttal case.

8 Low Street. This planning resubmission had been refused.

27 Low Street. This had been withdrawn. KL felt that a house would be an improvement on the current situation.

10 Station Road. An application to fell four additional trees had been made. No decision was available as yet. KL mentioned that there was also an issue over the boundary hedge between no. 10 and 30 Church Avenue.

11 Nunburnholme Avenue. Outline planning consent had been applied for to build four houses to the rear of the existing house; an amended application had been submitted, which was just a formality. KL had written to recommend that a maximum of two new houses would be more appropriate, that the existing trees should be retained, and that Elm Tree Avenue should not be substantially altered. The Parish Council had taken a similar approach. No decision had yet been notified.

Forward Planning. KL had received a "Housing Site Assessment Methodology" document, which she circulated around the Committee. She had also received an invitation to an East Riding Consultation Event on the Local Development Framework to be held at County Hall on 5th November; she had been unable to attend the event but had sent some comments on the changes faced, the need to preserve the characteristics of an area, the maintenance of essential services, public transport (especially in rural areas), employment (especially in towns), flooding and coastal erosion. John Halmshaw had attended the meeting and KL read out part of the report he had written, adding that she did not understand it all but would seek clarification.

42. Ings Fields

Ray Eades' suggestion that the Riverside Walkway, Reed Pond and Ings Fields should be designated as a nature reserve had been considered by the Riverside Walkway Committee but no decision had been made. BB was trying to get somebody to come to talk to the Riverside Walkway Committee about it. There had also been discussions about the possibility of lowering the river bank or introducing a new sluice as the existing one, which had been installed by the owner of the Ings Fields, was not satisfying the needs of both the Reed Pond and the Fields. BB had encountered continuing problems with contacting Steve Devey, so had written to the Chief Executive of the ERYC and had received a reply from the Director of Customer Services, Huw Roberts, dated 30th October, undertaking to arrange for an appropriate person to contact us directly. ERYC would also look into the legal agreement for the management of Ings Fields and ask Patrick Wheldon if he would offer the land to the Parish Council, or re-negotiate the agreement. The letter had asked BB to find out whether the Parish Council would be agreeable to assuming responsibility for the Fields; the P.C. wished to know what benefit it would be to the village, and what would be the potential costs and liabilities. BB would prepare a response, would write back to Huw Roberts, and would endeavour to contact Mike Newton about the situation. It was also intended to ask Patrick Wheldon whether he would be agreeable to the inclusion of the Fields in a Natural England Reserve. In BB's view, it would be beneficial to both the Reed Pond and the Fields if they had the same owner.

AH expressed concern that this was all taking time and that in the meantime the Fields were deteriorating; it was necessary to check whether the sluice was capable of doing its job on the spring tides. When the tide timetables for next spring were available, BB would contact Peter Greenfield to discuss the next inundation.

43. Correspondence

No additional correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

44. Any other Business

Annual General Meeting, 7th January 2008 at 7.30 p.m. MS reported that this had already been advertised on the Diary Page of the village website and on the Society's web page. MV mentioned that the closing date for notices in the January edition of "About Ferriby" was today, and MS said she would arrange for an insertion (*done*). BB would prepare a notice to be displayed on the usual sites. It had not been possible to arrange a speaker; it was suggested that we could instead mount a display about the Parkfield Conservation Area and include photographs of old Ferriby. There was also a possibility that we could show some old films of Ferriby.

Newsletter. DN said that he had an A4 laser printer if the Society wished to produce a newsletter. This would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

45. Date and Time of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee was arranged provisionally for 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4th March (to be confirmed at the A.G.M.).

Margaret Swindin
6th December, 2007