

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