

GAYLE VILLAGE GREEN – OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING (Aysgarth)

NOTES

I stated that I was going to take notes for the Parish Council but was not minuting the meeting. No introductions were made and Mr Taylor started the meeting. A previous meeting re parking and other issues on the green was referred to.

Jill did state that she was attending on behalf of the Parish Council because she was asked to do so but felt that any open meeting about Gayle should be held in Gayle. The Trustees of the Lords of the Manor agreed with this. It was also stated that the PC do not own the green, L.O.M. do and are the guardians of it.

Mr T. showed a presentation of a large number of slides, most of which referred to the history of the site back to the Domesday book.

Mr Taylor kept referring to “We” when asked to clarify who “We” were, he said residents of Gayle. He stated that his role was of arbitrator, although when later asked to clarify who he was arbitrating on behalf of was unwilling to say,

Cars parked on green & Bonfires were giving cause for concern.

He said that people couldn't park on the village green, when I said that if it was a village green you can't park on it, he said that's the problem. Mr T said I had said that the Parish Council would not provide parking in Gayle and I immediately pointed out that that was not what was said.

Some people have rights of way over the green. There were numerous references to legal points but when asked he stated that a solicitor had not been consulted.

Meeting was bizarre and I had to stop and ask why we were there and what the problems were, the reply was untaxed cars, rubbish being dumped and trading from the green.

The presentation finished with some very fine drawings of the whole site in Gayle, including the Mill, the historic monument, and incorporating land owned by Lords of the Manor and Gayle Mill. Jill asked if that was the case why were Gayle Mill not at the meeting and English heritage. Mr T said that English Heritage had been told of the plans and didn't see any problems. Jill asked Mr T again about Gayle Mill being invited as she had spoken to them and his statement wasn't correct.

When asked who had paid for all this work, presentation, professional drawings, the meeting, etc. he wouldn't say.

At one point he made an uncalled for remark about Jill and I told him that was unacceptable.

AFTER MEETING

Minutes were forwarded to us, Jill replied that some parts were inaccurate or had been missed. L.O.M. have not agreed Minutes either.

When she raised these issues Jill was told that meeting had been recorded, although at no point before or during the meeting was this advised, so hopefully that means we will get accurate minutes.