

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20th February 2002 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Chairman: Councillor M Kennett

Present: Councillors R Lumley, Mrs Wardman, Mrs Billenness, Waller,

W J Bowyer, C Billenness

In attendance: Cllr Mrs G Firth (District Cllr./Clerk to the Council),

One member of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Alderton and Cllr O'Connor would be late.

Police matters

Sgt. Sweeney and PC Addison had sent their apologies as they were attending an incident in Boroughbridge.

Three crimes had been reported, 2 thefts of motor vehicles and 1 theft from Marston Moor Business Park.

A data flow machine had been in use along Marston Road, results were expected to be provided for the March meeting.

The public were advised to be aware of the current national spate of car crime and keep keys out of view and doors locked when in another room/outside in the garden.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes having been circulated and taken as read were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

- Ralph Garth Update - The resident concerned is out of prison on bail; a Rehabilitation Order has been imposed; further charges have been brought relating to incidents before the resident came to Tockwith; the Possession Hearing is due to take place on 1st March.
- Re. the Cowthorpe planning application, Cllr Billenness reported that there were doubts about the land ownership and therefore the ability of the applicant to provide planning benefits. Contact would be made with John Goodwin of Carter Jonas to confirm the actual position.

Village Hall/Sportsfield management arrangements

Sportsfield

Following the latest letter from the Solicitors it was resolved that the clerk contact Deryck Wilson regarding the information wanted.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would require the Trust to maintain the hedge boundaries of the smaller field and keep the land in a condition suitable for use as a sportsfield. Resolved that the Council not opt for a Court Order to prevent the renewal of the Lease.

Village Hall

The Chairman had attended for part of the last Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

He had spoken to the person he had mentioned at the last meeting, who was willing to be involved with the new Management arrangements, so it had been suggested that anyone interested in becoming involved should attend the next Village Hall meeting and express their interest there, as it was not thought appropriate for the Parish Council to impose on the present Committee.

Cllr Billenness had written to everyone who had expressed interest at the Public Meeting and advised them to go along to the VH Meeting, there were two people very interested and keen to be involved in both the VH and the Parish Council.

It was hoped the new Management Committee would be in place by the time of the VH AGM in June.

Resolved that the clerk inform the Solicitor that the preferred name for the new Company was Tockwith VH Trust Co.

It was reported that a bill for refurbishment works had been sent to the Parish Council in error, but the Council is not responsible for such items unless they have been designated by PC.

Re the Out of School Club, it was reported that owing to a lack of staff prepared to run the facility, at a recent meeting it had been agreed that Chris Lewis would approach FRENZ of Wakefield who could take over the running of the Club. The School would be writing to all the parents with necessary information.

DEFRA/DTLR consultations on Quality Councils/Model Code of Conduct

Cllr Billenness had formulated a reply, based on the draft seen by the Council, which had been sent within the time scale for consultation.

By a majority vote it was resolved that the action taken be ratified.

Paths, Westfield Green, Tockwith

Cllr Bowyer reported that he had been approached by a resident of Westfield Green.

He had visited the resident's house and been told of concerns about the possibility of a footpath being made to link PRD with the P.O.S. and the resulting loss of amenity.

The Chairman replied that it has always been the intention to create such a footpath as a means of linking the newer and older parts of the village. The area of Public Open Space had never been intended as a private park for the residents of Westfield Green.

The landowner who owned the ransom strip between the cul-de-sac on PRD and the P.O.S. had been contacted some time ago but nothing had been finalised.

The Council was not in a position to proceed with a footpath link at this time but would obviously take on board the concerns of local residents at such time as a link was pursued.

The route of any footpath and planting/screening could be discussed at that time.

It was resolved that there will be full public consultation before anything happens and the Council would seek to address concerns made known.

Report by County Councillor

In the absence of the Cllr. the matter of withdrawal of the Wetherby to York Bus service on 27th March was discussed. Harrogate & District Travel was the Company concerned.

Resolved that the clerk write and express concern to Stephen Byers M.P., Anne McIntosh M.P., Hugh Bayley M.P., Wetherby Town Council, County Cllr Savage, Mike Moore at N.Y.C.C.,

Harrogate & District Travel, Cllr B Bateman of NYCC, The Wetherby News, and the Passenger Transport Executive.

Report by District Councillor

Cllr Firth answered questions and gave additional information as requested during the meeting.

Correspondence

Additional items 22 to 28, received since the correspondence file had been circulated were made known.

Resolved that the response regarding the VH Entertainment Licence be ratified.

Resolved that the Parish Council would pay for a member of the VH Committee to attend the Village Hall's Conference. Cllrs were asked to advise if they wished to attend at the next Council meeting.

Planning applications

2, Broad Oak Cottages, Tockwith - erection of two storey side extension.

There were no objections to this application subject to the use of matching materials.

Northfield Farm - there were believed to be problems with building regulations, the clerk to check on this and report to the next meeting.

Planning decisions were made known.

Accounts

Bank balances

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c (as at 30.1.02) £6967.65

National Savings Bank (Norfolk) a/c £1,523.98

National Savings Bank Investment a/c £5,053.06

Accounts to pay

Viking Direct (stationery supplies) £41.47

To ratify-

Ray Snape (grass cutting) £146.87

A Wardman (Play Area maintenance) £20.00

The clerk had received notification that the Council contractor for verge grass cutting was unable to do the work any more as he was retiring. Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent for all his past services and a notice be published on the Parish Noticeboards advertising for the position.

Receipts

Allotment rents £27.00

Grants

Tockwith Methodist Church £205.00

Other groups were asked to apply to the Council for grant assistance.

Resolved that the Bank balances be accepted, and the accounts be paid/ratified as above.

Date of next Meeting: To be held on WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2002 AT 7.30PM (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME)

Cllr Waller gave his apologies in advance for this meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended.

The following matters were raised:-

- The large window in the new building at North Field Farm
- Gravel over the footpath, road and gutters in the vicinity of Chapman's Yard
- Spring Bulbs
- Loss of Bus Service

Standing Orders were resumed.

Cllr Bowyer had obtained from Marston Moor Drainage Board a map of the area covered.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Bowyer.

Cllrs were asked to give their e mail addresses to the clerk if they wished to receive the Minutes etc. by electronic means.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.