

## **TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Chairman:** Councillor M Kennett (came late after attending an earlier meeting)

Councillor P Pick in the Chair to start the meeting.

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

W J Bowyer, C Billenness, B Alderton, P O'Connor.

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

Six members of the public.

**Apologies for absence** were received from County Cllr Savage and Cllr Waller.

#### **Police matters**

PC Chris Addison introduced himself to the meeting and explained that he had been assigned to the area to cover for PC Waller, who had been seconded to Headquarters.

- Following many and frequent complaints of traffic speeding through the village, especially along Marston Road, results from the data flow equipment had shown that 95% of vehicles were doing under 36 mph when entering the village, whilst on leaving the village only 45% of traffic was doing 30 mph or less. Thanks were expressed to the Police for installing the data flow system along Marston Road but the Police were asked to provide officers with speed guns, to act as a deterrent, especially around the School.
- complaints had also been received about heavy vehicles using the village street as a thoroughfare. Residents were asked to take registration numbers and report them to the Police. The Police expressed concern at the inadequacies of local signage, especially from the A1 and the B1224 towards Marston Moor Business Park. Resolved that the clerk contact both the County Cllr and NYCC to request better signage and point out the difficulties.

Crime figures for the three months of this year so far showed a continuing low crime rate.

There had been 3 dwelling burglaries, 1 theft, 1 criminal damage and 2 thefts of motor vehicles.

PC Addison asked that residents be made aware of the spate of crime concerning thefts of car keys, leading to thefts of cars parked in driveways. Residents were asked to conceal their keys.

Residents were also advised to make sure that sheds and outbuildings were kept secure.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Residents expressed concern about the activities of youths in the village on Youth Club nights. It was requested that the Police carry out patrols on YC nights, especially at club closing time, to act as a deterrent to unruly behaviour.

Standing Orders were resumed.

PC Addison was thanked for his attendance.

### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes having been circulated and taken as read were amended on page 1, in matters arising from the Minutes, to delete the name of the resident of Ralph Garth. They were then agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters arising from the Minutes**

- Ralph Garth Update - Harrogate Borough Council had been successful in gaining a Repossession Order at the Court appearance on March 1st. Thanks were expressed to the Officers concerned.
- Bus Service 790 - Cllr Billenness reported that the web site had received 33 contacts. The Clerk had written letters as requested, replies received had been circulated in the correspondence file. A resident had been on Radio York. The letter of reply from NYCC was read out, although the letter did not contain the new timetable as promised!
- Parish Grass Cutting - a letter had been received from a contractor willing to provide a quotation for the works. Cllr Mrs Wardman gave the name of another local contractor who may wish to be considered. The clerk was asked to write to both parties and ask for quotations. These to be considered at a future meeting.
- Correspondence circulation file - the new system was liked but it was suggested that a second file, containing important information, should be in circulation at the same time so that all cllrs had a chance to see correspondence which needed a reply. It was suggested that the order of circulation should be changed if a cllr. was not actually present so as not to halt the system in mid flow.

### **Planning applications**

**East House Farm** - conversion of existing barn to form dwelling, demolition of remaining existing buildings and erection of two dwellings.

**East House Farm** - Conservation Area application for demolition of existing buildings.

This application had been received between meetings, neighbour notification had been done, and the sub-committee had made comments which were read out by the Clerk. Resolved that the comments made be ratified by Council, which still had reservations about the proposals although the current scheme was an improvement on earlier ones.

The Holly Tree shown on the plans was not in the ownership of the applicant.

**1, Kendal Gardens** - erection of rear conservatory.

There were no objections to this application.

**5, Springfield Terrace** - erection of rear conservatory.

There were no objections to this application.

**Bracken House, Moorside** - erection of 1 No sectional timber stable block.

The Council resolved to have no objections to this application subject to standard conditions for the storage of hay and disposal of spoil and no leakage of effluent into adjacent watercourses.

Resolved that the Council write to the Planning Department and complain about not being

notified of the amendments to the fenestration at North Field Farm.

Planning decisions were made known.

Cllr Kennett arrived and took over the Chair.

### **Village Hall/Sportsfield management arrangements**

#### **Sportsfield**

It was reported that the Sportsfield Trust was applying for a grant to do the necessary works at the smaller extra field to be made available to it.

#### **Village Hall**

The Chairman reported that he had visited the Youth Club and learned of the recent temporary closure of the Club, as a consequence of problems being experienced with a certain element of Youth Club users.

The Chairman had spoken with the Youth Club Leader and it was hoped things had now improved. This Council supports the Youth Club and supports the Youth Club Leader for the job he is doing and has done for many years.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Residents spoke of concerns about the behaviour of youths attending Youth Club both before and after Club hours.

It was pointed out that Youth Club members are under the control of the Youth Club Leaders only during Youth Club hours, and mentioned that not all visitors to the Youth Club are local youngsters.

Standing Orders were resumed.

The next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee would be held on 10th April, at which it was hoped that preliminary arrangements for the new management arrangements would be put in place. It was asked that the Minutes record that the Parish Council supports the proposed Chairman of the new Management Committee. The name of the limited company to be formed was to be 'The Tockwith Village Hall Management Company', since the Solicitor specialising in Company Law advised against using the word Trust in the title.

### **Jubilee Celebrations**

It was reported that no interest had been shown in having a Parish celebration.

Individual areas may be arranging their own street parties.

### **Report by District Councillor**

Cllr Firth reported on the latest position regarding the proposed footpath from Prince Rupert Drive to the School, repair of Cowthorpe to Hunsingore bridge, the Car Boot Fair/Sunday Market being held on the airfield, HBC Jubilee grants awarded, Out of School Club, Human Rights Act Information Day, Model Code of Conduct issues, Smoke alarms initiative.

She also answered questions and gave additional information as requested during the meeting.

## **Correspondence**

Additional items 26-30, received since the correspondence file had been circulated were made known.

- Information about events at the Boot and Shoe had been passed on to the neighbour.
- Code of Conduct issues - the Chairman asked the Clerk to prepare a form, giving the basic information required, for the next meeting.
- NYCC - problems with a cherry tree in PRD had been dealt with
- Parish training on new Standards/Code of Conduct issues - it was suggested that two cllrs. in addition to the Chairman and Clerk should attend HBC training sessions.
- A draft copy of RPG was to be requested via e mail to [planning@tockwith.gov.uk](mailto:planning@tockwith.gov.uk) for the Chairman to look at and respond
- The Chairman agreed to produce a draft contract of employment and terms and conditions of service agreement for the Clerk
- The clerk was asked to complete and return the Open Space Review forms to HBC
- The clerk was asked to obtain information about possible funding sources for the Village Hall refurbishment
- The clerk was asked to obtain from SLCC a copy of "A Practitioner's guide to the lighter touch Audit regime" at a cost of £9.95 (or £11.95 if membership of YLCA is not considered adequate)
- The Chairman agreed to look at the "Crime and Disorder Audit" information and prepare comments on it

Standing Orders were suspended.

A resident complained about the standard of recent gully emptying in Norfolk Gardens.

The state of the road surface in Norfolk Gardens and at the corner of Kirk Lane/Westfield Road was reported as being unsatisfactory.

A resident commented that a lot of concerns raised at Parish Council meetings are items which NYCC is responsible for, but the County Councillor does not attend or send a report.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Resolved that the clerk write to NYCC expressing the concerns of the Parish Council about the standard of gully emptying, asking how the work is monitored, especially with regard to the BVPP.

The Chairman stated that the agenda item Report from the County Cllr is submitted as a courtesy so that the County Cllr can access and address the meeting.

## **Accounts**

### **Bank balances**

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c (as at 28.2.02) £6645.40

National Savings Bank (Norfolk) a/c £1523.98

National Savings Bank Investment a/c £5053.06

### Accounts to pay

Salary of clerk to 31.3.02 914.00

Expenses of clerk to 20.3.02 15.86

Reimbursement to clerk for stationery supplies 109.82 £1039.68

YRCC membership subs £25.00

### Receipts

Allotment rents £2.00

HBC grounds maintenance £146.87

### Grants

Tockwith Parish Church ( £205.00 plus £30 electricity) £235.00

(for works at Tockwith Church only)

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

### **Date of next Meeting: To be held on WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 2002 at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting**

Councillors were reminded that they would be expected to produce reports for the Annual Parish Meeting.

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