

## **TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2004 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Chairman:** Councillor M Kennett

**Present:** Councillors Mrs Wardman, C Saunders, C Billenness, W J Bowyer, N Waller, C Lake

**In attendance:** Inspector Waind, PC Haydon, County Cllr Savage, District Cllr Sturdy, Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor), Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council), Mr J Back (VHMC Treasurer),

3 members of the public.

### **1. Apologies for absence –** were received from Cllrs Smith and Pick

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was adjourned for Cllrs to visit the Police Community Beat Bus parked outside.

### **2. Police Matters**

The Chairman thanked the Police for the tour of the Bus and facilities and information regarding the operation of the Bus. It was hoped the Bus would prove to be a benefit to the work of the Police in the rural communities and that it would be available at appropriate times in Tockwith.

- The 'ring round' system is a useful tool but concern was expressed at some messages being 'garbled' and not readily understood. Inspector Waind agreed to look into this.
- Thanks were expressed for the recent deployment of a radar trap in Tockwith.
- The Police were asked if it would be possible to train local people to use speed guns as had happened elsewhere in the country. The Inspector said that this would require a change in policy to put into operation.
- A motion was put that, in view of the recent expenditure on police vehicles in North Yorkshire and comments from the MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough, a letter be sent to the Home Secretary asking that the Chief Constable be suspended. This motion was not carried.
- The problem of speeding motor cycles, especially on the Main Street in Tockwith, was reported again.
- Thanks were expressed to the Police for the traffic management in place for the Great Yorkshire Show.

Inspector Waind reported that he had spoken to Paul Lewis at Selby about signing for Tockwith from the A1. This was being looked at.

The Inspector also said that the evacuation policy for the Marston Moor Business Park was addressed via the Environment Agency.

The Police were thanked for attending the meeting.

### **3. Co-option of new Cllr**

David Hewick, of Cowthorpe, had expressed interest in becoming a Cllr.

He was invited to address the Council giving his reasons.

He was asked to explain why he had not stood for election and he answered that he had been away on business at the time.

Resolved that David Hewick be co-opted as a Cllr for the Tockwith Ward on the Parish Council.

#### **4. Minutes of the AGM of the Council**

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

#### **Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Council**

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#### **5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

An omission from the AGM was addressed and Cllr Bowyer was appointed as the Neighbourhood Watch Committee representative for the coming year.

Further to confirmation from the School Governing body, Cllr Saunders was appointed as a co-opted Governor.

Typographical errors were removed.

The Internal Auditor questioned the grant to the Village Hall Management Committee and the reclaiming of VAT.

Following discussion, it was resolved that a further contribution of £40.00 towards the cost of refurbishing the kitchen be sought from the VHMC.

The VHMC Treasurer was in attendance and was made aware of the law with regard to Parish Council expenditure and the VAT laws.

In future the Parish Council will pay for items which have been instigated and authorised by the Parish Council but if expenditure is incurred by the VHMC the Council will only give grants and not be able to reclaim any VAT.

#### **6. Public Questions and Statements**

There were none other than items already on the agenda.

#### **7. Village Hall**

**Lease and Management arrangements** – Cllrs Billenness and Lake are to meet in the next two weeks to finalise details. At the September meeting it is hoped to proceed to signature of the documents. Within 90 days of signing the Lease, a Schedule of Dilapidations will be produced.

Cllr Lake gave a report on the latest position and then declared an interest and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Cllr Lake had been the Vice-Chairman of the VHMC and his potential conflict of interest was debated. Resolved that a letter be sent to the Standards Board for England stating that recent advice/regulation was making it impossible to run an organisation for the benefit of the public.

Standing orders were suspended.

**Management issues** – Mr John Back, the VHMC Treasurer gave a report.

The current and future finances of the VH were explained to Cllrs.

The forward forecast was that there would be a shortfall of £2,500 per annum if the building was retained solely as a community facility. Possibilities for future commercial use and other daytime and evening uses were being looked at.

The VHMC wished to advise the Council of future problems so that the Council was aware of the situation and could discuss any possible ways forward.

Mr Back was thanked for his report. Standing Orders were resumed.

The Council debated the issues raised and Cllrs were asked to give serious consideration to ideas which could increase the funding stream at the VH. In the next 6 months it was hoped the Council could form proposals and give the VHMC guidance on possible ways to go forward.

Standing Orders were suspended.

**Mrs Steed, the VHMC Chairman then gave her report.**

- The VHMC had received the DDA Report/Assessment, a copy was to be made available to the Council
- The date for the Schedule of Dilapidations had been agreed as 90 days after the Lease signing Standing Orders were resumed.

Mrs Steed and Mr Back were thanked for attending and giving their reports.

### **8. Report by County Councillor**

- BCB planning application, planning meeting at County Hall on September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Skewkirk Bridge – it is hoped an amicable agreement is pending, the application to erect the bridge is awaited and the bridge may be in place this year.
- School transport – extra money has been made available for single decker buses from September.

Resolved that the Clerk write to NYCC to express the thanks of the Council for this outcome.

- Railway station parking at Cattal – the Cllr had seen the owner of The Victoria, who maintained he owned the land and had surfaced it and looked after it as part of his business. NYCC are negotiating for 18-20 parking spaces to be provided in the adjacent field. The matter is ongoing.

The County Cllr was thanked for his report.

### **9. Report by District Councillor**

- Jodhpurs planning application – decision to go to Chairman of Area 2 in 3 weeks time
- East House Farm and Land to east of East House planning applications – amended plans awaited, and re-consultation with PC before going to Committee in late August
- Cowthorpe planning application – Cllr Billinness will attend and speak on behalf of the PC, the D. Cllr to liaise with the Clerk and Cllr Billinness about the report/recommendation
- 79-81, PRD – unanimous decision of Committee for refusal
- 37, Fairfax Crescent – refused

- Noise from the airfield – more problems reported in the area of the skidpan and along the main runway adjacent to the houses with go-karts and motorcycles. Cllr Bowyer agreed to monitor and pinpoint exactly where the problems are. The D Cllr repeated that it was important for residents to monitor and report to HBC the problems at the times when they arise. Cllr Billenness agreed to put a standard response form on the Council's web site.

HBC are considering putting a Noise Abatement Notice on the operation of model aircraft.

The EHO has been asked to meet with residents to see/hear the problems at first hand.

The TRA has done a leaflet drop to every house in the village advising residents of how to make a complaint to HBC

- Questions were asked about recent planning decisions at 45, Fleet Lane and 7, PRD.
- Cllr Saunders also raised the matter of potential danger to pedestrians relating to a damaged fence alongside the ginnel adjacent to 58, PRD. He agreed to get the details of house ownership to the Clerk so that a letter could be sent requesting that the broken fence was repaired a.s.a.p.

The District Cllr was thanked for his report.

## **10. Correspondence**

Items 22 to 39 were made known to Cllrs.

- Mouchelparkman – Fleet Culvert – the PC suggestions included widening and changing the line of the road in this location, moving the 30 mph limit to the western side of the bridge, rumble strips on the approach to the village entrance, removing the brick edges and replacing the bridge supports with a post and rail fence.
- Insurance – the Clerk to write to both Insurance Companies, asking for a composite quotation, what additional premiums would be required to cover all buildings/contents/liabilities.
- DLAS Seminar on 23/9 – resolved that the Clerk would attend with Cllr Bowyer
- NYCC Hammerton Mill Sandbed – decision postponed from the last Harrogate Area Committee meeting. The next meeting to be held in September, at which it was hoped Mr Muir would speak on behalf of the PC.

## **11. Planning**

**Cromwell House, 45, Marston Road, Tockwith** – erection of two no side dormer windows

Comments of planning sub-committee ratified.

*The PC does not object to the principle of development but, owing to the large size of the proposed completed dwelling, it is considered that any subdivision of the dwelling should be precluded.*

**Unit 13, Marston Moor Business Park** – Proposed siting of prefabricated unit within existing site boundary.

*There were no objections to this application.*

Planning decisions and enforcement issues were made known.

## **12. Accounts**

### **Bank balances**

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c (as at 30.06.04) 2,506.04

Lloyds TSB Business Instant Access a/c 12,624.08

### **Accounts to pay**

Stanley's Builders 1049.04

### **Receipts**

Tockwith VHMC – reimburse Insurance premium 1149.98

- kitchen refurbishment 228.50

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

Resolved also that delegated authority be given to the Chairman, Clerk and cheque signatories to settle accounts which are presented before the September meeting.

Resolved that the Clerk write to arrange a 'sweep' facility between the deposit and current accounts so that an amount of £2,500 is always available in the current account.

### **Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

- Cllr Billenness reported on the ongoing matter of provision of CCTV at the VH. Possible siting of cameras was being looked at.
- Cllr Billenness also reported on problems with access to the Council web site as he has recently acquired Broadband and encountered technical difficulties.
- Cllr Bowyer was given delegated authority to speak on the Council's behalf at the 14<sup>th</sup> September planning meeting at County Hall on the BCB application. He agreed to order the mini-bus.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, read out the resolution for exempt matters and declared the meeting closed to the public.