

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 16th JUNE 2004 in the Village Hall, immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

Chairman: Councillor M Kennett

Present: Councillors Mrs Wardman, C Billenness, C Saunders, W J Bowyer, N Waller, M Smith, P Pick, C Lake

In attendance: County Cllr Savage, District Cllr Sturdy,
Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council),
3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence - were received from Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor), District Cllr Sturdy, Inspector Waind, Mr John Back (VHMC Treasurer)
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Police Matters

There was no Police Officer in attendance.

Cllr Bowyer reported on the CaP Group meeting he had attended recently.

Further to the last meeting it was reported that the Traffic Warden had attended the village at the wrong time.

North Yorks. Police were amongst the worst in the country for recently announced national results.

The Clerk was asked to reply to Inspector Waind's e mail and provide a list of concerns of this Parish:

- Lack of a Police presence in Tockwith village, especially on Youth Club nights and at closing/dispersal time
 - Inconsiderate parking throughout the villages especially:
 - (i) on the Main Street in Tockwith at the junction with Kirk Lane - this is also on a bus route and creates havoc for other road users
 - (ii) Ralph Garth, at the top end
 - (iii) Kirk Lane/Southfield Lane junction and by the school
 - (iv) Kendal Gardens, now garages have been converted into rooms, there is insufficient parking for vehicles
 - Updated Crime figures/information requested at every Parish Council meeting so as to be able to inform residents if there are any trends to look out for/be aware of
 - Attendance of Police Officer at PC Meetings
 - Speeding traffic through the villages, especially:
 - (i) east end of Tockwith village along Marston Road
 - (ii) west end of Tockwith along Fleet Lane, past the Dog & Gun corner
 - (iii) along Tockwith Road/Kirk Lane both into/out of village, by motor cars, motor bikes and scooters, especially dangerous when so many children walk to school along this route. The Parish Council is pressing for a 20 mph limit but has not heard when/if this will happen.
 - (iv) through Cowthorpe village, once round the right angle bend, no notice is taken of speed limits
 - Flouting of HGV weight restrictions - especially through Cowthorpe en route from the A1 to Trading Estates in and around Tockwith and through Tockwith village, especially foreign drivers who stop at the shop for meals
 - What Emergency Plan is in place to deal with any incident arising from business activities on the Marston Moor Business Park, where would the evacuation points be and which Agency would organise any evacuation?
- Resolved that a letter be sent to the Highway Authority about those concerns within their remit. Cllrs were asked to make lists of incidents and Registration Numbers of offending vehicles over the next two months so that a report can be passed on to the Police.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the last Ordinary Meeting of the Council

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

- The waste bin for the Marston Road Play Area has been erected. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Sturdy, Cllr Pick and Cllr Mrs Wardman
- The Clerk had prepared a draft letter concerning Dispensations for Cllrs. This was passed round and signed by Cllrs involved with Tockwith Show. It was reported that Tockwith Show Committee is now a Limited Company by Guarantee and Registration as a Charity is being applied for.

5. Public Questions and Statements

There were none.

6. Village Hall

Lease and Management arrangements - A reply had been received from the Solicitor. Suggested amendments to the draft Lease were made known.

A copy of the amended Lease to be copied to Cllrs Billenness and Lake for further perusal and comment.

Management Company formation - it was queried whether this was the best way forward.

Following advice from YLCA and help from North Yorks. Rural Communities the formation of a Federated Charity was being looked into. The protection of VHMC Members was most important.

General-

The Annual Report, copy of the Audited Accounts and Rates of Hire Charges were tabled for information.

Mr Back had sent apologies but was to be invited to the next meeting to present the report in person along with suggested ways forward. Cllrs were also asked to study the report and come forward with suggestions at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that he would be doing the Disabled Audit under the Business in the Community initiative.

7. Report by County Councillor

- Cllr Savage congratulated Cllrs old and new.
- Skewkirk Bridge - meetings are to be held on the 1st and 22nd July. The situation is progressing and it is hoped there will not be recourse to High Court action.
- BCB application - NYCC had received a further letter of response from the consultants
- Speeding traffic - speeding on the B1224, on the A59 and throughout the Poppleton Ward remained an ongoing problem.

· The Cllr was asked for an update on car parking at Cattal Station.

NYCC had hoped for progress but the new Landlord believes the land is his and he has marked off a car park for his clients. NYCC are now negotiating for a piece of land at the bottom of the field, which is cordoned off at the moment.

The County Cllr agreed to call in and see the Landlord and speak to him about the matter.

· Cllrs expressed concern at the state of the village lanes especially for residents who have to live, work and commute by using them on a daily basis.

The Highway Authority were asked to investigate.

Standing Orders were suspended.

A Feet Lane resident expressed great concern about the speed of traffic entering and leaving the village along Fleet Lane. Cars park along the roadside beyond the Dog & Gun corner and there are many near misses because of vehicle speeds. It is considered to be 'an accident waiting to happen'. The Police and the District Cllr have been contacted and the concerns are now brought to the attention of the Parish Council and the County Cllr.

Another resident spoke of the difficulty of buses and larger vehicles travelling round the bend at the western end of the Main Street without going over the white line onto the opposite side of the road. Vehicles park on the pavements and there is a lot of noise of squealing tyres.

Standing Orders were resumed.

The problems had been discussed many times before and Parish Council efforts to alleviate

problems had not been successful owing to the prohibitive costs involved. The Council will continue to urge the Highway Authority and the District Council through rural initiatives to try and put in place measures to reduce the dangers to residents. The County Cllr was thanked for his report.

9. Correspondence

Items 20 to 31 were made known to Cllrs.

Cllrs asked questions and made comments on individual items of interest.

- BCB e mail - The Parish Council has objected to the planning application and will comment further that the protections required in the IPPC planning application should be incorporated into any planning conditions so as to safeguard the interests of local residents. The Clerk was asked to reply and state that the TRA is independent of the Parish Council who cannot influence what the TRA may say or do or who they employ.

- Boundary Commission - the Clerk to respond again with the same comments as before

- Commuted Sums - having had confirmation of agreement to draft letter from Sportsfield Trust, now able to write to Leanne Harknett at HBC DLAS

10. Planning

BCB application - as the PC is not consulted on the IPPC application it is considered to be very important that all safeguards required by that application should be included in the planning application and the PC continue to object to the BCB application. The meeting at County Hall to decide the application will take place on the 20th July. Resolved that the Community Mini-bus be hired for travel to the meeting and Cllr Bowyer attend to speak on behalf of the PC.

Former Parish Hall, adjacent bungalow and garages to rear, Oak Road, Cowthorpe - decision of planning committee to object to the application ratified.

East House Farm, Tockwith - decision of planning committee ratified.

Land to East of East House, Marston Road, Tockwith - decision of planning committee to object strongly to the application ratified.

16, Kendal Gardens, Tockwith - the PC has no objections to this application

Ivy Cottage, 43, Westfield Road, Tockwith - the PC does not object but wishes to make comments/seek safeguards as follows:

The PC does not object to the principle of development but concern has been expressed about the loss of light to adjacent properties to the east. As the site lies within the Tockwith Conservation Area it is requested that any Velux windows used are conditioned to be conservation type rooflights.

Skewkirk Hall - two applications for renewal of unimplemented permissions. The PC does not object to these applications.

The Barn, Skipbridge Farm, Green Hammerton - the PC has no objections.

75, Marston Road, Tockwith - the PC does not object, subject to neighbours comments.

TPO on land to east of East House - the PC to write and support.

Planning decisions already made by the PC Planning committee were ratified.

Planning decisions and Enforcement issues were made known to Cllrs.

8. Report by District Councillor

The Cllr was congratulated on his re-election to HBC.

There had been no overall change to the make-up of HBC following the recent election although some seats had changed.

There are new Members on Area 2 DC Committee and Cllr Sturdy agreed to let the Clerk have details.

Cllr Sturdy expects to remain as Cabinet Member for Public Works and to become Vice-Chair of Area 2 DC Committee

- BCB application - HBC response to NYCC was no objection subject to mitigation measures and planning conditions to protect local residents being put in place

- The Cabinet Member for Planning agreed to visit the PC at some future date to discuss planning issues

Resolved that the Clerk will e mail the District Cllr with all PC responses to planning applications so that he is aware of PC decisions.

- 89-91, PRD verge - decision to refuse the application made by Area 2 DC Committee on 1st June, following a site visit. Cllr Bowyer attended and spoke on behalf of the PC

The District Cllr was thanked for his report.

11. Accounts

Bank balance

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's a/c (as at 18.05.04)

NIL

Lloyds TSB Business Instant Access a/c

£19,614.27

The Clerk explained that faulty advice had been given by Lloyds TSB, the Treasurer's a/c had been closed and the Instant Access a/c opened but now it was imperative to re-open the Treasurer's a/c as it is a cheque a/c and needed to pay bills and the other account receives interest on savings.

Resolved that the cheque signatories sign the requisite forms and the Clerk visit the Bank again to sort matters out. An emergency amount of £1000 had been transferred to the Treasurer's a/c to pay outstanding bills but it had been promised that there would be no bank charges. £6,000 to be transferred to the current a/c to cover invoice payments.

Accounts to pay

Allianz Cornhill (VH Insurance)

1149.98

Viking Direct (stationery supplies)

147.78

R Farrer (grounds maintenance)

340.00

Mrs G Firth (salary to 30.6 - 696.25, expenses to 16.6 - 19.14)

715.39

Kitchen Design (VH kitchen fitting)

2031.00

WARDEN

100.00

The payment of the Kitchen Design invoice was discussed.

A grant to the VHMC of £1500 (+VAT) had been agreed. The Clerk to write and make it clear that expenditure should be approved before authorisation. The VHMC to be asked to make up the shortfall .

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 21st JULY 2004 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr Smith gave his apologies for the July meeting.

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