

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 17th November 2004 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Chairman: Councillor M Kennett

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

In attendance: District Cllr Sturdy, Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor), Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council),

2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence - were received from County Cllr Savage, Inspector Waind and Cllr Hewick.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Police Matters

No Police Officer attended but PC Haydon had sent a Report, which was read out by the Clerk.

· Reports of vandalism and damage throughout Tockwith village were given.

PC Haydon to be made aware of the incidents and times of occurrence.

3. Minutes of the last 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

· Marston Road Play Area - litter had become a problem.

Cllr Mrs Wardman had visited the Youth Club to request the Leader to make the young people aware of their social responsibilities.

· Streetlights - various lights in the village had been reported to be not working.

· BCB planning application - the application had been approved by 8 votes to 3 at the recent NYCC Planning Meeting

It was reported that the Planning Meeting had been badly conducted and biased. Many residents had attended but had not been accommodated as the meeting room was too small and the disabled were disadvantaged due to lack of access. The conduct of the Committee was called into question. The TRA has written to the NYCC Leader, the Chief Executive, the Secretary of

State for the Environment, and the Chairs of the Environmental Commission Waste Transfer Recycling Panel and the Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee to express concern about the conduct of the meeting.

It was acknowledged that subject to obtaining the IPPC Licence and there being no other problems the facility would obtain planning permission. It was now a case of monitoring the site in view of the planning permission and licencing conditions and reporting breaches of either to the appropriate authorities.

Resolved that the Clerk request a copy of the IPPC permit from NYCC and write to the Leader and Chief Executive of NYCC asking that they investigate the conduct of the meeting and confirm that things were done properly.

It was reported that the Environment Agency is investigating BCB Environmental Ltd for losing amounts of hazardous waste daily.

· Parish Council web site - Cllrs Billenness reported that the advertised free web site was not appropriate for the Council's needs but he would continue to investigate and report back.

· Bus shelter - the D. Cllr reported that the HBC shelters were not suitable for relocation to the rural areas but it is possible that suitable shelters may be available after the new scheme on Jennyfields is completed at a later date.

5. Public Questions and Statements

· A resident complained about dog fouling throughout the village.

In order to secure a prosecution witnesses who are prepared to give statements and go to court were required. A resident could become authorised to give out on the spot fines. Litter and dog bins are available and should be requested from HBC if required. The Dog Warden was to be asked to attend a future PC meeting so that a strategy could be prepared - leaflets and additional notices may be considered.

6. Village Hall

Lease and Management arrangements - Cllrs Lake and Billenness hope the Lease will be ready before Christmas.

General - the Central Heating system is overcomplicated. The VHMC Chairman will be contacting the PC with concerns of users.

7. Community Development

Cllr Waller reported following the e mail circulated to Cllrs.

Tockwith is not in a Community Development Area, the nearest one is Boroughbridge.

It was suggested Tockwith/Long Marston or Marston Moor Ward may wish to have its own CD area. It was stated that a Community Investment Prospectus would be needed and Cllrs Waller and Lake agreed to liaise and talk to Mark Hodgson at HBC to research what would be required.

8. Model Aircraft Flying

A letter from the Brighthouse Model Aero Club had been received asking for PC support.

The Club had been banned from flying due to the threat of the Noise Abatement Notice.

A copy of the Notice was not available yet.

Resolved that the Clerk reply and say that the matter was being investigated but the NA Notices applied to the airfield and not the Club and the PC is not responsible for action but the airfield owner/operator.

9. Section 137 grant to TRA

A request from the TRA for a grant of £1000 was received.

Cllr Saunders declared an interest and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

The resolution from the March 2004 meeting was read out and the Clerk explained what Section 137 grants cover.

Whilst all the work of the TRA was applauded it was suggested that no one organisation should expect the PC to underwrite its' expenditure.

A motion was proposed and seconded to grant £1000.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to grant £500 now on the understanding that a further grant could be applied for in the future. This motion was voted upon, approved and became the substantive motion.

Resolved that a grant of £500 be approved.

10. Report by County Cllr.

In the absence of Cllr Savage the Clerk gave a verbal report.

- Skewkirk Bridge - no update yet but wheelchair access demanded.
- School transport to King James's - new buses specially designed by Plaxtons with 70 seats at a cost of £175,000 per bus, with seat belts for all pupils. Thanks to all who have helped Cllr Savage campaign for safer transport.
- Marston Moor Business Park problems - those reported have been passed on to NYCC. Important to report smells/other problems to HBC/NYCC and inform Cllr Savage.
- Cattal Bridge - closed for repairs from 22nd December
- Harrogate Area Committee - Cllr Savage has asked for the A59 to be an agenda item due the traffic dangers.

The Clerk was asked to pass on thanks to Cllr Savage for all his efforts on the Council's behalf during the last year.

Hammerton Mill Sandbeds

The Clerk reported on the position to date. A special committee had been set up by NYCC to resolve quasi-judicial matters regarding Rights of Way and Common Land.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Mr Muir gave a resume of the matters considered to date and the action taken.

Extensive literature had been submitted to NYCC to underline the PC's case.

The new Committee will meet at a future date to debate the issue.

11. Report by District Cllr.

· Marston Moor Airfield - Planning Enforcement Officers had visited the BCB site and the airfield where another portacabin has appeared adjacent to the bunding. Contractors appear to be putting in new services, involving crossing Fleet Lane. As Mr Wood has now left HBC a new Officer will be taking over the case and it is hoped to get an aerial photo of the whole site to show exactly what is in place at present.

Noise - has been bad recently. Racing cars have breached the NAO's in place. EHO's are aware and stringent monitoring is ongoing.

· Kendal Lane ditch - the sewage smell has not been resolved. The Environment Agency has asked the householder to install a new package treatment plant within the next 2 weeks to try to resolve the issue.

· Planning application at 23, Fairfax Crescent - will go back to Area 2 DC Committee under special measures as Cllrs wished to approve it against Officer recommendation.

· Jodhpurs - more complaints about noise and floodlights have been received. There has been no decision on the planning application and matters are still in negotiation. The Police will take no action on traffic/parking issues as Blind Lane is a private road.

The D. Cllr was urged to bring the PC's concerns to the attention of the Area 2 DC Committee.

The Clerk was asked to write to HOPS, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Chair of Area 2 DC Committee, the Planning Case Officer and the Enforcement Officer regarding the ongoing problems, the incremental expansion of the business by stealth making a mockery of the planning system..

Flytipping - more instances along Southfield Lane had been reported to HBC.

12. Correspondence

Additional items 28 to 42 were made known.

· Copies of 'Cllrs and Planning' booklets distributed by Cllr Smith, more copies to be available at

the next meeting.

- Local Transport Plan consultation - Cllr Smith to respond
- Draft IRMP2 (Fire Service) - Cllr Billenness to respond
- Neighbourhood Watch - the Clerk was asked to contact all the local groups to let them know the details and promote the scheme. Coordinators are still needed in certain areas.

13. Planning

208, PRD - erection of single storey rear extension.

No objections

Rear of Holly Cottage - change of use to allow formation of miniature railway

Cllrs Mrs Wardman declared an interest and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

There were no objections subject to safeguards on non-commercial use, associated noise being kept to a minimum and hours of operation.

36, Westfield Road - erection of front porch, formation of pitched roof to replace existing flat roof to rear and widening of existing vehicular access

Cllr Kennett declared an interest and left the room during the consideration of this item.

No objections.

Tockwith Primary School - proposed retention of a Transline prefabricated classroom Unit 2

Cllrs Waller and Saunders declared interests and left the room during consideration of this item.

Ferncliffe House, 41 Westfield Road - outline application for the erection of 1 dwelling with detached garage including access

The Council objected to this application on the grounds of disproportionate development, inappropriate development in a Conservation Area, impact on neighbouring property, inadequate access/visibility from Westfield Road, loss of amenity of neighbouring properties, impact on/loss of/damage to trees in the Conservation Area.

Planning decisions and enforcement issues were made known.

14. Accounts

Bank balances

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's a/c (as at 31.10.04) 2,500.00

Deposit a/c 16,063.80

Accounts to pay/ratify

RoSPA (playground inspection) 117.50

Mrs G Firth (salary to 31.12, expenses to 17.11) 705.84

PWLB (loan repayment on 1.11) 1,859.41

TRA (Grant) 500.00

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

Resolved that Mr Dodsworth be contacted and asked to do the necessary repairs at the Marston Road Play Area.

Precept

The Clerk/RFO had prepared a draft for discussion by Cllrs.

After debate it was proposed and seconded that the precept be the same as last year (£15,000)

An amendment was proposed and seconded that the Precept be £15,375 (+ 2.5% inflation)

Cllrs Billenness and Bowyer wished it to be recorded that they had voted against the amendment.

The amendment was approved by 7:2 and the substantive motion was then approved unanimously.

Christmas lights - new lights are needed for both villages. Cllr Billenness would organise Cowthorpe lights, authorised to spend up to £30 +VAT; Cllr Pick to organise Tockwith lights, authorised to spend up to £45 +VAT.

A working party would erect the Tockwith lights on 5/12 at 2pm. (PP,CS,MK,CL)

Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY 2005

Delegated authority for matters arising before the next meeting was given to Cllrs Kennett, Billenness, Saunders, Bowyer and Pick