

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20th April 2005 in the Village Hall, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman: Councillor M Kennett

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

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

2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Were received from District Cllr Sturdy, Inspector Waind, PC Ayre, Cllrs C Lake and D Hewick.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Police Matters

An e mail had been received from Inspector Waind. The Clerk read this out.

PC Mark Ayre will be the new Neighbourhood Police Officer, dealing with all community based issues. PC Haydon will still be dealing with Operational Policing.

Crime comparisons were given. Last year, in the same period, there were 42 offences committed - 2 assaults, 15 autocrime, 13 burglary, 3 criminal damage and 8 thefts. This year there were 26 offences - 5 assaults (mainly domestic situations), 6 autocrime, 5 burglary, 4 criminal damage, 6 thefts. (These figures include offences at Hutton Wandesley, Long Marston, Wighill, Moor Monkton and Bilton-in-Ainsty)

Cllrs reported an incident in the early hours of 16th April on Westfield Lane, when bottles were smashed by being thrown at house frontages. This followed an interruption to the water supply in Tockwith and the delivery to the village of pallets of bottles of drinking water by Yorkshire Water. The Clerk was asked to inform Inspector Waind of the incident and the concern of the Council.

Cllrs reported continuing concern about the use of the airfield for training by the Police Armed Response Unit. The area being used is the nearest one to residential properties adjacent to the top of the runway.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council

The Minutes having been circulated and taken as read were, after correction of typographical errors, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Waller for the excellent job he had done in the absence of the Clerk.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

- Cllr Smith reported further contact with RMG re Wetherby Lane/A168 junction. The bridge should be linked in to the northbound carriageway in the next 20 days.
- Village Hall - regular users will not be affected by the Hall being used as a venue for the Scout Group.

5. Public Questions and Statements

Standing Orders were suspended.

- A resident expressed concern at the amount of litter left around the village after the recent delivery of pallets of bottles of drinking water.
- Concern was expressed that vehicles are still parking on the verges near the Sportsfield and damaging the daffodil bulbs.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Resolved that the Clerk write to Yorkshire Water, expressing disappointment that the pallets and bottles were not removed immediately and stating that there had been incidences of the bottles being used as missiles.

Resolved that Cllr Billenness will take back to the Sportsfield Trust the ongoing concern about indiscriminate vehicle parking. The Council will look into the provision of signs for the verges if other means fail.

6. Village Hall

Lease and Management arrangements - Cllr Lake has contacted Ware & Kay with draft proposals. Resolved that the Clerk check on progress with the Solicitors.

7. Hammerton Mill Sandbeds

The Chairman gave an update on the registration application and made known the latest correspondence on the matter. The Clerk reported on meetings and phone calls and stated

that NYCC would not be pursuing the matter until after the General Election, when the application would be re-advertised and a Senior Barrister would be brought in to determine the issue.

8. Report by County Cllr.

In the absence of Cllr Savage his e mailed report was read out by the Clerk. (Current issues)

"The Sandbeds are still waiting to come before the Harrogate Public Rights of Way Committee as the case was adjourned after both sides required more time to gather information.

The safe route to school through the Prince Rupert estate has been referred to the Inspector in Bristol due to numerous objections, as soon as I have any news I will report back to the PC."

(The full report can be seen in the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting)

9. Report by District Cllr.

In the absence of the District Cllr there was no report.

10. Correspondence

Additional items 29 to 41 were made known.

- Letter from a resident about tyre dumping on the airfield. The Clerk was asked to write to HBC and the North Yorks. Fire Service about this matter.
- Letter from a resident about the proposed closure of Wetherby Fire Station. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Fire Officer for West Yorks. expressing concern.
- Removal of ginnel barriers - Cllr Savage to be asked to follow up/progress this matter
- Public Entertainment Licence at Cowthorpe for Hunsingore Church hog roast - no objections. (Cllr Billenness declared an interest and left the room for this item)
- NYCC Winter Maintenance - the Clerk to reply and ask that the Kirk Lane/Southfield Lane junction be included. Cllr Savage be asked to take this up on the Council's behalf.
- A meeting is to be held in Tockwith School on Monday 25th April at 7.30pm to listen to a talk about Village Appraisals, to which all local Parish Cllrs have been invited.

11. Planning

31, Prince Rupert Drive - erection of single storey rear extension. No objections.

Orchard House, 29, Marston Road - installation of rooflight to front extension. No objections but request that conservation type rooflight used with transom to break up the large expanse of glass, owing to the prominence of the property in the Conservation Area.

81, Marston Road - erection of single storey rear workshop extension to attached garage.

No objections subject to further neighbour notification.

Proliferation of buildings on the airfield - Cllr Bowyer had met with the Planning Officer on site, photographs had been taken and investigations are ongoing.

Land at Cowthorpe - a long term resident had been approached by the land owner to discover the views of Cowthorpe residents to possible proposals for development of an area of derelict land. A circular letter had been sent to every villager in this regard.

Cllr Billenness had drafted a letter to the land owner and proposed this be sent from the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded.

After lengthy debate the voting was 5:2 against the proposal, Cllrs stating that the approach was an informal "sounding out" and at this stage not a Parish Council matter.

Cllr Billenness stated that he would write to residents as a Parish Councillor but acting on his own behalf.

Planning decisions and enforcement issues were made known.

12. Accounts - External Audit

Bank balances

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's a/c (as at 31.03.05) 2,500.00

Deposit a/c 15,656.80

Accounts to pay/ratify

YLCA (membership subscription) 261.00

Mr Dodsworth (Play Area repairs) 176.25

Village Hall (room hire) 123.60

SLCC (annual membership) 69.00

PWLB Loan repayment (advance notice of 3/5 D/D) 1,859.41

Receipts

Allotment rents 78.00

A request for a grant from VHMC was deferred to the next meeting when the representative should be present.

Noticeboards - the quotations would be discussed in exempt matters and progress decided then.

It was decided that the noticeboard in Westfield Lane would not be replaced due to continuing vandalism.

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

External Audit

The Clerk produced the Annual Accounts for External Audit, for discussion and ratification.

She explained the bank balances, the paperwork which had to be submitted to the External Auditor and asked Cllrs to approve signatures required for the audit forms.

Resolved that the Chairman sign the requisite forms and the Council ratify the Statement of Assurance.

Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2005, immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Council, which will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The Clerk gave apologies for absence at the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked all those attending.

The resolution for Exempt Matters was read out and the meeting closed to the public.