

## **TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 16th February 2005 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Chairman:** Councillor M Kennett

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

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

3 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence** - were received from Cllrs C Billenness (owing to family bereavement) and D Hewick.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Police Matters**

It was reported that crime figures for the area are lower than last year, most crimes happen on the Business Park with sporadic thefts from cars and criminal damage in the village.

Trailers continue to be stolen from local farms in the daytime. Farm Watch has been set up and is successful.

Police Officers attended the village over the last few weeks with speed guns and the Mobile Station attended Long Marston recently.

CCTV - it was reported that the lamp posts in the village are the wrong type to accommodate the necessary cameras. An update will be given at a future meeting.

· Reports of anti-social behaviour in the village were received.

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

The Clerk was asked to write and thank the Police Officers for attending.

### **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. 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 Waller will be writing letters to local Parish Councils about a possible CIP.

· Residents were encouraged to report crimes occurring locally.

· An easy-chair on a skateboard had appeared in PRD and was reported to HBC for attention

and removal.

- Play Area - the horse not the motor bike needed attention.
- Christmas Lights - the Clerk was asked to write to Bright Ideas and express thanks for the donation of the lights for the Parish Church.
- Cllrs reported back from the seminar held recently about Members Interests. The seminar had been useful and clarified certain matters about dual-hatted members having to declare an interest which was personal and not prejudicial, allowing the member to stay in the room during debate on the item. It was stated that it will not be necessary to request a dispensation in future years for the Show Committee/Cllrs. Overall it was felt that there was more concern than need be about the Standards Board, who had received many complaints but these had been passed to local monitoring officers and very few had action taken about them.

## **5. Public Questions and Statements**

*Standing Orders were suspended.*

- A resident asked if the Parish Precept could be increased to allow for additional litter picking throughout the village.

The resident was informed how the Precept works and the constraints under which the Parish Council operates. The resident was invited to submit a letter requesting action at the time that the next Precept will be discussed in November.

- Another resident asked a question about the responsibility for the ginnels on the PRD Estate.

The position of no-one having ownership of and therefore responsibility for the ginnels was discussed. The ginnels would be adopted by NYCC only if they were brought up to an adoptable standard and following investigation it had been discovered that the cost for the Parish Council to undertake this work would be prohibitive.

The Clerk was asked to write to NYCC asking that urgent action be taken to remove the barriers at the Westfield Lane ginnel, as promised last September.

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

## **6. Village Hall**

Lease and Management arrangements - Cllr Lake has contacted Ware & Kay in this regard and a letter from the PC is required to confirm that Cllr Lake is the new liaison contact for the PC.

General - the VH will be closed from 28th March for one week so that the floor can be renewed.

- the VHMC is hoping to secure a regular tenant for Wednesday evenings and the PC will have to find an alternative venue for meetings. (possibly from the April meeting) Cllrs agreed to investigate possibilities and report back to the next meeting.

- Mrs Steed sent apologies for absence for tonight and verbally requests consideration of a grant of £2,500 from the PC to cover carpeting the corridor, repair of the broken swing doors, decoration of the kitchen, attention to the folding doors and Fire Safety compliance measures.

## **7. Marston Road Play Area**

Cllr Mrs Wardman reported that Mr Dodsworth had completed the requested repair work. He had raised concerns that the bushes in the swings need replacing, although RoSPA had not picked this up in the Annual Inspection Report.

Resolved that two sets of replacement bushes be ordered from Playdale, at a cost of £4.91 +VAT + carriage each, and Mr Dodsworth be requested to fix them. The sleeve and handle cover for the spring horse need replacing, Mr Dodsworth to do the work.

Cllr Pick agreed to look at the litter bin with a view to fixing it.

NYCC to be contacted about barriers at the road side and advance warning signs along Marston Road. A sign to be arranged to say WARNING - DANGER - WATER COURSE for the beck side.

## **8. Report by County Cllr.**

In the absence of Cllr Savage there was no report.

## **9. Report by District Cllr.**

· BT/Telephone Directories - HBC cannot assist. It is up to BT how Directories are printed. The D Cllr has written to BT expressing concern.

· Marston Moor Airfield - problems of burning rubbish, reversing vehicles and chemical smells have been reported. The EHO is attempting to locate the source of the problems. HBC are doing regular monitoring and the County Cllr is dealing with e mails concerning complaints regarding the waste recycling businesses.

· Jodhpurs application - this will probably go to the March meeting of the Area 2 DC Committee

· Green Waste Recycling - trial scheme - April - for Tockwith and surrounding area. A wheelie bin will be provided and it will be emptied fortnightly

The D Cllr was asked to investigate why so many buildings have been erected on the airfield during the last three years. A map was provided for the D Cllr's information.

The D Cllr was asked for an update on the parking situation at Cattal Station. This is a matter for the County Cllr but it is known that the viability of the Harrogate-York line is under investigation and negotiation for land for car parking is ongoing.

## **12. Correspondence**

Additional items 26 to 31 were made known.

· The letter from NYCC re the Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee meeting was not factual. There was NOT enough room provided for all those wishing to attend and on a previous occasion the meeting HAD BEEN MOVED to a larger room at very short notice. The Clerk was asked to reply to NYCC pointing out these facts.

· MERE letter re Broadband - passed to Cllr Lake for VHM information

· WARDEN - Cllr Bowyer spoke to this item. The Chairman is due to retire after 17 years sterling work. Resolved that the PC donate £10 towards a retirement present.

· The Chairman had received a request that the PC write to Leeds MDC to support the opposition to the loss of a building built with community funding which may be sold by Leeds United for housing development. Agreed that the concerned resident be asked to write a letter and copy it to the Clerk so that the details of the proposals are known.

### **13. Planning**

Jodhpurs - (amended description) a response had been compiled and sent via e mail outlining the concerns of the PC. The PC objects on grounds of loss of amenity to neighbouring properties and businesses, car parking issues on Blind Lane, traffic concerns on Blind Lane, a private road not intended for large volumes of traffic, storage of materials outside adding to the spread of this enterprise in an open countryside location and the large size of the existing building on the approach to Tockwith village and the lighting of it.

15, Marston Road - conversion of shop with living accommodation to form 1 dwelling with the installation of replacement windows and doors. No objections. Suggested that, following planning permission being granted, the PC should write to the owners suggesting a plaque be erected stating that this property was for many years a village shop.

6, Lucas Grove South - erection of front and rear dormer windows. No objections.

North Field Farm - conversion and extension to existing outbuildings and barn to form additional living accommodation. No objections subject to care in removal of asbestos from single storey element and Decision Level should be Area 2 DC Committee as Cllr Sturdy is the applicant.

2, Lucas Grove South and 238, PRD - variation of conditions 6 and 7 of permission 6.124.184.A.OUT to allow the occupation of the dwelling without construction of the public footpath. No objections.

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

Concern was expressed that NYCC are not in a position to pursue the provision of a footpath in the foreseeable future. The Clerk to write to NYCC expressing concern.

Ivy Cottage, 43, Westfield Road - demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension with rear conservatory (revised scheme) No objections.

40, Westfield Road - erection of 1st floor extension and side extension with single storey element to existing bungalow to form 2 storey dwelling with attached garage. No objections subject to neighbour notification.

Old Malt Kiln - conversion of warehouse to form residential dwellings with associated garaging. No objections subject to access and parking issues being resolved. Mention to be made of the alleged marketing of the site for commercial use not being genuine, the proximity of the adjacent Public Right of Way and the need for a mix of dwelling sizes in the central location within the village.

Planning decisions and enforcement issues were made known.

## 14. Accounts

### Bank balances

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's a/c (as at 21.01.05) £ 2,500.00

Deposit a/c £14,697.15

### Accounts to pay/ratify

Mrs G Firth (salary to 31.03, expenses to 16.02) 709.47

YRCC (membership subscription) 25.00

Mr Dodsworth (Play Area repairs) 146.87

WARDEN 10.00

### Grants

TRA 200.00

Tockwith Methodist Church 250.00

Tockwith Show Society 200.00

*(The Dispensation was brought into operation for Cllrs on both the PC and the Show Committee)*

Local organisations were reminded that requests for grants should be submitted in writing to the Clerk for consideration at a subsequent Council meeting. Cllrs were asked to follow this up with organisations with which they had connections.

Noticeboards - as only two quotations had been received and discussion was ongoing about whether to replace all three boards, it was decided to leave determination of this matter to the next financial year.

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

**Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH 2005**