

## **TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 19th January 2005 in the Village Hall Tockwith.**

**Chairman:**Councillor Bill Bowyer

**Present:** Councillors Mrs J Wardman, C Saunders, M Smith, C Lake, D Hewick, N. Waller.

### **In Attendance**

District Councillor J Sturdy

Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor)

Insp A Waind North Yorkshire Police

9 members of the public.

### **1.Apologies for absence were received from**

Clerk Gill Firth who had been admitted to hospital that evening.

Cllr Mark Kennett

Cllr Peter Pick

Cllr Clive Billenness

County Cllr John Savage

In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Waller agreed to take the minutes.

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council Cllr Bowyer was nominated to take the Chair.

### **2 Police Matters -**

Inspector Waind presented crime figures for Tockwith and surrounding villages for the previous 9 month period. There had been a drop in house burglaries and a number of crimes were still being committed on the Marston Business Park.

Councillors reported that there had been several instances of vandalism in the last month, the problem times being mainly, but not exclusively, Youth Club evenings.

Members of the public felt that there were still speeding problems in Fleet Lane. Insp Waind reported that PC Haydon was now speed camera trained and would ask him to look at it. There were also occasions when the LGV weight limit was being ignored.

Insp Waind handed over CCTV information which would be passed to Cllr Billenness who was looking into this for the Village Hall.

### **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**

· It had been noted that the rubber protector had gone missing from the spring of the small sit on motorbike Marston Road, play area. Cllr Wardman agreed to contact Mr Dodsworth to arrange repair.

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

Concern had been expressed by a member of the public that cars were being driven over the area near the sports field where daffodils had be planted. Cliff Lake to speak with the football club.

### **6. Village Hall**

Lease and Management arrangements - Cllr Lake reported that he had been unable to meet with Cllr Billenness but was broadly speaking in agreement. Cllr Lake to progress this.

Building maintenance - Cllr Lake reminded councillors of a report by the Village Hall Committee treasurer that the Village Halls commitments were more than income received. Further financial assistance may well be required from the Parish Council in the near future.

The floor is going to be resurfaced at a cost of £1500

There has been some storm damage caused as a result of the recent high winds but this has not yet been assessed.

**7. Community Development** - Cllr Waller had presented a brief paper explaining the advantages and further action to be taken if the development area was to be taken forward. It was agreed that Tockwith with Wilstrop PC would be the lead council and subject to an interest being shown by adjoining Councils progress could be made towards forming AINSTY INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AREA (AIDA). Mark Hodgson of HBC has said that he would be willing to speak at a future meeting. Cllr Waller said that if it would assist the Clerk he would be willing to send out the letters to the various Parish Councils to determine interest.

This was agreed Cllr Bowyer to speak with Mrs Firth.

**8. Report by County Councillor** - Cllr Savage was absent but had sent the following information.

1) There had currently been 28 letters of objection regarding the design of the new bridge at Skewkirk. These were mainly relating to it not being able to facilitate horses. The planners were currently looking at this. 2) Reports of smells on the Marston Business Park were being received and these together with other issues were being looked at by various agencies.

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

· Cllr Sturdy reported that HBC Councillors had agreed to grant £2m to the restoration of the Royal Hall. This added to the Heritage Lottery grant would provide for a substantial restoration project.

· Planning permission Ferncliffe House had been refused

- Reports of smells have been checked by Environmental Health and a leaking drum had been found.
- Cllr Sturdy was asked to look at reports of burning rubbish and the activity of reversing vehicles late at night on the Industrial Park.
- There appeared to be further unauthorised building on the old airfield Cllr Sturdy to ask the planning department to look into this.
- Cllr Sturdy asked people to telephone Environmental Health Dept HBC the moment they arise, that way they stand a better chance of witnessing the event.

## **10. Correspondence**

Councillors were briefed on the correspondence received

- A letter had been received from a resident of Tockwith regarding footpath issues The Old Malt Kiln to Ness Lane. The issues raised were not a matter for the Parish Council but for the Footpaths Officer NYCC.
- The issue regarding local telephone directories had not been resolved with Tockwith residents in the future being sent York directories only, this did not have the information regarding local councils and utilities in. Cllr Sturdy to enquire further into this.

## **11. Planning**

- Unit 84 Marston Business Park - no objections
- 15 Marston Road, Tockwith - replacement of existing windows - no objections
- 6 Marston Road Tockwith - revised plans- no objections
- 37 Prince Rupert Drive Tockwith - no objections
- Gowlands Farm, Skipbridge new entrance - no objections
- The Old Malt Kiln, Westfield Road Tockwith no objections subject to parking issues and other planning conditions being agreed. Cllr Kennett to formulate reply.
- Appeal decision 5 Kendal Gardens Tockwith - upheld.

## **12. Accounts**

### **Bank balances**

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's a/c (as at 31/12/2004) £2,500.00

Deposit a/c £14,991.22

### **Accounts to pay / ratify**

Harrogate Community Transport £75.00

Viking Direct £219.07

Ray Farrer £85.00

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

A letter had been received from TRA requesting a further grant of £200 towards on going costs. Cllr Saunders answered questions regarding the request then declared an interest. Councillors deferred a decision on making a grant to the next meeting.

**13. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 16th February 2005**

**14. Exempt matters -**

Minutes of the exempt matters discussed on 17th November were approved as circulated and signed by the Chairman.

No matters arising from the minutes.

No further items for discussion