

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 15th June 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, P Pick

In attendance: County Cllr Savage, 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 Cllr Billenness.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that he would have to leave early as he had another meeting to attend.

2. Police Matters

There was no Police Officer in attendance and no matters were raised by Cllrs.

3. Minutes of the AGM and the last Ordinary Meeting of the Council

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been circulated and taken as read were, with the correction to mention of Cllr Bowyer's grandson not son as stated, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

- Cllr Saunders expressed concern at the conduct of the election for Vice-Chairman of the Council. He felt the matter had been decided outside the meeting and nominations had not been asked for at the meeting. The Chairman apologised if that had been the case and informed Cllrs that, in future, they should put forward nominations of their own if they wished.
- The Clerk requested that she be given a copy of the Youth Club Leader's Report to the last meeting for the records.

5. Public Questions and Statements

Standing Orders were suspended.

- Residents expressed concern at a planning matter, which would be addressed later in the meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed.

6. Village Hall

Lease and Management arrangements - The Clerk had spoken with Mr Peach and, as no progress has been made, she agreed to take up the matter and produce a report for the next meeting on her return from holiday.

7. Report by County Cllr.

- The 20 mph speed limits for the vicinity of schools will take 5 years to implement across the County.
 - Proposed traffic calming in PRD is on a list of proposed works but is placed 27th out of 28 works to be undertaken.
 - Skewkirk Bridge - the Ombudsman is visiting North Yorkshire to address the matter of there being a bridleway as well as a footpath across the bridge.
 - Cowthorpe - work on the roads through the village to improve the signing and lining has been added to the list of works to be done in this financial year.
- Comments from Cllrs.:-

- A presentation given by the Head of the Highways Department and attended by Cllrs had been very good but Cllrs had objected to being referred to as "customers".
- The recent white lining done in Tockwith had created problems because of the lack of care of the contractors. Paint had been splashed everywhere, even over the new surface dressing. Cllr Savage was asked to pass back to County the concern that more care should be taken when doing such works.
- Cllrs made the observation that the standard of work done by Highways tended to improve the nearer one got to Selby, the department's headquarters. This should improve from October as the whole of the Harrogate Area will come under Chris Craven at Starbeck.
- The signs at the end of Blind Lane have been put on the grass verge which is believed to be Highway owned. Cllr Savage was asked to follow this up with NYCC, with a view to getting the signs removed.
- Cattal Bridge has been badly damaged structurally and there are restrictions on traffic able to use it. It was also pointed out that the right hand traffic light faces away from traffic and needs repositioning.

8. Report by District Cllr.

- The Jodhpurs planning application has been referred to the Area 2 DC committee, possibly on the 19th July, with a recommendation for approval. The PC will get an Opportunity to Speak at the meeting.
- The East House Farm development has not proceeded as there has been a problem with the Section 106 agreement regarding the "affordable housing" element. No planning approval has been given yet. The D Cllr was asked to follow up the matter of unauthorised works to protected trees on the site.
- Dog Fouling leaflets will be provided soon.
- Cowthorpe planning matter - access to the Barns from Wetherby Lane, further building and increased activity at the site are being investigated.
- Planning Enforcement - Warfield Lane, Cowthorpe - the matter of the high fencing and poles for CCTV cameras is under investigation.
- Street sweeping - the schedule was passed to the Clerk for parish information.

Cllrs expressed concern at the ongoing problems of noise from the activities on the runway on the airfield. Although there is a Noise Abatement Notice on the runway the mini-motorcycles are still operating and horrendous noise meter readings have been recorded. A copy of a web site item was passed to the Cllr for information and for him to follow up.

43, Westfield Road, the original planning application had been approved and could be implemented. It was the revised scheme which had been refused.

9. Correspondence

Additional items were made known to Cllrs.

- HBC Local Development Framework - the seminar had been interesting. The future development of Tockwith had been discussed with opinion being that the public were keen to see more "affordable housing" and not more high-priced open market housing. Cllrs made comments on the consultation documents received:- it was felt that PC's should have the opportunity to request details of amendments to planning applications rather than notification being at the discretion of the Case Officer; the PC would like to see green notification notices retained as residential/householder applications often concern not just immediate neighbours - applicants could be requested to display the notices if there are resource implications.
- Register of Financial and Other Interests - Cllrs were reminded that they have 28 days in which to register changes to their personal details, they do not have to wait for a year end.
- WARDEN - the Chairman and Cllr Bowyer had attended a special meeting to decide the future of the organisation now that David Gawthorpe has retired as Chairman due to ill health. The Chairmen of all neighbouring Parish Councils had been invited as well as the WARDEN Committee. David Jones had agreed to become Chairman for a year and a new Secretary and the Treasurer were appointed for 3 years. The work is very demanding and there may be changes in the way the organisation is run in future.

10. Planning

Moorside Farm - erection of sectional timber stables for private use only. No objections.

3, Kendal Gardens, Tockwith - erection of rear sun room. No objections.

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

Rivendell Cottage, Kendal Lane, Tockwith - erection of two storey rear extension including demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement single storey side extension and pitched roof over existing flat roofed two storey rear extension (revised scheme). No objections.

9, Lucas Grove North - erection of two storey rear extension. No objections.

Unit 2 Locksley Business Park, Blind Lane - erection of extension to existing industrial building. Standing Orders were suspended.

Background information was given about the operation of the business and the need for increased manufacturing space. The site has permission for B2 use and 400 trees have been planted to screen the site.

Standing Orders were resumed.

There was no objection in principle to extension of a business but concerns were expressed about any increase in traffic movements, cumulative development, visibility issues at the Fleet Lane/Blind Lane junction.

Thomlinson's mobile signs - the business needed to be visible to remain viable as a successful local employer. Enforcement has asked that the signs be removed. The PC was asked for support in the event that a planning application for signs comes before it. NYCC could provide brown signs which are legal and this is being looked into.

The Chairman left and Cllr Smith took the Chair.

Blind Lane signs - these are being investigated by HBC Enforcement and NYCC is being asked to investigate also.

Standing Orders were suspended.

A resident of Blind Lane expressed great concern about the proliferation of signs, their position on the grass verge causing visibility problems and visual amenity issues.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Planning decisions and enforcement issues were made known.

11. Accounts

Bank balances

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's a/c (as at 27.05.05)	2,500.00
Deposit a/c	18,829.83

Accounts to pay/ratify

Allianz Cornhill (VH Insurance)	1,253.11
Ray Farrer (grounds maintenance)	274.00
MMIDB (drainage rate for Community Fields)	9.81
Mrs G Firth (salary to 30/6, expenses to 15/6)	722.99
Mr W J Bowyer (reimburse for key cutting)	1.99

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

The request for a grant from the VHMC was deferred until the requested Business Plan and supporting information is received.

The Clerk had prepared information showing the money expended on the VH during the last three years.

The Clerk will prepare a report for the next meeting covering VH Lease and management issues.

The Clerk had contacted the roofing contractor for an urgent repair to the VH roof as it leaks.

Noticeboards -

Standing Orders were suspended.

Mrs Bygate expressed concern that, as the noticeboard is to be attached to the wall belonging to her property, she should be involved in the discussion of details about the fixing of it so that is done to her satisfaction.

Standing Orders were resumed.

The quotation from Backhouses was accepted subject to the concerns expressed and confirmation of details with regard to replacement of like for like, lockable doors, satisfactory method of fixing and no substantial increase in cost from the quotation received.

Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 20th JULY 2005, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.