

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 16th March 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, D Hewick, C Billenness

In attendance: District Cllr J. Sturdy, Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor)

4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence - were received from the Clerk Mrs G Firth

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

2. Police Matters

There were no police officers present at the meeting and no monthly crime return had been received. No issues were raised by Councillors. Councillors were advised that there had been two burglary dwellings in Norfolk Gardens, the first house burglary for a number of months. A member of the public expressed concern about dog fouling and general litter problems.

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

· Cllr Waller advised that he now had the addresses of the various Clerks of adjoining Parish Councils re their interest in CIP but had not had the time to send the letters.

· The bushes had arrived for the Marston Moor play area and it was hoped that these would be fitted very soon along with the spring cover.

· Cllr Bowyer reported that smells coming from the Business Park were still causing concerns and there seemed to be some confusion as to what powers Environmental Health Officer and the Environment Agency had. Cllr Bowyer to write to both departments to seek clarification.

· It was noted by Councillors that Mr Bill Ison had cleared the hedge side of letter form his house to Ness Lane. This action was praised by Councillors and the Clerk was asked to write to him for

his public spirited action. There was much concern about litter in the Parish and some reference to this might be made in the next Parish Council Newsletter. The Council might also ask for someone to do some litter picking for a small annual fee.

5. Public Questions and Statements

Standing Orders were suspended.

· A resident commented that he felt the question regarding litter in the village was getting worse and that dog fouling was a continual problem. The street lights were not maintained. He felt that he did not get value for money from his Community Charge. Councillors acknowledged the problem and would make enquires to see if any leaflets were available from HBC regarding the problem. District Cllr Sturdy said there were only two dog wardens in the district and there were set protocols re litter on the highway as some of it was the responsibility of NYCC. Fly tipping and litter issues can be reported to Robin DERRY. The dog warden to be invited to a future meeting to talk about the issues raised.

· Comment was made by a resident that the YCA was about to lose the facility of the Village Hall on their usual meeting night as it had been let to the Scouts he felt that this action was diabolical. The Chairman expressed sympathy but the Parish Council had no say over the management of the village hall and in fact the Parish Council was having to meet elsewhere. Cllr Waller commented that he felt it seemed odd that the Village Hall was bought by the Parish Council yet they cannot use it for their meetings and would have thought that a condition could have been written in to any management lease. He was aware also that it would effect other organisations that use the village hall and felt a great deal of sympathy for them.

· Another member of the public expressed concern about the erosion of the grass verge opposite the school entrance by large lorries making deliveries during the current building work.. Cllr Waller to speak with the school to make sure the verges are repaired after the work is completed.

· Concern was expressed about the inconvenience caused by the new A1 and the closure of the road from Cowthorpe. which had been for a far greater time than originally stated. Councillor Billeness reported that the new link to Kirk Deighton was about to open so the problem should be eased very soon. The new contact for R.M.G was Ian Dunne.

6. Village Hall

Lease and Management arrangements - Cllr Billeness reported that he had heard no word from Cllr Lake re the lease but expected everything to be finalised very soon.

7. Report by County Cllr.

In the absence of Cllr Savage there was no report.

8. Report by District Cllr.

Marston Moor Airfield - Cllr Sturdy reported that a new enforcement officer had been appointed

Mr Barry GILL - a meeting had been arranged with him to go through the issues of the airfield.

An appeal had been lodged re planning consent refusal Wilstrop Lodge Farm.

There was no news re Jodhpurs but was aware that a report was in the process of being prepared regarding parking issues.

Chemical smells were still an issue on the business park and it was hoped that the EHO and Environment Agency can consult regarding areas of responsibility.

9. Correspondence

Councillors were briefed regarding correspondence.

A letter had been received from a parish resident expressing concern that the barrier from Westfield Lane to Prince Rupert Drive has still not been removed despite this matter being raised several months ago. The responsibility lay with the NYCC and they had been contacted several months ago. The resident might consider writing to the Disability Rights Council.

A letter had been received from HBC regarding the encroachment into land on the public open space on The Green. A householder had planted shrubs which had taken a 3' strip from the POS.

10. Planning

Gowlands Farm - erection of conservatory - no objections

40 Westfield Road - Following neighbour consultation by members of the planning sub-committee it was decided to object on the grounds that it would have a detrimental effect on neighbouring property.

BCB Marston Business Park - The PC felt unable to consider this application as they needed more information as to the companies plans re the erection of a portakabin. Cllr Bowyer agreed to seek more information.

Building Warfield Lane Tockwith - The enforcement officer had been asked to look at the use of a former farm building off Warfield Lane which appeared to have been converted to a commercial premises.

11. Accounts

Bank balances

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's a/c £2,500.00

Deposit a/c £13,978.67

Accounts to pay/ratify

Payment Playdale £71.35

Grants

Tockwith Parish Church £250.00

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.

A letter had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee request for a grant. Councillors agreed to defer a decision on the grant 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 20th April 2005 in the Village Hall, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting , which commences at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.15pm.