

## **TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 19th October 2005 in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm**

**Chairman:** Councillor M Kennett

**Present:** Councillors Mrs Wardman, C Saunders, W J Bowyer, Mrs K Scholey, P Pick.

**In attendance:** County Cllr Savage (late after attending a prior meeting), District Cllr Sturdy (late after attending a prior meeting), Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council),

1 member of the public.

### **1. Co-option of a new Councillor for Tockwith Ward**

This item to be held in abeyance until interested parties come forward.

**2. Apologies for absence** - were received from Cllrs Smith, Waller and Billenness and Mrs Bygate the Internal Auditor. PC Ayre had advised that he would try to attend later after a prior meeting.

### **3. Police Matters**

No Police Officer in attendance so item deferred until later in the meeting.

· Residents had expressed concern at vehicles parking on the grass verges at the East end of the village outside the bungalows. Resolved that the Clerk write and request that this practice stops so as not to obstruct visibility and destroy the verges. The Local Authority may need to be approached to provide dropped kerbs and hard standing.

### **4. Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council**

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

### **5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

· Cllrs Saunders and Bowyer reported back on the Consultation meetings with HBC at Aldborough and YLCA in Harrogate. In answer to the PC's question about Enforcement issues it had been stated that lots of evidence was required from complainants in such cases. A written reply had been promised from the Cabinet Member concerned.

- Regarding the smells from the Business Park, the Environment Agency are undertaking 8 days of testing and observation in the village.
- Cllr Bowyer reported back from the YRCC AGM. Help is available for Village Halls and a copy of the Country Air magazine was to be passed on to the VHMC.
- Wilstrop Noticeboard - Cllr Scholey to provide the contact details of the landowner so the Clerk could write to request permission to erect the board.
- Tockwith Noticeboard - the old board had been removed as a matter of safety and the new Board to be erected temporarily until removal required for works to the wall.
- The Clerk reported back on the Clerk/Chair Training event.
- Footpath PRD to Southfield Lane - the Clerk had arranged a meeting with the PROW Officer to discuss evidence for use at the Public Inquiry.

## **6. Public Questions and Statements**

No members of the public present at this time.

## **7. Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that she had arranged a meeting with Sheena Spence of YLCA, following which a report would be given to the PC.

A letter had been received from NYCC about the grant for VH CH works. The Clerk to reply and state that the project had been completed.

## **8. Cycle track Tockwith to Long Marston**

Cllr Wardman had been approached by parents who wished for support from the PC in efforts to get NYCC to consider installing such a route.

Resolved that the Clerk write to NYCC Forward Planning to support a cycle track in principle.

## **11. Correspondence**

Additional items 29 to 40 were made known.

- SLCC Training - resolved that the PC will cover the cost of the Clerk attending.
- Resident re ginnel - Cllr Bowyer to see Mr Davies to explain progress.
- Letter from BCB - Cllrs to study and defer any response to a later meeting.
- HBC Planning consultation 'Plan with Us' - a sub-committee of Cllrs Kennett, Bowyer and

Wardman were given delegated authority to formulate a response from the PC. Cllrs were asked to let the sub-committee have their views asap.

## **9. Report by County Councillor**

- Skewkirk Bridge - the Ombudsman Report had absolved NYCC of any wrong doing. NYCC are appointing an expert on the history of bridges to progress the issue which will go back to committee in November.
- Winter gritting - B1224 from Rudgate has been added but not Tockwith Lane to the School. The County Cllr will pursue this.
- Cattal railway station parking - NYCC declined to purchase the railway yard but are in negotiation with the pub landlord about parking spaces, 17 of which should be for rail users.
- Railway Halt at Flaxby - under consideration. An alternative would be for the Community Minibus to meet trains.

## **10. Report by District Councillor**

- Land to East of East House - S106 still not signed - another application may be pending
- Jodhpurs - parking scheme not operational but planning department in conversation with applicants
- Meeting with Environmental Health Officers/D Cllr/PC to be arranged for last week in October
- Planning Committee HBC - now down to 1 committee of 15 members meeting fortnightly. Ward Members will be allowed to vote on matters in their own Wards if committee members and allowed to speak to matters in their own Wards if not. A pilot scheme will operate for six months. The new planning web site has been well received.

## **12. Planning**

Goose Moor farm, Cowthorpe - conversion of outbuilding to form 1 new dwelling with package treatment plant. The PC had the following concerns:1) there should be a restriction on the height and nature of the boundary fencing;2) is this type of building suitable for conversion under planning policy?;3) would this application lead to a 'gentrification' of an open rural area?

40, Westfield Road - erection of first floor extension and two storey side extension with single storey element to form two storey dwelling (revised scheme)

The Parish Council commented that the precedent had been set because the neighbour has obtained permission for a similar development but it is regretted that the character of this prominent position in the Main Street has been forever changed by allowing large detached dwellings to replace modest bungalows.

12, Kendal Gardens - erection of rear conservatory.

The PC has the following concerns:1) It is believed that the proposals do not conform with

current planning policy as the conservatory extends too far from the rear of the property;2)there will be problems with lack of light and amenity for the adjoining neighbours as they have North facing French windows which would be facing a solid brick wall;3)it is believed that the proposals represent a very un-neighbourly extension.

Concern was expressed about the current development at 43, Westfield Road. The District Cllr agreed to investigate.

Planning decisions and enforcement issues were made known.

### 13. Accounts

#### Bank balances

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's a/c (as at 19.10.05)	2,500.00
Deposit a/c	22,907.91

#### Accounts to pay/ratify

Ray Farrer (grounds maintenance)	393.00
WARDEN	10.00
T Bilbrough (grass verge cutting)	100.00
PWLB (D/D due 1st November)	1859.41

RoSPA a/c for playground inspection due. Delegated authority given for the Clerk to settle the a/c when presented.

Precept - sub-committee of Cllrs Kennett, Saunders, Smith and the Clerk to prepare a draft budget for the November meeting.

#### Receipts

Precept (2) 7687.00

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

Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2005, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Cllr Scholey mentioned the recent highway works on the A59 and the flooding at Wilstrop.

The District Cllr agreed to pass on the concerns to the County Cllr as NYCC should be informed.

Cllr Bowyer agreed to pass on the concerns to the MMIDB in case the dykes are backing up.

A resident raised concerns:

- Grass verge cutting - needs continuing past the School on Southfield Lane. Suggested this could be included in the contract for next year.
- Parking on verges alongside Sportsfield - parking continues on top of bulbs/grass verges. The Sportsfield Trust have been asked repeatedly to assist in stopping this practice by visiting spectators. The School may be able to assist with overflow parking.

#### Police Matters

As PC Ayre arrived the concerns about overnight parking on Marston Road, coach and minibus parking on Westfield Road, speeding through the villages and indiscriminate parking in the village were raised.

PC Ayre reported back on recent concerns raised, the latest crime figures and the irreparable damage done to the piano in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.