

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2006 in the Village Hall

Chairman: Councillor M Kennett

Present: Councillors Mrs Wardman, C Saunders, Mrs K Scholey, N Waller, I Robinson

In attendance: District Cllr Sturdy, Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council), 3 members of the public.

1. Vacancy for a Parish Councillor for Cowthorpe

There are now two vacancies on the Parish Council, 1 member for Cowthorpe can be co-opted this month and a member for Tockwith next month.

Mr Kirby expressed the wish to be co-opted as a councillor for Tockwith at the May meeting.

Cllr Robinson was given his Declaration of Interest form to be signed and returned to the Clerk for return to HBC.

2. Apologies for absence - were received from Cllrs Pick and Billenness and Mrs Bygate.

3. Police Matters

The Clerk reported on a telephone conversation with Inspector Andy Chapman.

From 3rd April the Police service will be split into Response and Neighbourhood Policing functions. Inspector Chapman will lead a team of 3 sergeants, 6 Specials and 2 Community Support Officers in the Knaresborough and South Harrogate area.

In the short term difficulties may arise as the new Community Support Officer gets to know the area. Inspector Chapman is in favour of his Officers attending Parish Council meetings when operational duties allow and he hopes that Neighbourhood Action meetings can be set up.

There were no monthly crime figures available.

A reply had been received from Inspector Spedding about amalgamation of Police Forces but it did not address

the concerns of the Parish Council and was felt to be little more than a PR exercise.

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

Westfield Lane ginnel - the project to bring the ginnel up to adoptable standard has been completed. The Clerk is seeking advice on the way forward to get NYCC to adopt the footpath. Thanks to the Council have been expressed by residents.

Rural Housing further meeting - the date has had to be changed and is now the 6th June. Cllrs Kennett and Pick to inform the Clerk if they still intend to go.

The Clerk reported back on the Regional Conference of SLCC she had attended. The day was felt to have been useful and informative.

6. Public Questions and Statements

Standing Orders were suspended.

Residents raised the following matters:

Thanks were given that the grass verges in Southfield Lane had now been cut up to the 30 mph signs.

Concern was raised at the state of the area where BT park vans when attending the exchange in Cattal Road. This area was not in our parish and the resident was advised to contact neighbouring Parish Council's about the matter.

Car parking on the grass verges over the spring bulbs is still occurring along Tockwith Road, especially on Saturday afternoons.

The need for street lighting at Whixley crossroads was raised.

The broken fence along Marston Road is an eyesore and could interfere with the cutting of the grass verges within the village.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Resolved that the Clerk write to the Sportsfield Trust again asking that further efforts be made to stop vehicles parking on the grass verges and destroying the daffodils. Suggestions were to stake the cones and string a rope between them and provide stewarding on match days.

Resolved that the Clerk write again to Mr Elwess asking that the broken fence be removed as soon as possible.

7. Village Hall

This item was deferred until later.

8. Tockwith Community Fields

The letter from the Chairman of Tockwith AFC was discussed.

The Parish Council favours informal use of the land off Tockwith Road but not a formal agreement involving change of the land. This item to be deferred until the next meeting when it is hoped Cllrs Pick and Billenness will be present.

7. Village Hall

1) Lease - the letter from the Council's Solicitor was read out and discussed. The PC took note of the advice and delegated authority to the Clerk to arrange a meeting with Mr Peach to finalise the terms of the Lease.

The VHMC Chairman expressed concern about the rent to be demanded after the fixed term agreed.

2) The planning application is now ready for submission. Cllrs looked at the plans and made comments.

Resolved to submit the application to HBC. A public consultation meeting will be held in July.

3) The fencing repair at the rear of the VH has been completed.

4) The CH needs attention. The Clerk to write to the installer asking for urgent attention to this matter.

5) A new piano has been installed

6) A survey of the drains has been completed and work is required. Quotes to be obtained for doing this work.

7) PAT testing of electrical appliances is being undertaken.

8) The ceiling repair is ongoing. The tiles used are non-standard size and this is causing problems.

9) The floor has been done again, necessary because of the damage done by tap dancing classes.

10) Roof - quotations are being sought for weather-proofing.

9. Report by County Councillor

In the absence of the Cllr there was no report.

10. Report by District Councillor

Meetings are being held with Environmental Health Officers at HBC about the problems of noise from the airfield. Mr Bowyer is prepared to attend and keep the PC informed.

The Local Development Framework is progressing and further consultation expected later in the year

Waste and Recycling - the green waste recycling scheme has proved successful and is being continued

Further work is ongoing to meet targets and could include the use of wheelie bins for domestic refuse.

11. Correspondence

Additional items 47 to 50 were made known

Hag Culvert - to reply and ask that Rudgate is kept open in the lead up to the Tockwith & District Show,

to be held on August 5th.

Adjustment of Parish boundaries A59/River Nidd - to reply and state that the PC does not object to the proposals but queries the need for them

The Local Channel - e mails to pass to Cllr Billenness for comment

12. Planning

1, Lucas Road - erection of single storey rear and first floor rear extensions

The PC objects to this application on the following grounds:

The plans submitted with the application are hardly adequate for purpose since a plan of what is existing and what is proposed is not decipherable, the location plan is inadequate and the wording on the plan is in the neatest illegible writing, so making an informed decision on the merit or otherwise of the proposals almost impossible.

The large detached house is at right angles to the adjacent modest bungalow and the massing and overbearing nature of the proposals would have a detrimental effect on the amenity of neighbours.

The proposals, if granted, would allow a dwelling not in keeping with the surroundings, having an over-imposing appearance in the street scene.

There are very strong neighbour objections to the proposals.

5, Kendal Gardens - erection of single storey rear and side extension

The PC has no objections to this application.

Field View, Oak Road, Cowthorpe - erection of roof extension to form first floor with balcony to rear and single storey rear extension with raised decking and balcony.

The PC commented that the proposals are not complimentary to the existing building but delegated authority to a planning sub-committee to formulate a response after neighbour notification.

Planning applications - withdrawn

Former Parish Hall, adjacent bungalow and garages to rear, Oak Road, Cowthorpe - approval of reserved matters for erection of 1 detached dwelling with double garage and formation of new vehicular access with siting, access, design, external appearance and landscaping considered.

The Paddock, Kendal Lane - erection of two storey side extension and porch.

Planning decisions, Appeals and enforcement issues were made known.

14. Accounts

Bank balances

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's a/c (as at 30.03.06) 2,500.00

Deposit a/c 14,753.48

Accounts to pay

YLCA (Next Meeting posters) 9.72

YLCA (annual subscription) 288.00

Nick Spence Groundworks (ginnel surfacing) 2,500.00

Advance notice of mortgage payment due 2nd May 1,859.41

HBC Planning application fee (amount not known before submission)

Fencing contractor (work done but no invoice received yet, <£500)

Receipts

Allotment rents 48.00

Commuted sum (Cowthorpe noticeboard) 490.00

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

Delegated authority was given for the Clerk to pay the a/c for the fencing repair if it came in before

the next meeting.

Resolved that a letter be sent to HBC stating that expenditure of commuted sums allocated to Tockwith

Community Fields should have prior approval from the PC.

The red Receipts and Payments ledger having been balanced, agreed and signed by the Chairman, the accounts for external audit were presented by the RFO. Resolved that the Chairman sign the external audit forms and the Cllrs agreed the Statement of Assurance and external Audit record to confirm that all necessary procedures had been carried out.

Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 19th MAY 2006, in the Village Hall, immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council which begins at 7.30pm.

Cllr Saunders gave apologies for absence for the AGM and Council meeting as he had a prior commitment.

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