

## **TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Council meeting held on Wednesday 18th April 2007 in the Village Hall**

The new Fire and Safety Regulations are in place and everybody was asked to sign the attendance book on arrival and departure. The Emergency Escape Plan is now agreed and it is placed at the Hall entrance at every meeting and attendees notice drawn to it.

**Chairman:** Councillor M Kennett

**Present:** Councillors Mrs Wardman, Mrs Scholey, C Saunders, N Waller, C Billenness, P Kirby, I Robinson.

**In attendance:** Mrs Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor), Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council), Mrs Steed (VHMC), 1 member of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the April Council meeting.

**Apologies for absence** - were received from County Cllr Savage, Cllrs Pick, Ward-Campbell and PC Ayre

#### **2. Police Matters**

Cllr Scholey stated that Ringmaster calls are not received anymore. It was reported that a PCSO, Glen Robinson, has been tasked with revamping the Farm Watch scheme.

In the Crime Figures paper 'Sanction Detections' are to do with whether the crime is detected through Police work or admissions from others.

The local crime detection rate is very low but so is the number of crimes.

Resolved that the Clerk mention the above points in her monthly e mail to PC Ayre.

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

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

Allotment clearance – after the supposed clearance, it was found that glass, oil drums and metal still remained. The Clerk to try and arrange for removal of these items.

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

Standing Orders were suspended.

- It was reported that standing water was present on Fleet Lane, at the end of Prince Rupert Drive, following works by the Water Board. It was also reported that the matter had been attended to today. Any further problems would be reported to the Water Company.
- It was reported that lights at the Sportsfield were often left on all night and some were pointing directly upwards. The Sportsfield Trust representative agreed to report this matter to the Trust Committee.

Standing Orders were resumed.

## **6. Village Hall**

- Mrs Steed reported that the Lease is with both parties' Solicitors awaiting completion.

Resolved that the Lease be progressed as soon as possible and the PC's Solicitor be instructed to carry out the wishes of the Council.

- Cllr Billenness asked about the burning of the rope dragon, reported recently in the Press, which had taken place in the rear garden of the VH. He was concerned about whether permission had been obtained before the event took place and about the insurance position. It was reported that all neighbours had been invited and the event had been supervised, although it was admitted that there had been some damage to the grass.

Mrs Steed said that it was difficult to legislate for all user groups as the Scouts do practice cooking, inside the building. They are well supervised by qualified staff and this is part of their scouting experience. The Chairman reported that he had visited the Youth Club last Tuesday night. He had been shown the state of the rear yard and garden, which was dreadful again with broken glass and bottles/cans littering the area. This is in spite of the Youth Club having had a holiday break, with no meetings held for a couple of weeks. It is imperative that lights and CCTV cameras are in place as soon as possible to try and deter (and catch) the perpetrators and in order to record the problems. Mrs Steed said that a new gardener has been instructed and will be attending to the garden this week.

## **7. Report by County Councillor**

In the absence of the Cllr there was no report.

## **8. Report by District Councillor**

We do not have a District Cllr at the moment as ex Cllr Sturdy has resigned in order to concentrate on fighting the next General Election as Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Outer York. A Bye Election is to be held on 3rd May to elect a new District Cllr for Marston Moor.

## **9. Correspondence**

Additional items 43 to 53 were made known

- Cowthorpe churchyard maintenance - Cllr Billenness raised the matter of a grant towards the maintenance of the mowers of the volunteers who do the work. The Chairman said there would be no problem about considering a grant to the District Church Council, who could then pay the volunteers, but the Parish Council cannot give grants to private individuals. Cllr Billenness said he would ensure there was a grant request from the DCC next month.
- Fire hydrants – during the recent works the hydrants have been tested and washed out which has led to a lot of soil and debris on the road edges and in the gulleys. Resolved that the Clerk advise the appropriate authority that the road sweeper and gully cleaner is required.
- Cllrs agreed the suggested revisions to the Clerk's Contract of Employment
- Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan – passed to Ainsty Conservation Society for information
- HBC - Planning Services Review – the Clerk to attend and report back
- Sportsfield Trust proposed equipment store – to be discussed in Planning

## **10. Planning**

**13, Westfield Green** - erection of 2 dormer windows to rear. *There were no objections to this application.*

**Wilstrop Lodge Farm** – erection of replacement dwelling. *There were no objections to this application, comments from neighbours to be passed on.*

**Tomlinson Antiques** – deletion of condition to allow the premises to be used for purposes other than antique furniture restoration. *The Council objected to this application on the following grounds: 1) The original application was not objected to for the reason that it sought to bring back onto the site all related workers, thereby saving extra journeys and reducing the carbon footprint of the operation. Conditions were attached to the earlier permission to make the proposals acceptable in planning terms. The current application, which would increase the carbon footprint, seeks to obtain permission to create an additional industrial site in what is considered an unacceptable location, given the openness of the countryside and nearby residential properties, and also the large and successful nearby Marston Moor Business Park as well as Rudgate Business Park, Locksley Business Park and the Haulage and Storage facilities at Revis's. The Parish Council would not support a new industrial park opening on this site. Expansion of the large, contained Marston Moor Business Park, which was supported by the Parish Council, was not supported by Planning Officers because it would "result in encroachment of the industrial site into the open countryside". These proposals should be rejected for the same reason, for consistency if nothing else. 2) The antique restoration business is unique and the Parish Council would like it to stay that way. 3) It is considered that the financial reasons, given in the application for the acceptability of the proposals, should not be entertained because of the harm such proposals would cause locally.* Land at Kendal Gardens – concern has been expressed that there appears to be movement of a residential boundary resulting in 'land take'. Resolved that the Clerk contact the Estates Dept at HBC to ask them to investigate and report back. Also the path through the open space is degraded and has subsided leading to problems for Mums with pushchairs. The Clerk to report this matter to HBC. Tockwith Sportsfield Trust – proposed storage building. Mark Kennett had been asked to prepare plans. It is the intention to take down the existing building and replace with a new, larger one. The Parish Council supports the idea in principle and will submit the application, as landowner, in due course.

**Enforcement – notification and result of investigation** Oakdene, Oak Road, Cowthorpe – addition of dormer windows and alterations of garage into additional accommodation. The above developments come under permitted development rights.

## **11. Accounts**

### **Bank balances (as at 18/04/07)**

Lloyds TSB current a/c	2,500.00
Lloyds TSB Deposit a/c	14,435.39

### **A/c's to pay/ratify**

YLCA (annual membership)	297.00
Marston Moor Internal Drainage Board (drainage rate)	10.30
YLCA (Next Meeting Posters)	9.67
Viking Direct (o/s invoice for stationery supplies) (84.99 + VAT)	99.86
Advance notice of D/D on 1st May – PWLB	1,859.41

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

**Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY 2007 in the Village Hall, immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council which starts at 7.30pm.**

Cllrs were asked to think about the positions they would like to take up following the AGM.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, read out the resolution for Exempt Matters and declared the meeting closed to the public.