

## **TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Council meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 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 C Saunders  
**Present:** Councillors Mrs Wardman, Mrs Scholey, M Kennett, N Waller, C Billenness, I Robinson  
**In attendance:** County/District Cllr Savage, Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor), Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council), 4 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the July Council meeting.

**Apologies for absence** - were received from Cllrs Kirby and Ward-Campbell

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

An e mail from Sgt. Crocker, regarding crime figures for North Yorkshire, was read out.

A recent Ring-Round message warned of a white male seen in this area taking photos of children outside schools.

#### **3. Minutes of the last Meeting**

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**

- CCTV cameras – Cllr Kennett agreed to contact the company and invite a representative to visit over the summer to give a quote.
- Speed matrix signs – to try and obtain quotations over the summer for discussion at the next meeting
- Bank signatories – further signatures were required on the forms – these were completed. The Clerk would be informed by Lloyds TSB when the new arrangements are in place
- Council headed notepaper – Cllr Billenness was asked to include the telephone number of the Clerk on the letterhead
- YLCA Training event – a copy of the presentation slides to be requested
- BT response re painting the telephone boxes had been received - the work will be added to the list of matters awaiting attention
- Village Hall Lease – the latest response from Mr Peach to be passed to YLCA for advice on the way forward
- Recycling in Wilstrop – HBC reply made known, the matter to be looked at again in the autumn
- YC – further letters received were made known and a resume of today's meeting with John Collins of NYCC given

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

Standing Orders were suspended.

- Further concern was expressed about the noise from the go-karts on the airfield. The resident was invited to contact the Clerk for any further information she required.

- A resident of Marston Road expressed concern at the development on land to east of East House Farm – the car parking spaces shown on the approved plans had not been provided, the fence was ugly, the juncture of the old and new walls was not what should be expected, especially in a Conservation Area, there should be no breach of the front wall to allow front access to the properties, perhaps an alternative would be to breach the wall to the side of the development alongside the access road.
- Lack of parking spaces for Cattal Station was mentioned again
- The need for a basketball facility at the Sportsfield was mentioned
- The road alongside the airfield should be made a PROW
- The need for Thorp Arch Recycling centre to be able to be used by North Yorks. residents was raised again
- A resident had been included on a District panel and asked questions about the planning system and HIC.

Standing Orders were resumed.

- The Clerk was asked to write to HBC about the development to the east of East House Farm and make the concerns known. The resident was advised to contact the District Auditor if he was unhappy with the response or lack of it from HBC.
- Thorp Arch Recycling Centre has been used by local residents with no problems

## **6. Village Hall**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mrs Steed to report.

Planning application – Mrs Steed had spoken with the Case Officer recently. The application decision was being deferred to allow time for consultation and hopefully agreement with the Conservation Dept. Planning Officer. The architect had attempted to meet with this Officer but she was unwilling to meet, on site or in the office and would only talk on the telephone! Efforts had been made to reduce the proposed scheme but it would not be possible to further reduce the plans and keep the multi-use function of the proposed building. The VHMC was concerned that the proposed scheme would no longer be operationally viable and several elements would be lost if the plans were further reduced, thus making a nonsense of the business plan submitted with the Lottery grant application. The PC was asked to give an opinion on the way forward.

Standing Orders were resumed.

- There were 3 options:
  - (1) say to the Planning Dept. that the scheme has been reduced twice before and as much as possible to maintain the multi-use function. The current amended proposals should therefore go forward for determination, even though the scheme is delegated to HOPS for decision and is likely to have a recommendation of refusal. (
  - 2) significant changes could be made to the application but this would not satisfy the Business Plan and would destroy the concept and operational cost plan submitted
  - (3) minor changes could be made in an attempt to address the concerns of the Planners and the decision taken to Appeal if it was unfavourable. An attempt should be made to have the scheme of delegation changed as it is considered inappropriate for HOPS alone to make a decision which affects a community so significantly, with no involvement of elected Members.

Cllrs resolved to support the proposed scheme. If minor changes can be done they would benefit the application's chances of being approved but as the Business Case is dependent on the proposed scheme any such changes would invalidate the basis of the current application and the scheme was considered wholly appropriate to benefit the whole community. The Lease – a response from YLCA is awaited before possible amendments are discussed.

## **7. New Model Code of Conduct – adoption and resolution**

Resolved that the Parish Council adopts the Standard Board's Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils 2007 and has opted in to paragraph 12(2) Para. 12(2):- "Where you have a prejudicial interest in any business of your authority, you may attend a meeting (including a meeting of the overview and scrutiny committee of your authority or of a sub-committee of such a committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise." Adoption and advertisement of adoption – requirements:- 1. A copy of the revised code is made available for inspection to the public – a notice on the parish notice board(s) will suffice 2. A press Notice to advertise the adoption of the code is compulsory 3. The Clerk must inform the Standard Board of the adoption and the date thereof.

## **8. Noise and Odours affecting Tockwith**

A letter from our consultant was made known. The PC resolved to ask Elizabeth to do a detailed analysis. The Clerk to write and thank her for her advice and ask her to do the further work she suggests and advise the PC on the conclusion and way forward.

## **9. Notice board - relocation**

Having received the quotation, resolved that the Clerk ask the joiner to carry out the work.

## **10. A59 speed limits**

Having received a request from residents at Gowlands Farm development, the PC resolved to ask NYCC to investigate the possibility of extending the 40mph speed limit on the A59 at Skip Bridge.

## **12. Report by District Cllr**

- Noise/Odours from the Airfield/Business Park. Cllr Savage is liaising with Jill Reeves of HBC
- Recycling – of cardboard is being looked at
- Planning – LDF – housing provision in the District, 380 dwellings per year are required, some of these will be on Green Belt land, some will have to be "affordable housing", HBC will have compulsory purchase powers.
- HIC – will require £50,000,000 over 10 years to refurbish. 5000 people are employed in tourism and conference businesses. HIC is the third largest most successful Conference centre in the country. If a Unitary Authority comes into being, a rethink will be necessary.
- New waste bin outside the school – is being provided.
- Air Ambulance – the proposed site is in Cattal parish, adjacent to the Show Field. There is some local opposition.

It was reiterated that the 24 hour flying will be from Barnsley, and air movements would take place with no other aircraft in the vicinity, unlike at Yeadon, the present base. The press release had unfortunately given a wrong impression. The Air Ambulance Chairman had stated that there will be no-fly zones set up over the villages and there would be no night flying from this location. Resolved that a letter of support should be sent to the Air Ambulance, saying we are aware of the inaccuracies in the press release.

## **11. Report by County Cllr**

- Resurfacing work at Cowthorpe – to be done August/September
- Skewkirk Bridge – is in the hands of the legal officers.

- Unitary Authority – Cllr Savage had voted for this but, as District Cllr as well, has now decided that he cannot see how such an authority would work in this area.
- Cattle Station car parking – e mails between the parties made known. The Railway Company should mark their parking places.

Resolved that the Clerk write to the Railway Company with copies to the Regulatory Body and NYCC about this ongoing problem.

### **13. Correspondence**

Additional items 44 to 55 were made known

- Cllr Ward-Campbell wished to attend the Training event at Knaresborough “Joining the Council”.
- Fire & Rescue Authority Corporate Plan – given to Cllr Billenness
- Army Foundation College letter – to be sent to the Church Warden for information
- Cllr Savage to be asked to get in touch with PRD resident who had requested assistance

### **14. Planning**

**Wilstrop Lodge Farm, Moor Monkton** – erection of replacement dwelling (revised scheme) *There were no objections to this application subject to comments from neighbours.*

**The Barn, Gowlands Farm, Kirk Hammerton** – erection of one front and one rear conservatory *There were no objections to this application.*

**Fleet Lodge, Fleet Lane, Tockwith** – deletion of condition to allow non-agricultural occupation. *The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that there seemed no pressing justification for removal of the condition.*

**Land to east of East House Farm, Marston Road** – various concerns were raised about this development which is nearing completion. The proposed parking areas have been grassed over and are being landscaped; the enclosure for waste bins seems to have disappeared; the palisade fencing used is incongruous in the street scene; the juncture with the old wall is terrible with old and new cement being unsightly; the new wall is mean in detail and detracts from a site in the Conservation Area. The Clerk to write to HOPS on receiving photographic evidence of the concerns from a resident.

**Planning decisions** – approved with conditions:

144, Prince Rupert Drive – erection of single storey rear extension

Sports Field – erection of sports equipment storage building

Wilstrop Lodge Farm – alterations to approved scheme for erection of 1 affordable unit

Garage plot, East House Farm – conversion of detached garage and studio block to form additional living accommodation to serve two dwellings.

### **15. Accounts**

Bank balances (as at 18/07/07)

Lloyds TSB current a/c

2,500.00

Lloyds TSB Deposit a/c	13,082.51
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A/c's to pay/ratify

T Bilbrough (Grass verge cutting)	150.00
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R Farrer (grounds maintenance)	295.00
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Mrs G Firth (salary and expenses)	841.29
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Receipts

Allotment rents	30.00
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VAT reclaim (BACS)	937.56
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Resolved that the Bank balances be accepted, and accounts be paid/ratified as above.

Resolved also that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to pay the insurance premium, the annual renewal becomes due on 01/09/2007

**Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Delegated authority was given to a committee comprising Cllrs. Saunders, Mrs Wardman, Billenness, Kennett and Waller to take any decisions required before the September meeting. Cllr Billenness reported that the web site had been experiencing problems which should be sorted before the next meeting.

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