

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th June 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, P Pick, P Kirby, R Ward-Campbell.
In attendance: Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor), Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council), 3 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the June Council meeting.

Apologies for absence - were received from Cllrs Billenness and Robinson and PC Ayre.

2. Police Matters

The Clerk reported a visit from PC Ayre, at which current matters of concern were discussed and the Council's position relating to the ginnel was made known.

Cllr Mrs Scholey had also been contacted and the ring-round system was now working.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, last Ordinary Meeting and Exempt matters therefrom

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 A.G.M.

Resolved that Cllr Kennett be the appointed representative on WARDEN

Last Ordinary meeting

- Cllrs Saunders and Ward-Campbell were asked to attend Lloyds TSB bank in Wetherby marketplace with identification, so the new signatories for the Council's bank accounts can be put into operation.
- Village Hall Spring Clean-up – has been completed and photographs taken of the finished state of the areas the Council agreed to be responsible for.
- Village Hall – the joinery work has been completed.
- Notice Board relocation? – the Clerk and the joiner had spoken to Mrs King at Costcutter. She was unhappy for the present large board to be relocated at the front of the store as it would overlap windows on both sides by a considerable distance. She was happy to see two new boards located on the brickwork between the windows. A quotation had been requested from the joiner.
- Daffodil bulbs have been ordered from HBC – to be collected in September.
- Review of Internal Audit procedures – to be discussed under item 13, accounts.

5. Public Questions and Statements Standing Orders were suspended.

- Cattal Station car parking was raised again. A solution does not appear to be any nearer. Two residents agreed to lobby NYCC about the lack of car parking if that would help. The Chairman stated that the owner of The Victoria and NYCC are in negotiation as there should

be 11 parking spaces for train passengers. The back end of the car park is being used by railway passengers.

- Speed matrix signs have appeared in lots of local villages, why hasn't Tockwith got any? The Council is awaiting a reply from the Fire Service about speed matrix signs and how to obtain them for our villages. In the past when investigations have been done, the cost of permanent signs has been prohibitive and the criteria for moveable signs too onerous to be considered. Once a reply has been received the matter will be discussed again. It was noted that the villages which do have the signs are in West Yorkshire or York City Council areas.
- Two Police Officers had visited the village last Sunday
- A resident asked to have copies of the Meeting Minutes, once they are agreed as a true record and signed.
This request was agreed to. The Clerk gave the resident copies of minutes of all meetings this year.
- Notice board – a resident queried why the board should be moved.
It was felt that more notice would be taken of information if the board was more accessible to residents, who would not walk up the street to see the notice board but may see it when visiting the Shop/Post Office.
- Waste Recycling facilities at Thorp Arch should be available to local residents of North Yorkshire and a reciprocal arrangement made with West Yorkshire.
West Yorkshire Authority will not take material for recycling/disposal from residents of North Yorkshire.

Standing Orders were resumed.

6. Village Hall Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mrs Steed to report.

- A letter from Tocky Tynwald, the parliament of Tockwith Youth Club, had been circulated around the village of Tockwith. The letter asked residents to object to the planning application to refurbish and extend the Village Hall. The letter contained inaccurate and misleading information. The VHMC had drafted a response to this letter which was to be delivered this week. Great concern was expressed at the damage the letter could do.

The VHMC were advised to monitor the progress of the application on the HBC web site and respond accordingly if any further letters arose following the circulated letter.

- The state of the interior of the VH was again commented on. Photographs had been taken of the matters causing most concern and these were to be sent with a covering letter to the Youth Club Leader and NYCC, who ought to be made aware of the situation. Investigations will be done into providing CCTV cameras within and outside the building. The current cameras are supposed to be under the control of the Youth Club but do not operate satisfactorily. The PC will consider purchase of a system which it is hoped will identify the problems both inside and outside the building. The matter can be debated once information is to hand.
It was stressed again that all the damage occurring in the grounds of the VH can not be attributed solely to the Youth Club. Efforts are being made to add extra fencing to deter youths from entering the rear garden and yard.
- The Lease is still awaiting completion.

Standing Orders were resumed.

7. BT Telephone kiosk in Tockwith

Cllr Waller stated that the appearance of the telephone box in Tockwith Main Street is unacceptable, especially as it is in the centre of a Conservation Area. No refurbishment has been done for many years. A bad impression is given of the smartness of the village, although a recent broken pane of glass had been replaced quickly. Resolved that a letter be sent to BT asking if there is a scheme of maintenance for phone kiosks and that the kiosks in both Tockwith and Cowthorpe be painted in the very near future. Cllrs volunteered to do the painting if BT supplied the materials! [It was reported that the phone kiosk in a neighbouring parish had been removed when repainting had been requested.]

8. School Playing Fields

Standing Orders were suspended.

A resident expressed concern about the activities of youths congregating in the Primary School grounds in the evenings and at weekends. They play games of football and basketball and refuse to leave when requested to. The resident was most concerned at what might happen in the long summer holidays. The School has been made aware of the problems and the caretaker does his best to move on the youths, but he is not always available. It was suggested that the School may be asked to remove the nets during the holidays. It was stated that there is a specific bye-law preventing access to school playing fields. It was suggested that the Headmistress may wish to write to PC Ayre, who could visit the school for the problem to be discussed. It was believed that funding for the nets may have been provided on the understanding that the facility could be used by anyone so this would have to be looked at carefully to see if that was the case. Standing Orders were resumed. The Chairman agreed to speak to the Headmistress this week. Resolved that a letter be sent to the Sportsfield Trust asking them to consider providing a basketball net, as youths are using the school playing fields and causing problems for neighbouring residents.

9. & 10. Report by County and District Councillor

In the absence of Cllr Savage, there were no reports. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Savage saying that the Council is concerned that there was no attendance, apologies or reports from the Cllr. and there had been complaints from the public.

11. Correspondence

Additional items 33 to 49 were made known

- Standards Board – to be an agenda item for the next meeting so the Council can decide on the adoption and publication of the revised Code of Conduct.
- HBC Investigative Reports into Noise and Odours from the airfield – no reply has been received from Elizabeth as yet.
- Village Hall Lease – Cllrs were concerned to note the latest letter from Mr Peach, who felt unable to act for the Parish Council in this matter. The Clerk was asked to reply and ask for an itemised list of the matters giving rise to concern so that the issues could be raised with YLCA and advice on the way forward asked for.
- Grass verge cutting – the Clerk was authorised to instruct the contractor to do the work.
- Notification of the sale by auction of a piece of land in Tockwith had been received. Cllrs were asked to discuss whether a community use could be possible for this land. The land could become a public amenity open space, with or without affordable housing on it. Cllrs decided that although the idea had merit, in practice it would be too expensive for the Council to consider purchasing the land.

12. Planning

Garage plot, East House Farm, Marston Road, Tockwith – conversion of detached garage and studio block to form additional living accommodation to serve two dwellings. *The PC does not object to this application, given the previous approvals on this site. However, the Council comments that the fenestration on the western side, as built, differs from that granted planning permission, some windows being clear glazed instead of obscure and some at first floor level instead of on the ground floor. The garage doors, as built, open on different sides to those approved. The new accommodation should be tied to the existing dwellings so that it cannot be sold off separately.*

41, Marston Road, Tockwith – formation of new vehicular access. *There were no objections to this application.*

144, Prince Rupert Drive – erection of single storey rear extension *No objections.*

Sports Field – erection of sports equipment storage building. *No objections.*

Village Hall, Tockwith – erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of existing roof space to form additional Village Hall accommodation, and felling of two trees in Conservation Area (revised scheme) *The Parish Council is the applicant and supports the application, after discussion and negotiation to address previous concerns. The Parish Council requests that, as there is significant public interest in the proposals, the application is referred to Planning Committee for decision, thus allowing the public to speak.*

Wilstrop Lodge Farm, Green Lane, Moor Monkton – alterations to approved scheme 6.124.14.B.FULMAJ for the erection of 1 affordable unit. *No objections.*

The Barn, Gowlands Farm, Moor Monkton – erection of one front and one rear conservatory *No objections subject to neighbour comments.*

Planning decisions – approved with conditions:

3, Prince Rupert Drive, Tockwith – erection of conservatory to rear

31, Fleet Lane, Tockwith – erection of 2 storey rear extension (revised scheme)

Goosemoor Stud, Cowthorpe – retention of entrance gates

Refused:-

Westfield Farm – erection of detached greenhouse

Withdrawn:- Wilstrop Lodge Farm, Green Hammerton – erection of replacement dwelling

Notification:- Receipt of valid application at Sports Field

12. Accounts

Bank balances (as at 20/06/07)

Lloyds TSB current a/c 2,500.00

Lloyds TSB Deposit a/c 13,255.57

A/c's to pay/ratify

Denco Ltd (new pump and release valve)	728.66
Allied Westminster (Village Hall Insurance)	971.51
Denco Ltd (inhibitor and clean/flush system)	409.47
YRCC membership renewal	35.00
Denco Ltd (summer settings of CH system)	138.06

Receipts

Allotment rents	10.00
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Resolved that the Bank balances be accepted, and accounts be paid/ratified as above. Resolved also that the effectiveness of Internal Audit had been reviewed and considered adequate.

The Clerk had arranged more favourable Insurance cover for the Village Hall with Allied Westminster, saving over £400 on the renewal premium quoted by Allianz Cornhill.

Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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