

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th April 2008 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 N Waller

Present: Councillors Mrs Scholey, R Ward-Campbell, C Billenness, M Kennett, P Pick, P Kirby, I Robinson, Mrs Wardman

In attendance: Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor), Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council), 2 members of the public County/District Cllr Savage came late after attending an earlier meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the April Council meeting.

Apologies for absence - were received from Cllr C Saunders, PC Haydon

2. Police Matters

An e mail had been received from PC Haydon:

traffic through the villages has been monitored using a speed gun. Drivers appear to behave themselves when there is a Police presence.

Nothing of interest regarding crime recently

The indiscriminate parking at the T junction in Tockwith has been and continues to be monitored but no problem identified as yet

Information regarding the fishermen's car parks will be followed up

The one-stop-shop/surgery in the Village Hall is being followed up

Cllr Waller reported on the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

It was stated there had been no input from a Police Officer and more pro-active policing was hoped for

The PCSO hoped to have use of speed matrix signs for early mornings shortly to record whether there is an issue which would require enforcement

It was requested that the use of mobile phones whilst driving should be investigated

On three nights this week cars had been parked on Southfield Lane. There is a litter issue with pizza boxes scattered about and some evidence of drug use.

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, subject to the Deposit Account Bank Balance, which had been reported verbally to the last meeting incorrectly, being confirmed in the Minutes as the correct figure. The Clerk/RFO apologised for this.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Signs for the footpath from Kendal Lane to Wilstrop Lodge Farm had been replaced by Mr Scholey, who was thanked for this work. More signs and markers are needed from the PROW Officer. The Clerk to organise this.

Under Public Questions from the last meeting about hedge removal, the Land owner had approached Cllr Wardman and explained that an old gate had been removed and the hedge cut back to allow room for a tractor to access the land. Cllrs did not remember a gate ever being there but the matter is now under enforcement investigation.

Details were asked for about the Appeal concerning the public house application in Cowthorpe. These would be on the HBC web site. Field off Marston Road permissive footpath. The Clerk had spoken with the landowner. The land has been fenced off and sheep are to be put in the field. This involved fencing the field on all four sides, including securing the top of the field so there is no pathway through for dog walkers. There has been a lot of fly tipping at the top of the field which has been removed by the landowner. The land on the Marston Road frontage is a preferred option site for affordable housing but would not be possible in the current location because it would 'land-lock' the land behind the frontage.

The Tockwith village sign and posts at the Fleet Lane entrance to the village have vanished. The Clerk to report this to HBC

Public Questions or Statements

Standing Orders were suspended.

Parents of children attending the Primary School asked that consideration be given to providing a cycleway/footpath between Cattal and Tockwith and Long Marston and Tockwith. Although this is a good idea it is known that such routes are only provided in areas of high density. There would be a large cost involved.

Standing Orders were resumed.

NYCC to be contacted about the above and the County Cllr asked to follow this up.

Village Hall

Mrs Steed was invited to report.

The VHMC AGM will be held on the 14th May at 8pm in the Village Hall.

The Schedule of Condition is to be done over the weekend of 26/27 April.

A meeting is to be held on 23rd April with John Collins (NYCC), Steve Goodrick (Youth Club Leader), Mrs Steed (VHMC Chairman) and Mrs Firth (Parish Clerk and member of VHMC)

Correspondence

Additional items 26 to 37 were made known.

Conservation Area Appraisal – residents living in the Conservation Area would be receiving a letter from HBC telling of the workshop/visit on Wednesday 30th April from 6pm to 9.30pm. It is important that all interested Cllrs and residents attend to take part in the process.

2008 Local Transport Plan Progress Report – Stakeholder Engagement – the Clerk to complete

and return the survey form

Daffodil bulbs – to reply and request some bulbs for the PC

Children and Young People's Plan consultation – the Clerk to write a reply and state that the Council will respond further following the AGM of the new Council after the Election.

Civic Service invitation – the Chairman to attend

Report by County Cllr/District Cllr

Cllr Savage had sent a report to the APM which was mentioned again.

Cllr Savage gave a report on tonight's Full Council meeting of HBC.

Planning Committee meeting – BCB application – HBC had strongly objected to the proposals

There is to be a new rail service from Harrogate to London via Leeds or York. There will be a new station to the east of Knaresborough.

There is cross party support at HBC for a Unitary Authority based on Harrogate, Craven and Selby Districts. There would be cost savings but education and social services would miss out.

There is perceived to be a problem with Unitary Authorities being based on Cities/Regions. There is a feeling that Central Government would favour disbanding District Councils and subsuming them into large city areas e.g. Leeds MDC may take over West Riding Council areas.

Free bus services – a resounding success .

A motion had been tabled seeking to establish 20mph zones outside schools. Cllrs Savage and Bateman have raised the same motion at NYCC.

Today confirmation had been received that the Police will finance and provide a Police presence at local events and parades.

Cllr Savage was thanked for his report and attendance.

Planning applications

162, Prince Rupert Drive – erection of two and single storey side and rear extension (revised scheme) *No objections.*

80, Prince Rupert Drive – erection of conservatory to side. *No objections subject to neighbour notification*

Lawful Development Certificate - existing Land comprising OS Field 6122, off Blind Lane - for existing buildings and use of buildings (Use Class B2 – General Industry) *No comments to make.*

Planning decisions – approved with conditions: The Old Rectory, Cowthorpe – erection of side conservatory.

Planning decision – refused: The Barn, Goosemoor Farm, Cowthorpe – formation of tennis court and erection of 2.75m high perimeter fencing

Planning application – withdrawn: Niddway, Kendal Gardens – erection of detached dwelling.

Certificate of Lawful Use or Development – certificate of lawfulness for a proposed agricultural workers dwelling Land comprising Field at grid. Ref. 446944 453077, Ness Lane

Notice of Appeal – Acorn House, Warfield Lane, Cowthorpe – outline application for the erection of public house with layout and access considered.

Enforcement Case – notification/result of investigation Land comprising OS Field 0094, Fleet Lane – construction of horse arena and floodlighting Land at Rudgate Business Park – erection of steel structure Land comprising OS Field 9215, Kirk Lane – 1) Fencing to rear of properties on Marston Road. 2) Removal of length of hedgerow at Kirk Lane field entrance

The Parish Council is fully aware of recent enforcement issues. It is unfortunate that concerned residents do not read the agendas and corries lists placed on the PC's noticeboards, or read the PC Minutes on the web site or attend PC Meetings so that they are aware of what planning applications are submitted and approved or ask their local councillor if they have concerns about development. Concern is expressed about the amount of time wasted on investigations of matters already known about when time could be better spent investigating matters of genuine concern.

Planning – BCB – HBC Planning Committee resolved to strongly object to the application. The NFU has put in a block objection A traffic survey is being done using cameras on Rudgate The Environment Agency is firm in its' objection to the height of the chimney The applicant does not appear willing to engage with the EA about amending the application. The Yorkshire & Humber Regional Assembly – the Leader of HBC will attend and ask that their support be reconsidered in light of comments from statutory consultees Although no date has been set for the Northallerton meeting, it is believed it will not be before July There is a fear that the application will be allowed to drift on and thereby weaken the resolve of the objectors Allegedly the applicant has another site elsewhere

It was reported that 'boundary creep' had taken place into the Public Open Space on land at Westfield Green. The Clerk to ask HBC to investigate.

Accounts

Bank balances (as at 31/03/08)

Lloyds TSB current a/c 2,500.00

Lloyds TSB Deposit a/c 5,434.13

A/c's to pay/ratify

Village Hall (room hire) 165.00

KLW Development Ltd. (VH Car park pothole repairs) 168.00

Viking Direct Ltd. (stationery supplies) 107.36

YLCA (annual subs.) 309.00

Billy Hunter (reimburse for coach hire) 50.00

PWLB (advance notice of D/D on 1st May) 1,859.41

Authority was given to the Clerk to book a place at the SLCC Regional Conference in Harrogate at a cost of £45 + VAT.

Receipts

Allotment rents

46.00

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

Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Harrogate Coach Travel for coach hire at cost and Mr Hunter for settling the invoice.

The completed annual accounts for External Audit were presented to the Parish Council. Each Cllr received a copy of the un-audited accounts and other papers to do with the Audit. Questions were invited.

Cllrs were asked to agree the Statement of Assurance and External Audit Record to confirm all necessary procedures had been carried out. The balance carried forward as at 31.3.08 was £7,934.13

Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 21st MAY 2008 in the Village Hall, immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Council which starts at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, thanked Cllrs Kennett and Robinson for their services to the Parish as they were attending their last meeting as Cllrs, thanked the Tockwith Cllrs and wished them well in the forthcoming elections and stated that there would definitely be new faces at the Next PC Meeting, and declared the meeting closed.