

## **TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th January 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 C Saunders

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

**In attendance:** Mrs J Bygate (Internal Auditor), Mrs G Firth (Clerk to the Council),  
16 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the January Council meeting.

**Apologies for absence** - were received from Cllr Savage.

**Police Matters** Crime Update figures had been received from the Police. Concern was expressed about vehicles parking right up to the corners, at the T junction in the centre of the village. The Clerk to follow up the proposal for Ward-based meetings with Inspector Chapman.

**Minutes of the last Meeting** The Minutes, recording the resolutions made at the November meeting, having been circulated and taken as read, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Billenness was thanked for producing these in the absence of the Clerk.

**Matters arising from the Minutes** A Christmas tree and lights for Tockwith Church had not been provided due to size availability and cost implications. A decision will be made before next Christmas about providing lights for the existing tree in the churchyard. Resolved that a sum of £100 be donated to the Church for the Bell Tower project in lieu of expenditure on the tree, lights and electricity. The catenary lights for Cowthorpe had been impressive, thanks were expressed to the Council for paying for these. Evidence of Use forms for the footpath off Marston Road were to be provided to Cllrs by the Clerk

### **Public Questions and Statements**

Standing Orders were suspended.

Concern was expressed at building work and proliferation of buses and other vehicles being parked on an area of the airfield in plain view from Prince Rupert Drive. T

he footpath past the Old Malt Kiln, at the point where there is a footbridge over the ditch, requires work.

The ditch has not been cleaned out, the hedge has been clipped and the clippings allowed to fall into the ditch, the water level is within inches of the footpath and is a potential danger to children using this route.

Vans are parking overnight on both sides of the road in the centre of the village, causing a problem for residents wishing to exit their properties.

Concern was expressed again about vehicles parking on the verges in Southfield Lane and thereby destroying the daffodil bulbs The recent flooding has resulted in road closures beyond Cattal crossroads. It was suggested permanent locked boards should be provided.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Resolved that the Clerk write to HBC Enforcement to ask them to investigate and report back. The business owner to be contacted and asked to consider providing screening.

Cllr Scholey agreed to speak to the local landowner and report back. Inconsiderate parking to be reported to the Police.

The Sportsfield Trust be encouraged to make all football supporters aware of the problem

The Clerk to write to the Highway Authority about the provision of locked boards and copy the correspondence to Cattal, Hunsingore and Walshford PC.

### **Planning**

Unit 86, Marston Moor Business Park Resolved that this matter be adjourned to be discussed at an extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held as soon as a venue can be found.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Members of the public asked questions about the application notices and timetable.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Resolved that authority be delegated to Cllr Billenness to purchase a paper on “pyrolysis and gasification”, at a cost of £30.

### **Village Hall**

The Clerk was asked to get a contractor to repair the dangerous hole in the tarmac at the entrance to the VH car park and get a roofing contractor to repair/replace broken slates on the roof over the entrance door to the VH and any others found to be defective. These matters being urgent it was not necessary to obtain three quotations as per Standing Orders.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Neighbourhood Watch is in the process of being re-vamped under the leadership of PCSO Glen Turner. Residents have had a meeting and new co-ordinators have been appointed. Resolved that the PC purchase 7 signs for the village gateways at a cost of £7 each, inclusive of fittings. Individual streets can club together to purchase their own signs if required.

It was stated that the Community Safety Partnership will know the details of the special offer on Smart Water.

### **Local Development Framework – housing site allocations**

There is to be an exhibition on 30th January in the Village Hall from 4pm to 8pm at which Officers from HBC will be present to answer questions. There are two preferred sites in Tockwith village. Resolved that this matter be deferred until the February meeting, after the exhibition and before the closing date of 29th February.

## **Report by County Cllr Report by District Cllr**

In the absence of the Cllr there were no reports.

### **Correspondence**

Additional items 48 to 55 were made known

Common land – it was resolved to continue with the application although there was no additional information to send to NYCC

Commuted sums for Marston Road Play Area – the reply was unsatisfactory, the Clerk to follow the matter up with the appropriate HBC Officer as it seemed there was inconsistent application of policy.

Textile bank – Cllrs were in favour subject to the VPMC being informed and asked for their agreement

Flooding of River Nidd at Cowthorpe – the Clerk to write to the Environment Agency about dredging of the River and the responsibility for the Beck.

Denco maintenance contract – resolved to go ahead for the coming year

Winter maintenance review – resolved to write to NYCC, asking that Kirk Lane, as part of a primary bus route, is included in future maintenance routes.

Safer Communities Funding 2008/9 – resolved that the Clerk submit an expression of interest for funding CCTV/outside lighting at the VH

Parish Elections – Cllrs were made aware of the timetable

Wilstrop level crossing closure notice passed to Cllr Scholey

### **Planning**

**14, Kirk Lane** – erection of side extension to garage with pitched roof over – *No objections*

**Land adjacent 238, Prince Rupert Drive** – erection of detached dwelling (revised scheme) – *No objections*

**Westfield Farm** – erection of detached greenhouse (revised scheme) – *No objections*

**S Field 0094, Fleet Lane** – formation of outdoor riding arena with 1.5m high enclosure fencing – *No objections subject to the enterprise remaining personal/private and not commercial*

**Unit 18, Rudgate Business Park** – formation of first floor to provide office accommodation for textile warehouse *No objections*

**Southfield Lodge, Rudgate** – conversion of redundant building to form 1 dwelling, installation of package treatment plant and erection of detached storage building for gardening and landscaping business – *No objections*

**Planning application accompanied by an Environmental Statement for the change of use of warehouse and adjoining land to an Energy from Waste Facility, with storage of waste and gasification ovens within the building and a combined heat and power plant, including an 18m high chimney stack erected on land at Unit 86, Marston Moor Business**

**Park.** This application to be discussed at an EO meeting of the PC.

**Planning decisions – approved with conditions:** 14, Kirk Lane Units 3, 4 and 5, The Old Barracks, Blind Lane 55, Prince Rupert Drive

**Withdrawn** – Land adjacent to 238, Prince Rupert Drive

**Refused** – Tomlinson Antiques, Moorside 1, Kendal Lane 188, Prince Rupert Drive

### Accounts

#### Bank balances (as at 16/01/08)

Lloyds TSB current a/c	£ 2,500.00
Lloyds TSB Deposit a/c	£ 13,234.48

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

Ainsty Farms (Christmas hamper)	£ 40.00
Almond Associates (VH lighting)	£ 329.00
R Bulmer (noticeboards)	£ 642.72
Dalton Joinery (VH door lock)	£ 170.55
SLCC (annual subscription)	£ 91.00
Ray Farrer (grounds maintenance)	£ 265.00
Viking Direct (stationery supplies)	£ 118.55
Cllr Billenness (catenary cable)	£ 19.15
Tockwith Parish Church (grant to Bell Tower fund)	£ 100.00
Cllr Billenness (webspace)	£ 32.87

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

**Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**NOTE - The following matter was dealt with under Exempt Matters at this meeting, and as such was not published on this website. However, at its meeting in June 2012, the Parish Council voted that due to the passage of time, it should no longer be exempt from the public domain. It is now therefore reproduced on this website.**

### COWTHORPE Glebe Land

Cllr Billenness asked for authority from the Parish Council to write to the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds to suggest the land at Cowthorpe be put into public use as a Public Open Space for the village.

It was hoped to open negotiations and get a proper figure for the sale of the land, with a restricted covenant to restrict the land to public use in perpetuity.. Harrogate Borough Council could be asked to assist as they have done in the past with advice about the appropriate way forward.

Resolved to delegate authority to Cllr Billenness to act in this behalf.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.