

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2011 in Tockwith Church

Chairman: Councillor C Saunders
Present: Councillors Mrs L Chasney, P Pick, Mrs J Wardman, C Billenness, and N Waller
In attendance: 5 members of the public. Councillor Savage

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the January Council meeting

Apologies for absence – were received from Clerk Gill Firth (illness), Cllr Alliott (work), Cllr Algar (work) Cllr Harrison (other commitments)
PC Haydon.

In the absence of the Clerk Cllr Waller agreed to take the minutes.

2. Declarations of Interest – none

3. Public Questions or Statements

Standing Orders were suspended. Greg Perry, local resident, introduced himself and explained that he administered the local web site www.tockwith-together.info This essentially is a local news and events web site. He enquired whether a summarised version of the Council minutes could be sent to him – it was pointed out that the minutes were always published on the Parish Council's web site and a link to the Tockwith Together site could be set up. Councillors were not in favour of a summarized version. It was agreed that Cllr Waller who was responsible for putting Parish Council News in the village Newsletter would forward to Mr Perry agenda details of the monthly Parish Council Meetings, which Mr Perry was welcome to put on his site.

Mr Perry also asked whether a No Cold Calling Scheme could be set up in the village as he noticed Long Marston had such a scheme and there appeared to have been an increase in cold callers. Resolved that NYCC Trading Standards would be contacted regarding the implementation of the scheme.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the November meeting, having been circulated and taken as read, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes/business remaining from the last meeting

Sandholes - Bilton Bridle Path Following on from the information given regarding the ownership of Sandholes / Bilton Bridle path, a query was raised regarding the ownership of the track adjacent to the allotment, which was distinct from the actual bridle path. This path was severely rutted. It was hoped that this situation could be resolved soon with the co-operation of a local farmer.

Meeting with Officers from NYCC Highways Authority Area 6 26th November. The meeting was very constructive and Mr Smurthwaite and others now appear to understand our concerns regarding highways matters within Tockwith, Cowthorpe and Wilstrop. Although to date no action appears to have been taken on any matter.

Tyres on the Airfield It would appear that there has been no or limited removal of the tyres and there has been no update from the Environment Agency regarding the situation.

Purchase of land at Cowthorpe This is progressing and it is hoped this will be completed by the

end of the month. The Clerk has begun the process of applying for planning permission for change of use of the land.

Adopt a Kiosk The Clerk has now received the promised templates, after chasing up CE Electric for them. She continues to be approached by other Councils having been directed to her by YLCA as she is allegedly the 'expert' in these matters.

Crawford Close Ginne! This was raised at the meeting with NYCC Highways Area 6 at Starbeck. The Clerk is liaising with Graham Hermon NYCC about the legal status of the Ginnels.

Commuted Sums The Clerk had received the latest spread sheet regarding funds available but had not received a response regarding her request for the release of some funds.

Dog Fouling Leaflets The PDF file of the leaflet has been received and the clerk is copying a few at a time – the intention is to do 600 leaflets.

Youth Club The reply from C Welbourn regarding the covenanted use of the Village Hall by the Youth Club was deemed unsatisfactory. The PC Solicitor has been contacted to seek his advice on the matter before contacting NYCC again.

Meeting HBC – 14TH December re Tockwith Airfield Planning Issues This meeting was dealt with under the Chatham House Rule – and will therefore be dealt with in exempt matters.

6. Police matters

Pc Haydon sent his apologies with a brief report regarding crime matters which had already been circulated to Councillors. It was noted that PC Haydon was retiring at the end of the month. It was resolved to send a letter to Inspector Andy Chapman of the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team to pass on our best wishes to PC Haydon and ask that we be notified of his replacement as soon as possible and would welcome the new officer at one of our meetings at the earliest opportunity.

7. Village Hall

Mrs Unsworth reported that the floor had been done and restrictions had had to be put in place restricting certain activities in order to preserve the floor – the (Claire Hartley) School of Dance had given notice that because of these restrictions she was having to vacate the Village Hall. Mrs Unsworth stated that they had tried to resolve these issues with her regarding the purchase of some special covering but she had still decided to leave. Mrs Hartley had gone to the Sportsfield building but due to a serious water leak that rendered it unusable she is back in the Village Hall. The Village Hall has accommodated other users from the Sports Hall whilst the repairs are made.

She had been contacted by a firm requesting to do checks re Legionnaires Disease, who stated it was to do with NYCC (YC) use of the hall. The committee was not aware of such an obligation and expect NYCC to stand this cost.

Standing orders were suspended –

Deryck Wilson from the Sports Hall advised there was a major water leak on Christmas day which caused substantial damage rendering all but the changing rooms unusable. He reminded the council that quotes and details of work to be done using Commuted Sums had been submitted some months ago and it would be nice to get approval for this work so it can be tied in with the insurance repairs. –

Resolved that the Clerk chase this up.

8. Wilstrop issues Cllr Mrs Chasney reported:

- Still waiting for the supply of reflector posts
- There had been more problems regarding flooding and there seems to be a variance of opinion as to who is responsible to take action regarding this. She had been in contact with a Mark Young of the Flood Authority and he is acting as a co-ordinator in establishing whether the problem is as a result of back fill from the river.

9. Report by County/District Councillor Savage

HBC issues

- Councillor Savage reported that he had just come back from a meeting at HBC and it had been resolved at that meeting that we are going on to fortnightly rubbish collections and going to go to wheelie bins. The recycling will include cardboard and plastic. HBC are one of only a few councils that do not operate this system. Councillors welcomed the opportunity to be able to recycle more.
- Councillor Savage was asked about any information regarding the rate support grant for the Sports Hall – he could not report any information but would chase it up.

NYCC issues

- We expect quite a lot more cuts to services as the council has to save £35 million in the coming years.
- The road safety budget has been taken away completely
- The Library service has been devastated. Hope the council would be involved in the consultation.
- There was great concern over job loses particularly as many jobs in this part of the world were in the public sector.
- The incinerator issue at Allerton Park is still on going.
- Cattal Bridge due to be closed for essential repair on 7th February for 8 weeks.

10. Report from TAAG (Tockwith Airfield Action Group)

There was nothing to report from this group – the chairman did remind councillors that more on this would be dealt with in exempt matters.

11. BCB/Environmental Agency

No update had been received regarding the clear up. It would appear that Mr Stevenson's non attendance at the PC meeting when he had failed to attend was as a result of a family bereavement.

The Chairman expressed a wish that he would hope that there would be an enquiry or report detailing the involvement of all concerned regarding the management of BCB, the fire and the role of all those involved, Fire, Police, HCB, NYCC, EA, Health and Safety etc.

The Chairman to make further contact with Mr Stevenson to invite him to the next PC Meeting to discuss BCB and the clean up plan of action and the role of the EA plus action regarding the airfield tyres.

12. Mobile Library

Councillors noted that the claimed consultation with local councils had never taken place. The council wished to seek retention of the library service as an important social service. Cllr Wardman to complete the consultation document.

13. Correspondence

Councillors had previously been forwarded a list of correspondence and a correspondence file had been circulated.

14. Planning

Planning Applications

6, Marston Road, Tockwith – erection of extension to outbuilding. – resolved no objections.

83, Prince Rupert Drive, Tockwith – erection of two storey extension - paperwork with Cllr Harrison Resolved - to object as too obtrusive development having an effect on the street scene.

Fairfax House, Southfield Lane – Industrial units – resolved no objection subject to neighbour notification (paperwork to Cllr Pick)

Planning decisions – approved with conditions

The Old Malt Kiln - confirmation of discharge of conditions/approve details of previous planning permission.

Unit 3, The Old Barracks – replacement planning permission for detached industrial building.

87, Prince Rupert Drive – erection of single storey and two storey extension.

Skewkirk Hall – Full Planning permission and Listed Building approval for the erection of porch enclosure over courtyard and installation of replacement window to North elevation (revised scheme)

Part approved and part refused 40, Marston Road – tree works to trees covered by TPO.

Planning Decision – refused

Paddock House, York Road, Moor Monkton – redevelopment with extensions to form 6 bedroom dwelling on three storeys, double garage, office, workshop and one bedroom annex.

Planning Enforcement – notification and result of investigation

Rudgate Business Park – alleged development not in accordance with approved plans. No breach of planning control, no further action possible.

15. Accounts

<u>Bank balances</u>	(as at 31.12.10)
Lloyds TSB current a/c	2,500.00
Lloyds TSB deposit a/c	8,293.17
Loan (ring fenced for specific purposes)	16,368.63

A/c's to ratify/pay

Peter Burke (VH floor as amended from last month)	1,670.00
Mrs Firth (salary and expenses)	1,350.29
New Wood Gardening (ginnel work)	47.00
SLCC (Annual Subs)	95.00

Note - Clerk expenses include purchase of lap top as agreed re IT resolution at previous meeting.

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

Received application for grant from Tockwith Show Society – Councillors Chasney, Pick, Waller and Billenness declared an interest as committee members.

Resolved same payment be made as last year.

Budget for Precept 2011/2012 Resolved that the Budget Precept remain at the 2010/2011 level.
– i.e. no increase

16. Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 16th February 2011 in Tockwith Church, commencing at 7.30pm.

The decision regarding the venue for meetings in the coming year was held over to the next meeting when there would hopefully be more councillors in attendance – a number of councillors had said they would have difficulty making a Monday meeting.

17.Exempt Matters There being no further public business to discuss, The Chairman read out the resolution for exempt matters and declared the meeting closed to the public.