

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th May 2012 in Tockwith Church

Chairman: Councillor C Saunders

Present: Councillors Mr C Billenness, Mrs S Corbett, Mrs L Gill, Mr S Harrison, Mr N Waller, Mrs J Wardman, Mrs A Wilson, Mrs B Smith

In attendance: Mrs H Algar (Clerk to the Council), Councillor J Savage (District and County Cllr) Mrs A Unsworth (Chair Village Hall Management Committee) Six members of the public.

1. To Co-opt Cllr for existing vacancy in Cowthorpe

Letter of application to fill ordinary vacancy for Cllr in Cowthorpe from Mrs J Thompson was read out. Cllr Billenness had advertised vacant post prior to election within Cowthorpe. Cllr Billenness nominated Mrs J Thompson to fill ordinary vacancy left by recent election all Cllrs were in favour of her appointment. Clerk to complete paperwork with Mrs Thompson within time-scale set by Harrogate Borough Council.

2. Apologies for absence None received.

3. Declarations of Interest

Chair read differences between personal and prejudicial interests for new Cllrs. Clerk handed out Declaration of Interest forms to be completed by Cllrs.

Cllr Billenness declared an interest in Cowthorpe church with respect to the allocation of grants.

4. Police matters

No Police present monthly crime report was read by clerk. 070412 – Cannabis Warning given – Tockwith 010412 – 080412 – Theft – Kerosene – Wighill Church 200412 – Burglary other – Tools and computer eqpt – Tockwith 200412 – Burglary other – Tockwith Clerk to ask for more up to date crime report for next meeting.

5. Public Questions or Statements

Standing Orders were suspended. Questions were asked by Mrs Van Onselen about the suitability and daily running of the Public Open Space playground which has been installed outside the church in Cowthorpe.

Question was asked by Mr Wilson as to whether Marston Moor Airfield was on the agenda. Standing Orders were resumed.

6. Minutes of the last meeting Were agreed subject to agreed typo changes.

Exempt matters of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Cowthorpe TPO's for trees on Oak Road - land owner is different so no threat found to remaining

trees and no TPO's granted.

8. Village Hall

Standing orders were suspended Report was given by Mrs Unsworth main points of which were:-

- Thanks to Amy, Frank and Gill who have all retired after many years of service
- Audrey to take over bookings on village hall
- Lorna Kellett to be new cleaner
- 2 new groups (gardening & Broadband IT) welcomed this month.
- Concern was raised to the VHMC as to ongoing free internet access at the village hall as this could be costly.

9.Reports by County & District Cllr

Report was received from Cllr Savage main points of which were:-

- Benefit cuts appearing to hurt local residents
- Kendal Gardens road and pavement to be looked at with Malcolm Smurthwaite including the link path to the eastern side.
- Holes in road to be looked at on Kirk Lane and T junction by the pub and also Costcutters to be redone in the next month.
Standing Orders were resumed

10. Marston Moor Airfield & Question

Cllr Billenness had been refused a motion to be put on the agenda summarised reasons for refusal shown below.

- Councils cannot become members of local or national action groups.
- Representation at meetings by Councillors would be entirely voluntary. This motion would if agreed make it incumbent upon the Council to send a representative regardless.
- "Co-operation" with TAAG could again be seen as being incumbent on Councillors as having no choice but to agree with whatever TAAG decides in their meetings. Council decisions must be made in the Council Chamber at a lawfully constituted meeting regardless of decisions made elsewhere.

This information was summarised from information received from NALC.

There was a discussion about recent events regarding Marston Moor Airfield the main points are shown below:-

- Mr Kettridge was convicted and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for offences relating to the illegal storage of tyres in several locations.
- Discussions on the area of enforcement and what is included in the 14 days permitted racing e.g. cycling, led to asking the Clerk to write to Bob Power to provide a map of the area where the enforcement is in place.
- Clerk to also ask Harrogate Borough Council to provide monitoring forms for residents to ensure that now enforcement is in place local residents can be vigilant.

Standing orders were suspended. Mr Wilson expressed that he and TAGG group know more about what is going on with the airfield than the Parish Council. He expressed a wish for a co-ordinated approach to matters.

Chair asked Mr Wilson to wait for the next agenda item. Standing orders were resumed.

11. To discuss Motion raised by Cllr Billenness

Motion to rescind motion of 15th June 2011 Tockwith with Wilstrop PC will continue to pursue all the issues regarding activities on Marston Moor Airfield for the benefit of local residents. The Parish Council will act independently of any other group or organisation and the PC will liaise directly with HBC via the Clerk to the Council. was moved by Cllr Billenness and he requested under standing orders 1(n) that names and outcome of voting be reported in the minutes.

Cllr Billenness put forward a case in support of the motion he had moved.

After much discussion by all Cllrs a vote was taken. Overall it was agreed that working alongside each other would benefit all.

Cllr Barbara Smith seconded the motion and a vote was taken.

Cllr Billenness	YES
Cllr Sue Corbett	YES
Cllr L Gill	YES
Cllr S Harrison	YES
Cllr C Saunders	YES
Cllr N Waller	YES
Cllr J Wardman	NO
Cllr A Wilson	YES
Cllr B Smith	YES

The chairman chose to not take Cllr Wilson's vote into account as Cllr Wilson did not declare an interest in the TAAG group.

The motion was therefore carried by 7 votes to 1

12. Cowthorpe Public Open Space Cllr Billenness passed on comments from local residents about the outcome of the commuted sums project a summary of which are:-

- Does not fit the approval of majority of residents
- Concern about safety
- Concern about age of children on equipment
- Couple of families love it
- Most residents do not feel consulted.

Chairman read some background information on the project from the ex-clerk who was in place when the work was planned and carried out. She had been tasked by the Parish Council with getting the work done. This was to try and answer some of the concerns raised as to how the space had appeared in the form it currently stands.

It was resolved to move the issue forward that the following should occur:-

- Cllr Billenness should get together with residents to work on making the space usable for all by getting opening times agreed with those that open and close the church.
- Get Clerk to find age ranges for equipment so that the correct signage could be put in place if required to ensure children did not hurt themselves.
- A number of youths have been reported hanging around on the Public Open Space age ranges could help identify those with no real reason to play on the equipment.
- Consult with residents of Cowthorpe as to the new name of the Public Open Space it was suggested by Cllr Billenness that this should be Jubilee Gardens.

13. Wilstrop issues No issues to report.

14. Report from the Clerk

A report was read by the clerk main points of which were

- Badly parked van adjacent to entrance to allotments passed to police to investigate.
- Quote requested New wood gardening to cut POS at Cowthorpe.
- Community field fencing letter from Sean Wright to say sums to be released.
- Grit bin need to contact highways and pass on details of driver.
- Want approval to seek 3 quotes for maintenance of current boiler and also cost to replace Village Hall boiler.
- Parish Insurance needs updating with new play equipment.
- Dog bite near miss at church row allotments.

15. Correspondence

A letter had arrived from Rural Action Yorkshire – Cllrs agreed to renew this year and see what benefits it brings them.

16. Planning - applications

Fairfax House, Southfield Lane – Invitation to speak as this application goes to chamber. Cllr Billenness will speak and clerk to provide him with list of councils objections. Cllr Billenness will then report back to council.

17. Accounts

Bank balances

(as 30 April 2012)

Lloyds TSB current account		<u>2,530.00</u>
Lloyds TSB deposit account		52,000.23
less o/s cheques		
	828	3.81
Shelves VH	869	756.00
YLCA subs	870	398.00
HA Salary	872	320.93
RM Contracts	873	1,747.49
Ainsty drainage	874	11.67

Backhouses	875	1,783.44	
SLCC course	876	50.00	
D Mack	877	70.00	
VHMC balance dev funds	878	10,025.00	15,166.34
			<u>36,833.89</u>
			39,363.89

Receipts

allotment rents		42.50	
HBC Commuted sums	cowthorpe POS	489.17	
HBC Commuted sums	fencing comm field	1,783.44	<u>2,315.11</u>
			41,679.00
Loan (ring fenced for specific purposes)			20,469.00
Working balance			21,210.00

Accounts to ratify/pay

Mrs H Algar (Salary & expenses)	(353.16+24.33)	377.49
Mrs G Firth (expenses)		2.36
Aurora Computers		69.00
Rural Action Yorkshire (membership)		35.00
SLCC membership for Clerk		105.00
Park Lane Play Equipment		6,376.32
Tockwith Church Room Hire		~200.00

Village Hall Insurance

~1029.00

It was agreed that the review of Standing orders and financial regulations be held until the summer when as a Parish Council we have signed up to the new code of conduct.

Annual Grants were decided. Cllr N Waller declared an interest in Tockwith Show and Cllr Billinness an interest in Cowthorpe church and Cllr Harrison in the Scouts.

The following grants were issued:-

Tockwith Church	£750
Methodist Church	£450
Cowthorpe Church	£150
Tockwith Show	£250
Scouts	£250
Tennis Club	£250
Sportsfield Trust	£500
Village Hall	£600

18. Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 20th June 2012 in Tockwith Church, at 7.30pm.

19. Exempt Matters None

The chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed.