

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 2013 in Tockwith Church

Present: Councillors, Mr N Waller (Chair) Mrs S Corbett (Vice Chair), Mrs L Gill, Mrs J Wardman, Mrs A Wilson, Mr K Pope

In Attendance: Mrs H Algar (Clerk to the Council), Cllr J Savage (District and County Councillor) (late).

Apologies: Mr C Billenness, Mrs S Pearce, PC Sue Brookes

13/181. Apologies for absence Cllr Waller opened the meeting. Apologies were confirmed and accepted.

13/182 Parish Council Vacancies

RESOLVED to advertise the vacant post in Wilstrop for Co-option on both the Wilstrop and Tockwith noticeboards due to the resignation of Cllr Smith and notification was received from HBC to state that no electors rights had been exercised.

13/183. Declarations of Interest Councillors agreed if they had an interest they would declare it as it arose on the agenda.

13/184 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 16th October 2013 meeting be signed and dated as a true record.

13/185. To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

13/185.1 To decide action with regard to T1, T2 and T3 Ash Trees and for works to a Silver Birch and cherry trees at the Westfield Green POS. Also to determine based on quotations received the contractor to use for works to these trees. The three quotations obtained by the clerk were discussed and it was decided by all that the cheapest quotation be taken in this instance as it showed a significant saving on the other quotes obtained. The clerk informed them that the work could not be started until January as the contractors were already engaged in a contract over the Christmas period.

RESOLVED that Farm and Land Services be selected as the preferred supplier in this instance to carry out works to the Ash Trees on Westfield Green. The quotation also included the removal of a Silver Birch and pruning of some cherry trees at a cost of £480.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the Clerk inform the other suppliers that they were not successful in this instance.

13/185.2 To discuss the Status of Westfield Green Open Space and decide whether to produce a 5 year plan to aid with Ground's maintenance in the future. Cllrs discussed whether this would be of any benefit and the clerk informed them that after discussion with the Grounds maintenance contractor that it may reduce their costs in the future if a plan was in place.

RESOLVED that the clerk ask Cllr Pearce if she felt she was in a position to create a 5 year plan in her position as Cllr for Westfield Green POS.

13/185.3 To discuss Tockwith Airfield matters in particular the outcome of the recent meeting with HBC and the environment agency. The Chair explained that the recent meeting with HBC and the environment agency had told the local PC's and residents groups that no action would be taken on removal of the tyres for enforcement by HBC until the EA's position statement on the retention of tyres at motorsports venues had been agreed. Council agreed that they were very disappointed with this stance by HBC as these tyres were illegally dumped originally and their removal was upheld in the planning inspectors report.

Cllrs expressed that they were concerned that other agencies would sit back on waiting for the position statement from the EA regarding the tyres in the opinion of Council it would be better to work to the letter of the law today rather than what will be done in the future.

The existing tyres on site need to be split to give adequate fire breaks and the fire service have confirmed that they are happy for the tyres to remain now that they have found an underground self-filling storage tank for water and have got access to additional water from the nearby water tower.

Cllrs also reported that HBC have been very slow in responding to local residents emails and were in effect failing us in this respect as a community.

Cllrs feel that in order to stop the mistakes made in the past by HBC that a detailed drawing of the site should be made to reduce an ambiguity in planning terms moving forward.

13/185.4 To discuss and decide further action regarding complaints from Wilstrop residents about the number of events held at Skip Bridge Country Weddings and how to move matters forward after consultation with Wilstrop Cllr. As there is currently no Councillor for Wilstrop to consult with the Council reiterated what was discussed at the October meeting.

RESOLVED that no action be taken at this time. Council want to promote local business and any issues within the local community should be worked out between the company and local residents if possible.

RESOLVED that the Clerk inform Skip Bridge Country Weddings of the Council's decision.

13/186.Public Questions, Comments or Representations – to receive No members of the public were present

13/187. Police Matters – to receive a report

PC Brookes had sent a report

131013 – Burg Oth shed nothing stolen – Wighill

221013 – Theft of Copper – Wighill 011113 – Theft of compressor from Tockwith

161113 – Burglary at one of the units at Skip Bridge Farm.

However, there has been a number burglaries in the Knaresborough/Boroughbridge area so please don't be complacent.

13/188. Village Hall

The chair of the VHMC was not present but the Council Representative on the VHMC gave a brief report the main points of which were;

- Tockwith Storage area for the Players is to be started next week.
- Cllr Pope to meet with Parish Clerk and representative from village hall to discuss a recent insurance seminar he had attended
- Trees need cutting back. Some of the larger trees have ivy on them and they have had a quote at £275 plus VAT to allow more light into the garden. The Parish Council want to know if these works are to come out of the garden project if not then 3 quotes will need to be obtained.

- The Xmas Fair is to be held on December 1st 2013.

13/189 Report by County & District Councillor. Cllr Savage was not present at this point but Cllr Gill wanted to pass on some information regarding Flooding issues at New Row in Tockwith.

Cllr Gill had spoken to a representative at HBC and the problem now lies with a drain that appears to not be allowing a free flow causing a backup of water into the ditch opposite the properties. This drain goes under 2 landowners land and the drain needs to be found on this land to be flushed /unblocked. The problems should then be alleviated. Cllr Gill to contact HBC with information to help find the drain in question.

13/190.Matters requested by Councillors

13/190.1 To discuss and decide action based upon the findings of the recent ROSPA inspection of the Marston Road Play Area regarding the need to fit buffers to the gate and remove any protruding screws, nails and staples to replace with fixings that satisfy BSEN71.

RESOLVED that the clerk contact HBC's preferred supply and install play equipment provider Park Lane Services to give a quote for the work to be carried out.

13/190.2 To discuss and decide action based upon the findings of the recent ROSPA inspection of the Marston Road Play Area regarding the need to service the 1 bay 2 seat swings to have the seats serviced.

RESOLVED that the clerk contact HBC's preferred supply and install play equipment provider Park Lane Services to give a quote for the work to be carried out.

13/190.3 To discuss and decide action based upon the findings of the recent ROSPA inspection of the Marston Road Play Area regarding the need to refer to the manufacturer the fact that there is a potential risk of head/torso entrapment for their advice.

RESOLVED that the Clerk attempt to find the original manufacturer of the equipment and ask for their advice in this matter.

13/190.4 To discuss and decide action based upon the findings of the recent ROSPA inspection of the Marston Road Play Area regarding the need to monitor the handles on the rockers at the site on our weekly checks.

RESOLVED that the Clerk add the monitoring of these handles to the weekly checks.

13/190.5 To read a summary of a report based upon the findings of the recent ROSPA inspection of Bert's garden. RESOLVED that no action need to be taken at Bert's garden at this time as the report showed no problems at the site.

13/190.6 To discuss and decide further action based on parking problems in the village in particular for the football pitches on Bilton Lane and Southfield Lane over the weekends and also around the public houses in the village. It was noted that since information exchange last month that school had sent out a text to parents asking them to not park on the verges on and around Southfield lane. The junior football club also had asked parents to do the same but cannot always be responsible for the parking of parents coming to play away matches.

RESOLVED that the clerk ask PC Sue Brookes about the possibility of looking at the parking issues in the village and issuing fixed penalty notices if necessary at the locations specified. Cllr Savage entered the building and the Chair agreed to move back to item 13/189 in order for Cllr Savage to give a report.

13/189 Report by County & District Councillor. (Resumed)

Standing orders were suspended and Cllr Savage gave a report the main points of which are summarised below

- Flooding still an issue at New Row Cllr Gill and Cllr Savage to follow up.
- Cowthorpe dyke now cleared
- Acorn House site the latest information shows that they are to apply for 3 houses on the site unsure but this could be 2 affordable houses out of the 3. Would be better to complete the 2 houses already partially completed on site first.
- Tockwith Airfield, Linda Potter now heavily involved in moving things forward and Nigel Adams MP is putting a question forward regarding such sites in parliament on Monday.
- Over the last four years NYCC have made 97 million pounds of cuts and over the next 4 need to make a further 77 million this will lead to inevitable cuts to Adult services and education. This is mainly due to the fact that the money given to councils from central government is based on people who are being given benefits and our area have less benefit claimants that other areas which compounds the funding crisis.

Questions were then asked from Councillors to Cllr Savage He was asked if HBC had responded to his FOI request regarding Tockwith Airfield, they had and were in the process of providing the information. Cllr Savage did also state that he had a meeting with the ratings officer to iron out what is happening regarding this on the airfield and the various businesses that are based there. Standing orders were resumed

13/190.7 To discuss the proposed planting schemes for Cowthorpe for planting on the highway and approval for the Clerk to apply to Highways for permission for the schemes.

RESOLVED that the clerk apply to Highways for permission for the schemes.

13/190.8 To discuss proposed planting schemes for Cowthorpe for planting on the highway and approval for the Clerk to apply to HBC for Commuted Sums to meet the cost of the schemes.

RESOLVED to postpone this item until approval for the scheme be agreed by Highways.

13/190.9 To resolve that the Parish Council hold off the setting of the 2014/15 Precept until HBC write to the Parish to inform them of the tax base and grant figures available for 2014/15 as advised by YLCA.

RESOLVED to postpone the setting of the Precept until the tax base and grant figures are available for our Parish. A date was set for January 8th to set the precept in time for its return to HBC.

13/190. 10 To discuss the moving over of the Website from Cllr Billenness to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to contact Cllr Billenness and ask about potential costs going forward to feed into the precept calculations.

13/190.11 To resolve that the Parish Council donate a raffle prize for the Village Hall Christmas Fair on Dec 1st up to a value of £25.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Ainsty Farm shop and arrange for a hamper to be produced up to a value of £25 to be delivered to the Village hall fair for Dec 1st.

13/190.12 To decide the response to the Consultation from HBC regarding the Harrogate District Local Plan consultations 18 October- 29th November community infrastructure levy draft

charging schedule and revised statement of community involvement.

RESOLVED to answer Question 1 that the council support the statement that the methodology and assumptions in the CIL economic viability assessment are correct.

RESOLVED to answer Question 2 that the council ask that the CIL levy be increased to 18% for Parish Councils instead of 15% for new development.

RESOLVED to answer Question 3 that they are happy to support the different zones and there has been a differentiation between urban and rural locations.

RESOLVED to answer Question 4 to support the proposed CIL rates for new retail development and supermarkets.

RESOLVED to answer Question 5 to support the proposed CIL rates for new public/institutional facilities as it appears to be fair and encourages development of this kind.

RESOLVED to answer Question 6 to ask why apartments are exempt from CIL, this does not seem correct as good revenue could be generated from luxury apartment developments.

RESOLVED to answer Question 7 that the view they have on the council's draft instalments policy is that anything that makes it easier for a developer to pay has to be beneficial for the developer and that will encourage those payments to be made.

RESOLVED to answer Question 8 to support the council offering discretionary relief from CIL in the circumstances highlighted in the consultation document.

RESOLVED to answer Question 9 in principal the draft regulation 123 list is a good idea but request that a copy of the actual list be sent nearer the time.

RESOLVED to answer Question 10 The Parish Council have areas of concern with relation to the Parish Council element of the CIL and want to know more about how to manage that money received. The PC also has concerns that the administration costs then effectively reduce the 15% given in the CIL. The council also note that the fund has to be reported upon, how is this to be done and by whom? The Parish Council want assurances that there will be a standardisation of the process for allocating funds to projects across PC's as a whole in the HBC area.

RESOLVED to answer Question 11 NO we do not need to attend.

RESOLVED to answer Question 12 YES would like to receive information on the matter moving forward.

RESOLVED that the Council are happy to respond YES they are happy with the draft proposal statement of community involvement issued by HBC.

13/190.13 To decide response to NYCC household waste recycling centres proposals for changing the way they deal with waste 2014/15

RESOLVED that individual Councillors object to these proposals by being sent the link via email by the clerk. Complete a questionnaire on line at www.northyorks.gov.uk/hwrcconsultation

13/190.14 To discuss and decide provision and organisation of Christmas decorations and lighting within the Parish.

RESOLVED that Cllr Waller connect trees outside the church in Tockwith.

RESOLVED that Clerk ask Cllr Billenness the location of the Cowthorpe Christmas lights.

13/191.Clerks Update – To receive updates and decide further action for the following:

13/191.1 Bert's garden update on PID's Awaiting a response from HBC now that the plan has been submitted.

13/191.2 Bert's garden play area checks. Volunteer now in place and returning forms on a regular basis to the clerk.

13/191.3 Update from Dog Warden They are going to send me some ideas but the best way is to prosecute a couple of people.

13/191.4 School garden bin Information for contact from NYCC has been sent onto school for action.

13/191.5 Police Commissioner letter regarding speeding Not completed as yet.

13/191.6 Intermittent speed monitoring signs Awaiting a response regarding these from Highways.

13/191.7 Relevant received correspondence. Cllr Waller took the winter agent scheme information from Rural Action Yorkshire to look at potentially for next winter.

13/192.Planning Applications

13/192.1 3 Westfield Green Tockwith York, YO26 7RE – Crown Cleaning and lateral reduction (1.5-2m) to 1 Ash Tree of TPO 396/2010

RESOLVED to neither object nor support the application (C) but make comment that it should be referred to the decision of the tree officer.

135/193.Planning Responses/Enforcement

13/193.1 J Revis & Sons Southfield Lane Tockwith York North Yorkshire – First floor extension to form additional office space. Granted Planning permission subject to conditions.

13/193.2 Planning enforcement Marston Moor airfield Tockwith North Yorkshire – alterations to layout of Rudgate entrance so cars entering here are directed onto Ginetta track.

13/194. Accounts

13/194.1 To approve payment of Clerks Salary plus expenses of £77.07.
RESOLVED that the Clerk's salary and expenses be approved.

13/194.2 To approve receipt of PWBL Repayment Notices electronically by PDF instead of through the post.
RESOLVED that this be accepted in place of postal notification.

13/194.3 To approve payment for cutting of the hedge at Bert's garden by our grounds maintenance contractor at a cost of £48.00 plus VAT.
RESOLVED that the payment for the cutting of the hedge of £48.00 plus VAT be approved

13/194.4 To receive and approve a bank reconciliation.
RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation be approved.

13/195.Information Exchange by Councillors – To pass on any relevant information for potential consideration at a future date.

Planning application has been received for an extension which has been delegated to the clerk for a response.

Resilience plan not many responses so far so ask Cllr Billenness to put the form on the website.

Cllr Corbett mentioned bus company connections coming through Cowthorpe at 6.50pm and it is believed that it should not be coming through maybe contacting trading standards to find out would be possible and see if there are any restrictions for buses coming through the village.

13/196.Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 8th January 7.30 at Tockwith Church.

13/197.Exempt Matters - to decide whether to exclude the public and press. NONE