

TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6 April 2004 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mrs S Jackson (Chairman), Mr F Wade, Mr R Williams, Mrs A Thompson, Mr A Haugh, Mr R Spark, Mrs E Rogers (Clerk) PC I Norrie, and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies – none
2. Minutes – The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 8 April 2003 were read to the meeting and agreed and then signed by Mrs Jackson.
3. Matters Arising - Mrs Thompson advised that one member of the public had expressed an interest in organising a neighbourhood watch scheme in the questionnaire response – Mr Gordon McKee.
4. Chairman's Report – Mrs Jackson read a report a copy of which is attached.
5. Guest Speaker – PC I Norrie. PC Norrie advised that a total of 43 crimes had been reported to the police in the previous six months, summarised as follows:
Twelve Crimes: one house burglary; two outbuilding burglaries; four thefts (caravan park, fields and fraudulent cheques at the post office); two thefts from vehicles in the Black Horse car park; and three criminal damage, two aimed at cars in the Black Horse car park.

Thirty One police involved incidents:
twenty one relating to the reporting of suspicious vehicles or persons
ten traffic related - three road traffic accidents; seven traffic related incidents
e.g. failure to stop

Mrs Jackson said a posting had been placed on the Village web site regarding the speed of traffic through the Village. PC Norrie advised that previous surveys had shown the problem was not too bad and, although he sympathised, he went on to inform the meeting that the police cannot prosecute for a speeding offence within 2:10ths of a mile from a 30mph sign. He also stated that the position of the 30 mph signs was due to the nature of the road and not the location of houses.

Mrs Thompson suggested the signs may be moved, however, PC Norrie said that although the Council could apply for this evidence would need to be provided showing the necessity. PC Norrie said that one of the best traffic calming measures he had seen was in Coxwold where there are chicanes at the entrance to the Village, again Tollerton could apply with sufficient evidence.

HGV's are another problem using Tollerton as a convenient route from Thirsk Industrial Estate to Shipton. Weight restrictions have been suggested before to cope with this but again, evidencing the problem.

PC Norrie advised that Hambleton have purchased a laser speed gun. He has been trained in its use and will endeavour to use it for an hour in each of the Villages he is responsible for. He gave no guarantee as there are many issues which will hinder this e.g. police safety (they have to turn off their communications systems so that they do not interfere with the workings of the laser gun).

Contrary to last years minutes there is still a police presence at Easingwold Station although the re-location is still being planned.

6. Financial Statement – The Clerk gave a financial report, a copy of which is attached, and invited members of the public to inspect the Accounts, which were available for scrutiny at the meeting.
7. Tollerton War Memorial Institute – Mrs Jackson informed the meeting that the bar area was still due to be refurbished as was the kitchen and the Village Hall Committee were actively looking for sources of funding. The use of the Hall had been good during the year.
8. Any Other Business - none

Meeting closed 8.05pm

Approved:
Chairman