

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

***Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 7 September 2004***

*Present:* Councillors: Mr A Haugh, Mr F Wade, Mrs A Thompson, Mr R Spark and Mrs E Rogers (Clerk).  
1 member of the public.

1. Apologies – Mrs Jackson. Mr Williams did not arrive and Mr Haugh proposed that Mr Wade stand in as Chairman for the meeting, sec. Mr Spark.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on August 3rd were agreed as correct and duly signed by Mr Wade.
3. Matters Arising
  - a) None
4. Planning Applications
  - a) Z2/04/162/0266A - Mr D Simpson, OS Fields 0800 & 2000 Cross Lanes, Tollerton – Formation of angling pond with associated access, landscaping and static caravan for amenity use. The Council are concerned that there is no arrangement for sewage from the toilet, that the pond will attract rats, that there will be increased traffic on an already busy road and that plans for the water filling the pond have not been made clear. If the water is to come from the existing land drainage there may be a potential risk of contamination from adjacent properties giving rise to legal complications. REFUSED - Mr Haugh and Mrs Thompson did not oppose the application but Mr Wade and Mr Spark did, the decision was therefore carried by the Chairman's casting vote.
  - b) 2/04/162/0268 – Mrs A Bolton, The Lodge, Alne Road – Alterations to existing outbuildings including replacement windows. APPROVED prop. Mr Haugh, sec. Mrs Thompson.
  - c) 2/04/162/0073E – Mr B Hardy, School Cottages, Tollerton – Alterations, extensions, dwarf garden wall with railings and provision of rooflights to existing dwelling. APPROVED prop. Mr Wade sec. Mrs Thompson
  - d) 2/03/162/0254B – Mr & Mrs P Mandefield, 7 Forge Cottages – Extension to existing dwellinghouse for use as self contained flat. The Council are concerned that there is no parking for the property. REFUSED prop. Mrs Thompson, sec. Mr Spark.
  - e) 2/04/162/0255A – Mr S Gilson-Fox, West Garth, Alne Road – Construction of a boundary fence to existing dwelling. Mr Haugh abstained from the discussion as he is a friend of the applicants. The Council consider the fence too high and an eyesore, Mrs Thompson reported complaints from other villagers. REFUSED prop. Mr Wade sec. Mrs Thompson.
  - f) 2/04/162/0134D – Mr & Mrs S Otterburn, The Granary, Prospect Farm, Alne Road – Alteration and conversion of granary and tractor shed into dwelling. Mrs Thompson abstained as she is a friend of the applicants. The Council consider that insufficient arrangements have been made for parking which needs to be on site. Also, the potential development of the proposed property into flats which would cause more traffic and parking problems in Chestnut Meadows. Mr Wade read a letter received from a resident of Chestnut Meadows highlighting these concerns. REFUSED prop. Mr Wade, sec. Mr Spark.
  - g) CAT2/04/162/0099C – Mr C Mark, Halyards, Back Lane – proposed felling of 1 sycamore tree. APPROVED
5. Planning Amendments
  - a) 2/04/162/0102C – Mr H Gill, Ruebury, Newton Road – Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling to form living room and bedroom – WITHDRAWN. Noted.
6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
  - a) 2/04/162/0209A – Dr & Mrs I Jackson, Sunnyside, Newton Road – alterations to boundary wall – APPROVED. noted
  - b) 2/04/162/0052B – Mr J Taylor, 3 Hambleton View – retrospective application for a side conservatory to existing dwelling. APPROVED. Noted
  - c) 2/04/162/0256A – Fleet Bank Farms Ltd, Fleet Bank Farm, York Road, Tollerton – revised application for alterations to existing agricultural buildings for use as three dwellings. APPROVED. Noted
7. Financial Matters
  - a) Cheques were signed as follows: Mr W Pratt £117.00 re: grass cutting, Mr E Kitchen £200 re: pest control.

Approved: .....  
Chairman

- b) Clerk reported balances as: Treasurers £104.74, BMM No1 £5,503.54, s.106 BMM £58,096.60
  - c) Investment of Ings View money for long term maintenance. The Clerk advised that premium bonds can only be purchased by individuals and that details of a Scottish Widows treasury Tracker account had been obtained and would be circulated.
  - d) The annual audit return was approved by the Council and the statement of assurances completed. Mr Wade signed the document as necessary.
8. Correspondence  
Council were unable to attend to this as the correspondence was in the possession of Mr Williams
10. Parish Plan  
Mrs Thompson had just received the Village Hall contribution for the plan and is to obtain printing quotes which she will circulate prior to the next meeting to meet the Countryside Agency deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup>.
11. Any Other Business
- a) It was advised that a poly tunnel had been erected on the allotments. This is in contravention of the allotment agreement as prior agreement from the Council had not been obtained. Clerk is to write to the allotment holder advising that agreement needs to be requested or the poly tunnel removed.
  - b) Mr Pratt advised that the Green had been severely damaged by fair lorries and rides being dug into the soft ground following wet weather. Mr Wade said that he would have a look at the Green and requested that Mr Pratt look into the work required to remedy the situation. The matter to be discussed at the next meeting.
  - c) The Clerk advised that a quote for safety surfacing of the rear of the Village Hall had been obtained at £4,920 +VAT (note that the Council can re-claim the VAT). The Councillors considered this quite expensive and requested that two further quotes for safety surfacing be obtained prior to the next meeting.
  - d) Mrs Thompson advised that the ditch alongside Sidings Lane is still very smelly. Clerk is to write to River Kyle Drainage Board.
  - e) Mr Wade requested that the Clerk contact Mr Otterburn regarding the cutting back of his hedge on Back Lane / Chestnut Meadows.
  - f) Mrs Thompson advised that the snicket between Alne Road and Chestnut Meadows is overgrown. Clerk is to contact adjacent property owners although one of the properties is currently empty.
  - g) Mrs Thompson advised that the Playing field hedge needed cutting. Mr Wade is to approach a contractor known to him.
  - h) Mr Wade said that the grass on the Oldway needs cutting and suggested Mr Pratt be contacted. Mr Pratt advised that this was on his next round as his contract only required that this area be cut twice.
  - i) Mr Haugh asked if the Council knew who was responsible for cutting the grass at the rear of the Village Hall. No individual is responsible and the Playgroup staff have undertaken the task twice, as well as Mr Jackson (Chair of the Village Hall Committee).

The Meeting was opened to the public and closed 8.10pm

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Chairman