

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 4 October 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

1. Apologies – received from Mrs Burch
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on September 6th were agreed as correct and signed by Mrs Jackson who had stood in as Chairman for that meeting (Mrs Thompson had been absent).

Mr Wade arrived at 7.35pm, the agenda had given the start time as 8pm - the clerk apologised to Mr Wade for the error. Mrs Thompson asked Mr Wade if he agreed with the minutes of the September meeting which he did.

3. Matters Arising
 - a) Councillor Nominations – one letter had been received from Mr Gilson-Fox that the councillors read. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Gilson Fox should be co-opted onto the Council and the Clerk is to undertake the necessary paperwork.
 - b) Ditch alongside the allotments – three quotes had been received. The original from G Snowball & Son Ltd £1,198 (inc vat) dated 2.3.05, Subscan Uk £2,250 (inc vat) and Draincare £4,371.25 (+vat). Mr Wade was still vehemently opposed to undertaking this work on the grounds of cost. He wishes to have the ditch simply cleared and is to contact Mr Allison for an estimate of cost. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Jackson believe that the ditch does need piping in and are to undertake a site visit with Mr Pratt and are planning to also invite a drainage expert and Mr Wade. In the meantime the Clerk is to seek a more recent quotation from G Snowball & Son.
 - c) Village Lighting. Clerk advised that Mr Dawson, the Public Lighting & CCTV Manager from Hambleton District Council, is to visit Tollerton at 7pm on Wednesday 12th October to ascertain the existing lighting levels. Mr Wade advised that several lights were out within the village: Kyle Close, Church Close, Ings View and Newton Rd. Clerk will draw these to Mr Dawson's attention but the original reason for the visit was the darkness levels along Alne Road and The Green.
It was also suggested that Mr Dawson be consulted about extra lighting at the Station Road / Sykes Lane Bridge and at the Sports and Recreation Ground entrance.
4. Planning Applications
 - a) 05/02009/MRC – Mr & Mrs Burkill, Bungalow Farm, Warehill Lane, Tolerton – application to remove agricultural occupancy condition. APPROVED prop. Mrs Jackson sec Mr Wade.
 - b) 05/02069/FUL and 05/02070/LBC (listed building consent) – Mr Baker, Alne Cottage, Alne Road, Tollerton - alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form a garden room. APPROVED prop. Mrs Jackson sec. Mr Spark.
 - c) 05/02141/REM – Ms K Smith & Mrs J Eaton, Land to south of Windy Ridge, Main St, Tollerton – reserved matters application for the construction of a detached dwelling. APPROVED prop. Mr Spark sec. Mr Wade
 - d) 05/02144/FUL – Miss P Hartley & Mr G Wilson, Montrose Cottage, Newton Road, Tollerton – two storey extension to existing dwelling. APPROVED prop. Mrs Thompson sec. Mr Spark.
 - e) 05/02121/FUL – Mr J Rowley, Kingsfield, Station Road, Tollerton – two pairs of automatic gates to existing dwelling. This was a retrospective application and Mrs Jackson felt that the gates were too big and not in keeping with the surrounding properties. Mr Wade felt that visitors to the property caused a blockage to Station Road as they are unable to pull off the highway onto the driveway and there is no pavement at that point. REFUSED prop. Mrs Jackson sec. Mr Wade.
5. Planning Amendments
 - a) None
6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
 - a) 05/01321/FUL – B Hardy, School Cottage, Main Street – subdivision of an approved single dwelling to form 2 dwellings – APPROVED. Noted

Approved:
Chairman

- b) 05/01651/TCC – P Preston, Tollerton Telephone Exchange, Newton Rd – application for prior approval for installation of 10m steel pole with 1 x 0.3m dish antenna and associated housing as amended by plans as received by Hambleton District Council on 31 August 2005. GRANTED. Noted
- c) 2/05/162/0181C – JE Coning & Sons, Field East of Stark Farm, Sykes Lane, Tollerton – outline planning application for the erection of agricultural workers dwelling. REFUSED. Noted

7. Financial Matters

- a) Account balances – Treasurers £364.84 , BMM No1£5,904.07 , s.106 BMM £2,961.09, Scottish Widows a/c £50,834.50.
- b) Cheques were signed as follows: £127.00 – Mr W Pratt re: grass cutting, £200.00 - Mr E Kitchen re: pest control and £362.71 - Mrs E Rogers re: Clerks services. It was noted that the rabbit and mole activity had increased significantly at the playing field. Clerk is to contact Hambleton District Council to see if they can be gassed and also write to Mr Kitchen to ask him to undertake some immediate and effective pest control measures.
- c) Clerk advised that the second half of the precept had been received.
- d) Annual Accounts – these have been signed off by the internal auditor and the statement of assurance was completed by the Councillors. Mrs Thompson then signed the accounts. The Clerk advised that they should have been signed off prior to September 30th but the internal auditor had only returned them on the evening of October 3rd. Clerk is to complete final details and send the forms to Mazars the external auditors.
The internal cashbook was not signed off as the balances were still in pencil. The Clerk had not yet had time to complete these following the return by the internal auditor the previous day although they had been checked as correct.

8. Correspondence

Mrs Thompson had not received the correspondence that had been delivered by the Clerk that morning as she had come to the meeting straight from work. Mrs Thompson is to return it to the Clerk for circulation.

Mr Wade had a letter from Mr Kidd of Church Close, a copy of which is in the circulation, re: the behaviour of youths around St Michaels Church. Mrs Thompson also had a letter from Mr Wadsworth from the Church in a similar vein. There has recently been a lot of damage and mess caused to the Church area by the teenagers many of whom are coming from neighbouring villages. The police are aware of the nuisance and advise that the teenagers have been moved on from various villages and will move again in due course. The police have visited the youths and are liaising with the Easingwold Youth project. Mr Wadsworth is trying to encourage the Tollerton teenagers to become involved in the Church although not necessarily in a spiritual way.

Mrs Thompson invited Harry Crew from the Easingwold Youth Project, who indicated his presence, into the discussion.

Mr Crew advised that Darryl Lardner and Claire Fairweather are hopeful of starting a youth club or drop in centre in the village. Mr Crew is behind this and feels that the playing field pavilion would be the best location as any disturbance and noise will be away from most village residents. At a Sports & Rec committee meeting the previous week, which Mr Crew had attended, Dave Russon, chair of the Sports & Recreational Committee, expressed his concern that there should be someone on hand who was older and more experienced in teenage matters. There are also concerns that the playing field will be too dark, especially in winter (refer 3c above). Mr Lardner is in favour of a drop in approach rather than a formal youth club. Parents would need to be aware that the teenagers would be allowed to come and go at their own will.

The Village Hall, however, would provide a larger venue should a youth club, per se, start as there would be room for a table tennis table etc... Mrs Jackson is to discuss this matter with Mr Jackson who is chairman of the village hall committee.

Mr Crew asked whether the Parish Council would be able to provide financial help to set up the project. The councillors agreed and the clerk is to also contact Hambleton District Council in this regard.

Mr Crew advised that the majority of the teenagers thought that the shelter that was on offer would not provide a suitable venue for them. They do not really know what they want other than somewhere to meet. They feel the skateboard park is a good idea but need some provision for the older ones.

Mr Wade advised that Mr Chan has bought a caravan that he is prepared to let the teenagers use as a meeting place. Councillors were concerned that this would encourage the youths to go backwards and forwards over the bridge which is badly lit with no footpath (refer 3c above).

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Clerk is to reply to Mr Kidd's letter and Mrs Thompson will advise Mr Lardner that available funding sources are being looked into.

Mr Crew was keen to point out to the Council that he had not given permission to the teenagers to paint the bench outside the Church but wanted to know if they could have permission to finish it. Mrs Thompson advised that the Church should be consulted on this issue although the bench is Parish Council property.

9. Parish Plan

Mrs Thompson advised that we were still awaiting the third print quote.

10. Any Other Business

a) Mrs Thompson advised that Ms Coleman, the rural housing enabler, sent her apologies for not having progressed with the minutes from the meeting of June 14th. Ms Coleman will attend the Parish Council meeting on November 1st to present further statistics from the housing survey.

Mrs Thompson also advised that the doctor's surgery were unsuccessful in their application for funding which impacts on the affordable housing project particularly in relation to the land purchase monies.

The Meeting was opened to the public 8.15pm

Mr Pratt feels that the ditch alongside the allotments should be piped in, particularly to preserve Parish Council property.

Mr Pratt advised that he did not believe that Mr Kitchen, the pest control contractor, had the necessary equipment to gas the rabbits at the playing field.

Dr Kinnel raised the issue of the sewage in the ditch alongside the Station Inn and the caravan park. The source is not apparent and the Clerk is to contact the Environmental Health Officer and the Environment Agency to see what can be done.

The issue of the fair money was raised and Mr Wade advised that he would collect their voluntary contribution next week.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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