

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 5 July 2005 in the Village Hall

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

1. Apologies – received from Mr Williams
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on June 7 were agreed as correct and signed by Mrs Thompson.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Affordable Housing – Mrs Thompson advised that minutes from the open meeting held on June 14th had been received from Fiona Coleman, the rural housing enabler, and councillor Jackson. Ms Coleman's minutes had also been sent to the Doctors for approval and were not available for public scrutiny at this time. Copies of both sets of minutes would go into circulation and any councillors comments should be passed back to Mrs Thompson by the end of the week. Mrs Thompson would then amalgamate the minutes into one document and pass this back to Ms Coleman. It was decided that once finalised a copy should be distributed to each household in the village. Mr Wade praised Mrs Thompson's chairmanship of that meeting.
Mrs Thompson read an e-mail received today from Ms Coleman advising that the Doctors had been to see the alternative brownfield site in the village and had responded positively. Also, that a third site had been identified although she was waiting to hear from the landowner.
Ms Coleman will also look out the Tollerton housing needs survey responses as she has some new software which will enable this.
Mrs Thompson read a précis of a private letter received saying that there is no rush for the affordable housing development and the apparent speed is being driven by the funding available for the development of the surgery.
 - b) Councillor nominations – clerk had received a letter from Mrs Nancy Burch expressing interest in becoming a councillor. Councillors were pleased that someone had volunteered to fill the vacancy left by Mr Haugh's resignation. Clerk is to forward necessary paperwork to Mrs Burch.
 - c) Village green seat – only information regarding a recycled plastic seat had been received and the council will wait for Mr Thompson's quote which is likely to be for a metal and wood replacement.
 - d) Honeysuckle Cottage – Hambleton District Council propose to take no further action on this matter as the restriction of the occupancy of the granny annexe was imposed by way of a legal agreement drawn up in March 1990. This makes it very difficult to pursue as it can only be done by way of an injunction via the Magistrates Court or High Court and would be very costly.
 - e) Ditch alongside the allotments – The Clerk had contacted North Yorkshire County Council who advised that the ditch is not their responsibility. Mr Wade is sure that it is and will approach them direct himself.
4. Planning Applications
 - a) 2/05/162/0181B – JE Coning & Sons – Field east of Stark Farm, Sykes Lane – outline planning application for the erection of agricultural buildings. Approved prop. Mrs Thompson, sec. Mrs Jackson.
 - b) 2/05/162/0181C – JE Coning & Sons – Field east of Stark Farm, Sykes Lane – outline planning application for the erection of agricultural workers dwelling. Approved prop. Mrs Thompson, sec. Mrs Jackson.
 - c) Z2/05/162/0155A – Miss G Corder – Hill Cottage, Main Street – single storey extension to existing dwelling. Approved prop. Mr Spark sec. Mr Wade.
5. Planning Amendments
 - a) none
6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
 - a) Mr S Gilson-Fox - Westgarth, Alne Road, Tollerton – Appeal dismissed. Noted. Mr Wade advised that it would now be a matter for the planning enforcement officer to follow up.

Approved:
Chairman

- b) 2/05/162/0251A – Mr & Mrs Walker – 22 Ings View – alterations and extension to form a sun room. APPROVED. Noted
 - c) 2/05/162/0184A – Mr M Johnson – Jasmine Cottage, Sykes Lane – two storey extension to existing dwelling. APPROVED. Noted
 - d) 2/05/162/0160B – Mr C & Mrs S Eddington – Morgan Cottage, Alne Road – single storey extension to existing dwelling and construction of boundary wall. APPROVED. Noted
7. Financial Matters
- a) Cheques were signed as follows: £127.00 – Mr W Pratt re: grasscutting in July, £363.96 Erica Rogers re: Clerks Services, £200.00 – Mr E Kitchen re: pest control quarterly instalment.
 - b) Account balances – Treasurers £3,906.96 , BMM No1£3,373.21 , s.106 BMM £2,943.80, Scottish Widows a/c £50,834.50.
8. Correspondence
- Victim Support – thank you. Noted
 - HDC – Corporate Plan & CD. Circulate
 - Defra – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. Circulate
 - HDC – Hambleton Local Development Framework – Core Strategy preferred options consultation. Circulate
 - HDC – Quality Parish Status & Training for Clerks. Circulate
 - N. Yorks Fire & Rescue Authority – Annual Performance Plan. Circulate
 - N. Yorks Strategic Partnership – Strategy for Local Communities. Circulate
 - NYCC – County Committee for Hambleton Meeting & Agenda. Circulate
9. Parish Plan
- Mrs Thompson advised that this will be ready for the end of this month and could be distributed within simultaneously with the affordable housing meeting minutes.
10. Any Other Business
- a) Mr Wade felt that because the Parish Council had funds available provision of a skateboard park should be given serious consideration. Mrs Thompson advised that the Sports & Recreational committee were awaiting quotes for tarmac and the ramps. Once the quotes have been received the planning application can be submitted. It is proposed to create the skateboard area behind the tennis courts.
 - b) The Easingwold Youth Team had contacted the clerk with regard to them attending a Parish Council meeting together with some of the teenagers from the village. The Councillors were positive and the clerk is to contact the youth team regarding attendance at the next meeting.
 - c) Mr Spark asked if there had been any response to our letter regarding speeding in the village. Clerk replied in the negative. Mr Spark felt that the problem is getting worse, particularly with the longer lighter evenings. He also suggested that the lack of attention to this matter may be a contributory factor in attracting unwanted people to the village who it is known are involved in drug abuse on the playing field.
 There has been a spate of crime in the village recently with the drug use on the field and tyres being slashed. Mr Adams the local policemen has been involved but is overburdened with work and has been unable to deal properly with some of the incidents. Mrs Thompson advised that it is not just use of cannabis but that there is solvent abuse going on and the use is blatant. Fire damage has also been caused to the pavilion and the tennis hut. The equipment is not being hidden and could be found by anyone. Mrs Thompson advised that members of the tennis club were prepared to patrol the area and invited anyone else to join them so that a rota could be set up.
 Mr Pratt's allotments have also been vandalised with weedkiller affecting all crops across the three allotments. The police have been contacted in this matter and Mr Pratt estimated that approximately £2,000 worth of damage / loss had been sustained and advised that he will be pursuing the matter via the Parish Council's public liability insurance. The Clerk advised that having consulted the Council's insurance company the responsibility for the allotments passes to the tenant on signature of the contract.

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 Chairman

Clerk is to contact Mr Adams to discuss the problems and write to the police authority expressing the Council's concern at the escalation of crime within the village. A neighbourhood watch is in the process of being set up and may help.

A member of the public queried who owned the buildings at the bottom of Intake Lane as a group of teenagers regularly stay overnight at weekends and have parties. Mr Wade said he would find out.

- d) Mr Spark felt that the playing field was being under used in its proper capacity. The ground cannot be used for cricket this year due to damage caused by rabbits, however, the junior football had also folded. Mrs Thompson sympathised but people cannot be made to use the field. She advised that Mr Gill seemed keen to start a junior cricket league and that Wayne may try to start junior football again in September.
- e) Mrs Thompson asked Mr Wade for Derek Birdsall's contact details regarding the hedge cutting at the playing field. The neighbouring properties have a difference of opinion on how high the hedge should be so Mrs Thompson is to arrange a site meeting with all interested parties.
- f) The Clerk advised that community emergency plans are being created for villages in North Yorkshire and that a representative from NYCC would like to discuss this with the Council. Clerk is to reply and invite Ms Collins to the October meeting.
- g) The date of the next meeting is to be July 26th.**

The Meeting was opened to the public

Mr Pratt restated the concern over the hedge alongside the allotments that is collapsing into the ditch because the ditch has been cleared too deeply. On being asked by Mrs Thompson he felt that the proper solution would be to have the ditch piped in for which the council had already obtained a quotation.

Dr Kinnell suggested that noting registration numbers of suspicious vehicles may be a means of tackling crime. He also advised that solvent abuse can cause sudden cardiac failure and that many young people may not be aware of this.

The matter of insurance for the skateboard park was queried and Mrs Thompson advised that the playing field did now have public liability cover. The swings had not been replaced, however, because they had been condemned at the RoSPA safety inspection.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

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Chairman