

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

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 7 February 2006 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mrs A Thompson (Chairman), Mrs S Jackson, Mr F Wade, Mrs N Burch, Mr S Gilson-Fox and Mrs E Rogers (Clerk).
Sergeant Frank, Ms Coleman and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies – received from Mr Spark
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 10 January were signed by Mrs Thompson. Mrs Thompson raised the point, however, that the amount agreed at the January meeting that was to be available to the Sports and Recreational Committee should be £20,000 and not £18,000 as was minuted.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Sergeant Ben Frank from the North Yorkshire Police attended the meeting in response to concerns raised by the Council regarding the behaviour of youths within the village. Sergeant Frank advised that the police are aware of the problems and that response officers are tasked with attending “trouble spots” at the appropriate time. He has seen evidence himself of drinking but on a recent visit felt that the youths were generally polite and reasonable and simply at a loss for something to do. They came from a number of neighbouring villages as well as Tollerton. Sergeant Frank encouraged the set up of the Neighbourhood Watch and stressed that trouble should be reported even if residents felt that the police would either not attend or not be in time. Certainly if there was any concern regarding drugs it should be reported immediately together with relevant details e.g. car registration numbers.
In regard to the speeding and nuisance driving by some of the youths he advised that on the previous evening two s.59 orders had been issued. A s.59 order is given when a driver is considered to be driving carelessly or without consideration to other road users *and* in a manner likely to cause a nuisance. The order applies to both the car and the driver and if either car or driver is seen behaving in a similar manner within a year and a second order is issued the car can be impounded. Sergeant Frank identified a number of vehicles already being watched and encouraged that they be reported if seen being driven in a careless or nuisance manner: YX51 PZO – white rover; YB05 CWC – black Renault clio; R512 DWY – blue Renault clio; P862 NAG – red Peugeot 106. Anyone reporting the behaviour will be asked to provide a written statement although will not have to appear in court as the power of the s.59 order can be carried out without court proceedings.
Control of the problems needs a long term solution through a joint effort between residents and the police and a functioning Neighbourhood Watch will encourage this.
Regarding the speeding problem through the Village in general Sergeant Frank advised that he can arrange for Tollerton to have the mobile speed matrix located in the village. This flashes at anyone travelling in excess of the 30mph speed limit and logs the number of vehicles speeding out of the total number of vehicles passing. North Yorkshire Highways are responsible for the permanent matrix signs and would have to carry out speed monitoring to assess need. This has been done in the past and the result was an average speed of 38mph which, whilst higher than the leeway normally given, does not put Tollerton high on the list as a recipient for a permanent sign.
 - b) Fiona Coleman – Rural Housing Enabler. The Councillors felt that the draft second survey form provided by Ms Coleman needed amending to make it more approachable so as to ensure a good response rate. Mrs Thompson suggested that questions be made open rather than leading on the issue of affordable housing and that the complicated table be simplified with fewer lines and with examples and clearer explanations. Mrs Thompson is to send her amended draft structure to Ms Coleman by 13 February and a final draft is to be agreed between Mrs Thompson and Ms Coleman by 22 February. Approval of this will be sought from other Councillors via e-mail with a planned distribution date of 25 / 26 February. Ms Coleman will arrange for the forms to be printed and provide envelopes for return. Distribution will be by personal delivery by the Councillors or Chris Charlton the post lady who has assisted in this manner previously. A return date of 11 / 12 March will be specified with a collection box provided in the shop. Responses will be returned to Ms Coleman who will feedback the results to the Council by 4 April. It was suggested that the form be made available on the web although this was discounted as only one response per household is required and Ms Coleman was concerned about the possibility of duplication. Original surveys are to be printed on yellow paper. Ms Coleman is also to send a sample covering letter to Mrs Thompson for approval.

Approved:
Chairman

Ms Coleman was also able to advise the Council that a second suitable site for the affordable housing had been identified as a result of the consultation process and that the landowner was willing now for this to be made public. The site is owned by Mr Otterburn and is located at the end of Station Road adjacent to the railway line. Initial indications are that this would be acceptable to the planners although as it is outside the village boundary development would be on the basis of an exceptions site. The price paid to the landowner would therefore be led by the housing corporation guidelines that currently indicate approximately £5,000 per development plot. There are a number of alternatives and access could be by way of Hambleton View, Kyle Close or Station Road and discussions would need to take place with the Highway authorities.

Mr Wade was vehemently against development on this site and cited a previous development refusal, however, Ms Coleman stressed that this would be an exceptions site and previous decisions are not relevant. Mr Wade expressed strong concern that an access onto Station Road would be dangerous and that the main water supply runs in that vicinity.

Mrs Thompson pointed out that no action will be taken pending the outcome of the second survey as the Council need to know whether in fact there is a need for the provision of affordable housing within the village which the survey is intended to identify.

The Doctors are still in discussions with the PCT over funding for a new surgery and plans would need to take account that the surgery may or may not be able to relocate on the site. The housing provision would still only be for approximately 12 properties and mostly 2/3 bedroom as identified by the initial survey carried out by Hambleton District Council.

Concern was raised over the impact this development would have on Jubilee Court and Ms Coleman advised that any proposals will be subject to a consultation process. It was also noted that access to the remainder of the land would be required and Ms Coleman advised that this would be included in any plans.

Mrs Burch had to leave the meeting at 8.30pm

This was the first time Mr Gilson-Fox had met Ms Coleman and she spent some time explaining her role and the background to the affordable housing need and proposals within the Village.

- c) Pest Control. Mrs Thompson advised that the moles and rabbits at the playing field are causing a great amount of damage and no action appears to have been taken by the contractor despite the strong letter sent in January. Mr Kitchen's contract is to be terminated and another contractor sought.

4. Planning Applications

- a) 06/00069/FUL – Mr & Mrs Coning, Fleet Bank Lodge, Tollerton – two storey extension to existing dwelling. APPROVED prop. Mrs Jackson, sec. Mr Wade.
- b) 05/02698/FUL – Mr & Mrs E Jeffrey, Angel Inn Farm, Tollerton – alterations to existing agricultural building to form a dwelling. APPROVED prop. Mr Wade sec. Mrs Jackson.
- c) 05/02734/REM – Mr & Mrs BT Lancelot, Land to the rear of North Riding House, Main Street, Tollerton – renewal of planning consent for the construction of a detached dwelling with domestic garage. As a renewal Councillors felt that there could be no objection although concern was raised that the original planning stipulations had not been adhered to. APPROVED prop. Mrs Thompson sec. Mr Wade.
- d) 05/02644/FUL – Mr & Mrs Johnson, Jasmine Cottage, Sykes Lane, Tollerton – application for the change of use of land to domestic use; construction of domestic detached garage extensions and domestic wind turbine, and construction of chimney above existing dwelling. Concern was raised regarding the height of the wind turbine as on the plan it appeared to be huge. A height 7.5m was referred to in the plans although it was not clear whether this referred to the chimney of the proposed building or the turbine. Clerk is to confirm the size of the wind turbine with Hambleton District Council planning department and contact the Councillors. If the height of the turbine is 7.5m then the application would be approved prop. Mrs Jackson, sec Mrs Thompson.
- e) 06/00139/FUL – Top House Construction, Land at South Back Lane, Tollerton – alterations and extension to existing domestic outbuilding to form a dwelling. The Councillors felt that to allow this development would open up South Back Lane for further developments and it would not be in the interest of the Village. REFUSED prop. Mrs Thompson sec. Mrs Jackson.

5. Planning Amendments

- a) Street Naming and Numbering – New Property, Land South of Windy Ridge – Holly Trees. Noted
- b) Street Naming and Numbering – New Property, Land adjacent to Sycamore House – Sycamore Barn.

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Chairman

Noted.

6. Planning Decisions and Appeals

- a) 05/02523/FUL – Mrs B Talbot, The Saddlery, Crofters Yard, South Back Lane, Tollerton. Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling to form a conservatory. APPROVED. Noted
- b) 05/02141/REM – Ms K Smith & Mrs J Eaton, Land to the South of Windy Ridge, Main Street, Tollerton – application for reserved matters for the construction of a detached dwelling as amended by plan as received by Hambleton District Council on 27 October 2005. APPROVED. Noted
- c) 05/02404/FUL – D & SA Lardner, Land adjacent Sycamore House, Newton Rd, Tollerton – construction of a detached dwelling. APPROVED. Noted

7. Financial Matters

- a) Clerk reported the account balances as follows – Treasurers £816.35 , BMM No1 £35.36 , s.106 BMM £21.33, Scottish Widows a/c £51,949.78.
- b) A Cheque was signed as follows £176.25 SJ Danby Ltd re: playground annual maintenance.
- c) Scottish Widows will no longer send correspondence to the Clerk's address as Mrs Rogers is not an account signatory. It was agreed that correspondence would be sent to Mrs Jackson's address.

8. Correspondence

- SJ Danby Ltd – quotation for a wet-pour surface at the children's playground. It was felt that with the planned consultation any action on the development of the playing field would be postponed pending the outcome of the consultation.
- Sports and Recreation Club – request for £1,000 funding. Unanimous agreement to continue the support given to the Playing Field. Clerk to arrange a cheque in due course.

10. Any Other Business

Mr Wade mentioned that he was in possession of the recently replaced village sign that had been forcibly removed. Clerk is to contact Raynesway Construction who were aware of its disappearance and were arranging for a replacement. Sign is to be replaced using anti-theft bolts and fixings.

The Clerk is away when the April meeting is due therefore the meeting will be postponed until April 25th. The AGM, due on the first Tuesday in May, will now take place on the second Tuesday - May 9th.

Following consultation with the Council's internal auditor The Clerk advised that the Parish Council would be able to pay for all the fencing at the Tennis Club and then accept a donation from the Tennis Club towards the cost. The Parish Council will then be able to reclaim the VAT. This is only possible because the Tennis Club land is owned by the Parish Council.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

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