

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 3 October 2006

Present: Councillors: Mr Spark (Chairman), Mr Wade, Mrs Burch, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Rogers (Clerk).
8 members of the public

1. Apologies – received from Mr Gilson-Fox
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 5 September 2006 were unanimously agreed and signed by Mr Spark
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Parish Plan – see Any Other Business below.
 - b) Benches – Mr Spark advised that the bench for the Green is currently under construction and that a quote of £475 +vat had been received for a metal bench to replace that in front of St Michael's Church. Clerk is to contact Ludus Leisure for another quote.
 - c) Hedge and tree pruning – two tenders had been received. Mr Scarborough quoted £36 for the hedge cutting at the playing field and RG Arboriculture quoted £355 for the same with £265 for the tree pruning at the Old Way. The Clerk had received an e-mail from another interested party and further quotes are to be sought from this source and C&C Contracting. Mr Wade is also to advise the Clerk of a contact number for Mr Birdsall who may be interested in quoting for the hedge cutting.
4. Planning Applications
 - a) 06/01878/OUT – Mr & Mrs M Newland, Land to rear of The Meads, Moorlands Lane, Tollerton – Outline application for the siting of a mobile home to be used by an agricultural worker and creation of a new vehicular access. Mr Spark read a letter of objection received from Dr & Mrs Kinnell (copy of which had been sent to Hambleton District Council). Mrs Thompson rejected the application as it would open up the Moorlands Lane and that the village appraisal results indicated this is not what the village want. Mrs Burch did not think that the proposed log cabin was in keeping with the village and Mrs Jackson stated that the land was not agricultural and was subject to BD5 status. Mr Wade thought that the development should be permitted, however, the application was REFUSED prop. Mrs Jackson sec. Mrs Thompson.
5. Planning Amendments
 - a) None
6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
 - a) 06/00803/FUL – Mr & Ms Bucknill, Stark Farm, Sykes Lane, Tollerton – construction of a replacement dwelling and a domestic wind turbine as amended by letter and plan received by Hambleton District Council on 5 July 2006. APPROVED. Noted
 - b) 06/01757/FUL – Mr R Parsons, Meadow View, Alne Road, Tollerton – first floor extension to existing dwelling. APPROVED. Noted.
 - c) 06/00864/FUL – Mrs P Chapman, 12 Hambleton View, Tollerton – conservatory extension to existing dwelling as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 31 August 2006. APPROVED. Noted
 - d) 06/00428/MRC – Mr & Mrs R Burkhill – The Bungalow, Warehill Lane, Tollerton – revised application to remove agricultural occupancy condition. APPROVED. Noted.
 - e) 06/01581/FUL – Mr A Cooper, The Cottage, Newton Road, Tollerton – retrospective application for the siting of a shed at existing dwelling. REFUSED. Noted.
7. Financial Matters
 - a) Account balances – Treasurers £400.18, BMM No1 £6,485.27, s.106 BMM £3,006.77 Scottish Widows a/c £44,862.80 (subject to notice of £20,000 for the Sports & Recreation Committee and £4,500 re: tennis club fencing).
 - b) Cheques were signed as follows: £135.00 – Mr W Pratt re: grasscutting
£399.17 – Mrs E Rogers re: Clerks services July-September
£44.64 – Mrs S Jackson re: toner cartridge
 - c) The Clerk advised that the second half of the precept had been received

Approved:
Chairman

8. Correspondence

- Playsafety Ltd – annual safety inspection report. Clerk is to cross reference last years report as some of the work recommended should already have been carried out.
- NYCC – employment training services - circulate
- HDC – review of polling places / stations – Clerk to complete return. Mr Wade advised (as per previous circulation) that parish councils now have to fund the cost of elections themselves.
- Country Air – Summer 2006 (no.101) - circulate
- Regional Forum, Dev. Trusts Assoc & Yorkshire Forward Footsey 100 - circulate
- The Playing Field – Summer 2006 – circulate and pass to Mr Russon thereafter
- Michael o’Leary – Tollerton (nottm) Newsletter - circulate
- Glasdon – Local Councils News sheets - circulate
- SMP Playgrounds – special offers - circulate
- Easingwold Police re: speed matrix – circulate. Clerk to chase up.
- NYCC – changes to bus service no.29 - circulate
- Yorkshire Rural Community Council AGM 9 Oct - circulate
- HDC re: BD5 status of land adjacent to The Meads. Copy passed to Mr Wade, Clerk is to forward e-mail to other councillors.
- Clerks & Councils Direct September 2006 - circulate

9. Any Other Business

Mr Wade advised that there was a street light out on Alne Road which he would report.

Mr Wade expressed concern over the state of the surfaces on Intake Lane and Sidings Lane – the Clerk is to write to the highways department.

Mrs Thompson had received a complaint regarding the state of the footpath leading from the top of Main Street behind Ings View. Clerk is to contact the footpath department to report this and the blocking of the footpath from South Back Lane behind Church Close as well as the overgrown state of the footpath at Intake Lane.

The visit by Ms Coleman to the November meeting was raised and it was decided that Ms Coleman should be invited to talk once the usual parish business has concluded. It is hoped that there will be a good turn out from the village and her visit will be advertised on the web site, on the notice board and in the shop.

Mr Spark advised that there is a new vicar at Alne Church and included the pamphlet in the circulation.

The Councillors read a letter (which was considered to be of a private nature) received from a villager and are to consider its contents for the next meeting.

Parish Plan

Mrs Thompson advised that she had met with Jo Buffey from the Rural Community Council who had been most helpful in discussing the way forward for Tollerton’s parish plan. Ms Buffey is impressed with the work so far and has agreed the expenditure. The budget going forwards has also been agreed but there is much further work to be done and it has to be led by the community and not the parish council.

The document expected is an A4, 12 sided colour brochure, including photographs etc..., written by community groups which will provide the parish council with a mandate as to the way parishioners want the village to develop. At this stage it is considered that there are two options:

1. do nothing further and repay the £1,900 already received or
2. find volunteers within the community who will develop the plan and pull the project together. There is still further funding of £1,900 available for this.

The councillors agreed that it would be a shame not to try and complete the project considering the work that had been undertaken so far. It was thought that presenting the idea at the meeting with Ms Coleman may generate volunteers if there is a good attendance. An alternative presentation opportunity would be at the fundraising meeting proposed in the near future seeking volunteers for the Open Gardens village fundraising event planned next June.

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Mrs Thompson is to advise Ms Buffey that Tollerton's intention is to produce a community led parish plan once volunteers have been found.

Meeting was opened to the Public 8.00pm

Dr Kinnell asked about progress regarding the development of a Neighbourhood Watch Committee. Mrs Thompson advised that there had been no further progress due to a lack of volunteers, however, the matter would be raised when the parish plan is discussed.

Mrs Kinnell asked about the proposed waste recycling site at Tholthorpe - Mr Wade advised that this had been withdrawn.

A member of the public asked if the BT telephone box could be re-painted. Mr Spark advised that he had tried various contacts at BT but to no avail and it was suggested that the project be undertaken within the parish.

The same gentleman queried whether a traffic weight limit could be requested through the village. Mrs Jackson advised that this was unlikely as it had been asked for previously along with various other traffic calming measures.

Mr Bastow said he thought that £2,000 of funding for the children's play park had been agreed at the September meeting in addition to the £20,000 advanced for the skate park. Mr Spark advised that this was not the case and that the minutes of the meeting reflected this. Mr Bastow advised that once the play park project had been undertaken the Sports & Recreation Club would only have £1,400 in their account and would therefore need to seek further funds from the Parish Council to keep the playing field running. Mr Spark proposed that the matter be reviewed at a future date.

Mrs Kinnell asked if there had been any developments regarding the application for a pharmacy within the village. Councillors advised that nothing further had been heard and that many other local villages had received the same application.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

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Chairman