

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 19 April 2007 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mrs Jackson (Acting Chairman), Mrs Thompson, Mrs Burch, Mr Wade, Mr Gilson-Fox and Mrs Rogers (Clerk). Amanda Madden – Rural Housing Enabler and Mr David Campbell new District Councillor and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies – Mr Spark
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 6 March 2007 were unanimously agreed as correct and signed by Mrs Jackson.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Affordable housing – please refer to the notes following these minutes.
 - b) Grass Cutting Contract. The Clerk had been informed that Persimmon are still cutting the grass at Ings View. Mr Pratt, however, advised that they are only cutting the area at the end of the terrace and not the open green therefore the contract is to remain as it stands.
 - c) Pest Control Contracts – two tenders received Fletcher and Abbey pest control. Abbey (the existing contractor) £100 per month and Fletchers priced per individual treatment. Tollerton Sports & Recreation Committee has already instructed Fletcher Pest Control to undertake three rabbit treatments on the playing field. The Council felt that Fletcher Pest Control should win the tender as the existing contractor had not achieved the required results and also, using the same contractor as the Sports & Recreational committee may assist matters in the future. Clerk to take forward.
4. Planning Applications
 - a) 06/02009/FUL – Mr B Hardy, 1 School Cottages, Main Street, Tollerton – Alterations to existing dwelling to form French doors and a chimneystack. Approved prop. Mrs Thompson sec. Mrs Burch.
 - b) 07/00617/FUL – Mr B Hardy, School House, Main Street, Tollerton – Application for the demolition of outbuildings, construction of a garage block and extension to existing dwellinghouse. Approved prop. Mrs Thompson sec. Mr Wade.
 - c) 07/00714/FUL – Mr & Mrs D Clegg, Kyle Cottage, Main Street, Tollerton – two storey and first floor extension to existing dwelling. Approved prop. Mr Wade sec. Mrs Thompson.
 - d) 07/01000/FUL – Mr D Duff, The Black Horse Inn, Newton Road, Tollerton – formation of a landscaped garden area and siting of three summerhouses at existing public house. Mrs Jackson lives next door to the pub and declared an interest. Although the Council appreciates the need for covered outside space for smokers it was felt that the summerhouses were completely out of character with the existing pub building and also that the proposed locations would look awkward. Refused prop. Mr Gilson-Fox sec. Mrs Thompson.
5. Planning Amendments
 - a) Street Naming – New property – Land to rear of North Riding House, Main Street, Tollerton – Mistletoe House. Noted
 - b) 07/00617/FUL – Mr B Hardy, School House, Main Street, Tollerton – amended plans per application see 4 b) above. Approved prop. Mrs Thompson sec. Mr Wade.
6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
 - a) 07/00176/FUL – Mr T Johnson, Orchard House, Main Street, Tollerton – single storey extension to existing dwelling to form a sunroom. Approved. Noted
7. Financial Matters
 - a) Account balances – Treasurers £447.28, BMM No1 £4,577.96 , s.106 BMM £3,040.42, Scottish Widows a/c £21,084.94.
 - b) The following cheques were signed: 234 - £176.25 – SJ Danby Ltd re: playground maintenance
235 - £247.00 – Mr W Pratt re: grasscutting
236 – £400.02 - Mrs E Rogers re: clerks services
237 - £495.84 – Allianz Cornhill re: annual insurance premium
 - c) A quotation had been received from Playscheme for repairs required at the Playground. The figure includes a £300 call out fee that the company are not prepared to reconsider. The Councillors felt this excessive and the Clerk is to seek alternative quotes for the work and annual maintenance

Approved:
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contract (cheque no. 234 above is not to be issued at this time).

8. Correspondence

- The Playing Field – Spring 2007. Circulate
- HDC – Parish Council Election Results of uncontested election. The Council is three members short and HDC have advised that we have until 22 June to co-opt further members.
- HDC – Local Government Review Newsletter. Circulate
- NYCC – Business & Environmental Services – Improving Rights of Way. Clerk to complete survey
- NYCC – People Paths & Places pamphlet. Circulate
- Sutcliffe Play – Playback Summer 2006. Circulate
- HDC – District Parish Liaison Meeting Minutes from 26 March 2007 and advising the next meeting on 24 September. Circulate
- HDC – Personal & Prejudicial Interests at Parish Council Meetings. Circulate
- NYCC – A New Council for North Yorkshire. Circulate
- York & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association – Membership Subscription. Not required
- Easingwold & Villages Forum – Transport Survey. Clerk to complete survey
- Huby & Sutton on the Forest Agricultural Society – Application for Grant. Council felt that money could be more usefully be used towards our own village projects.
- Clerks & Councils Direct- March 2007. Circulate
- Country Air – Spring 2007. The supplement contained information regarding a Village Ventures competition that may be suitable for the Drop in Centre to enter – Clerk is to seek further details.
- HDC – Local Development Framework Adoption of Core Strategy. Circulate
- Irene Smith – Forge Cottages anti social behaviour. The Council acknowledged the content of the letter however, the Clerk is to write and advise the police are called if the problems continue, as the Council has no power to deal with the situation.

9. Any Other Business

Mr Wade advised that he had visited Church Close and found no real evidence of all the commercial vehicles parked there as had been advised in previous correspondence, Mrs Thompson concurred.

Mr Wade, who is retiring from both district and parish councils, introduced David Campbell the new district councillor who will attend future Parish Council meetings.

Mrs Jackson advised of stiles within the parish that are in need of maintenance and the Clerk has this matter in hand.

Mrs Jackson suggested a litter pick be organised for the last weekend in May prior to the village open gardens and artfest. Mrs Jackson has offered to sponsor any ice-lollies and the Clerk is to contact Micky Johnson regarding the organisation. Mr Gilson-Fox also offered to donate chocolate for the volunteers.

Mr White, a retired long serving parish councillor, recently lost his wife and the Councillors felt it would be suitable to send a card – Clerk is to arrange.

Meeting Open to the public 8.15pm

Mr Pratt advised that the street light by Sykes bridge keeps going out – Clerk to take forward

Mr Pratt advised that the playing field was covered with litter which means he is unable to cut it. Mrs Thompson said that members of the Sports & Rec. committee collect this daily so little else can be done.

Mr Pratt requested permission to use weed killer on the grassed areas within the village – agreed.

Mr Pratt enquired as to when the Village Green bench would be in place – Clerk to contact Mr Spark.

Mrs Jackson thanked Mr Wade who is retiring from the Council after 55 years service and also Mrs Thompson, who has moved from the Parish, for her 5 years service to the council as well as Mrs Burch and Mr Gilson-Fox who are not standing for re-election.

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Tuesday May 15th.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

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Amanda Madden – Rural Housing Enabler
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Ms Madden advised that, following receipt of the letter from the residents of Jubilee Court, she had written back addressing the areas of concern raised and expressed surprise that only one resident was at the meeting.

At this stage no plans have been drawn up for the site on Station Road although Highways have stated there is no objection to the site in terms of access and visibility – the councillors expressed their surprise at this. Soil testing in the field has also been carried out.

Ms Madden advised that the timescale for commencement of the project, August 2007, had been given simply as an indicator for the funding application that has now been granted to Accent Housing association. The Association therefore wants to get started with the development and will have to return the grant, and re-apply at a later stage, if work does not begin in the near future. Mrs Jackson said that the Council does not want to be rushed and that there are many factors that need to be looked at in connection with this site before the Parish Council will consider allowing the development to progress.

The Councillors stressed that the field is subject to flooding and this may have a huge impact on the affordability of the site and proposed properties. There had been plenty of problems with the Jubilee Court development. Ms Madden said that the environment agency shows the field as a flood risk one area i.e. low risk which the councillors agreed with in terms of river flooding, however, that is not the cause here.

Other sites have been looked at in the village and disregarded due to cost, access and visibility. Mrs Jackson and Mrs Thompson suggested Ms Madden look again at the sites on Newton Road which had been rejected due to the cost of the land and also the field off Tennis Court Lane which has previously been rejected due to accessibility. Either of these would be more likely to be accepted by the village and more pleasant for the future resident. Also, the extra cost of the Newton Road site may seem prohibitive but this may not be the case once the Station Road properties have had to be built to accommodate the flooding, noise insulation materials and structures / materials which can resist the constant vibration caused by the main east coast railway line.

It was pointed out that neither of these sites were exceptions sites either. Ms Madden said she would go back and look at the possibility of alternative sites.

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