

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 7 August 2007 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mr Spark (Chairman), Mrs Jackson, Mrs Wadsworth and Mrs Rogers (Clerk).
3 members of the public including Cllr David Campbell

1. Apologies – Mr Brown, Mrs McAlpine and Mr Simpson
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 3 July 2007 were agreed as correct and signed by Mr Spark.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Rabbit Fencing at the playing field – single quote received so far from Wayside Lewis at £2,489 +vat. Another has been promised and Mr Spark is also to ask fencing contractor Andrew Corner who is based in Easingwold.
 - b) Allotment ditch quotes – none received as yet although had been promised in time for the meeting, Clerk will chase up.
 - c) Parish Plan – Mr Brown, although not present had attended a meeting with Jo Buffey, the North Yorkshire Parish Plans Officer, and sent an e-mail to the other councillors prior to the meeting. Essentially the Parish Council had a grant of £1,935 in 2002/2003 for the development of a Parish Plan. The Yorkshire Rural Community Council is accountable for this money and is now pressing for production of a plan or a full refund believing that the Parish has had sufficient time. A draft plan was produced in 2005 but was put on hold pending the outcome of the affordable housing proposal that is now underway. Mr Brown agreed with Ms Buffey that the Parish Council has an extension until September 2007 and Ms Buffey will attend the parish council meeting on September 4th. Mr Brown feels that repayment of the grant may be inevitable although, as negotiations with the YRCC have been reopened, this may yet be avoided if a conclusive way forward can be demonstrated. Mr Brown is to review the file upon his return from holiday and discuss the available acceptable options for resolution with the YRCC. He will then summarise the situation and present recommendations to the other councillors in advance of the September meeting. Clerk is to advise Mr Brown that the Council agrees with his summation and is also convey the information to Ms Buffey.
 - d) Councillors Documentation – Mrs Wadsworth signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office that was countersigned by Mrs Jackson.
4. Planning Applications
 - a) 07/02068/FUL – DE Coning OS Field 3765 Sykes Lane, Tollerton – revised application for the construction of an agricultural building and associated hard standing. Approved prop. Mrs Jackson sec. Mr Spark.
 - b) 07/00634/FUL – Tollerton & Huby Lakes Partnership – OS Field 0800 & 2000 Cross Lanes, Tollerton – construction of two fishing lakes, siting of four portable buildings and construction of a car park, gates and gate posts as amended by letter and details received by Hambleton District Council on 19 June and 10 July 2007. Approved prop. Mrs Jackson, sec. Mr Spark.
 - c) 07/01038/FUL – Mr R Hainsworth, Angel Inn House, Tollerton, York – change of use of a dwelling to a dwelling and B&B. Approved prop. Mr Spark, sec. Mrs Wadsworth.
5. Planning Amendments
 - a) Application for Certificate of Lawfulness – Land at Open View, Main Street, Tollerton. Hambleton District Council had written to the Parish Council requesting any information it may have about the building of the bungalow known as Open View, Main Street, Tollerton. None of the Councillors knew about this property and Mr Spark asked if any of the public present had any information. Mr Campbell advised that he had seen evidence that the bungalow had been built in 1967 and footings for a second bungalow, granted planning permission simultaneously with Open View, had been built at the same time. Clerk is to reply to Hambleton District Council.
6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
 - a) 07/01474/FUL – FN & AE Dyson, Land to the Rear of Westfield, Main Street, Tollerton – retrospective application for the construction of a replacement garage/storage building as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 8 June 2007. REFUSED. Noted and to be circulated.

Approved:
Chairman

- b) 07/01496/CON – FN & AE Dyson, Rear of Westfield, Main Street, Tollerton – application for conservation area consent to part demolish existing building used as a stable/store/garage. REFUSED. Noted and to be circulated.

7. Financial Matters

- a) Account balances – Treasurers £644.41, BMM No1 £5,607.63, s.106 BMM £3,082.72, Scottish Widows a/c £23,073.08.
- b) The following cheques were signed: 244 - £35.00 Yorks Rural Community Council re: membership
245 - £587.50 Metallic Site Services Ltd re: Green bench
246 - £137.00 Mr W Pratt re: grasscutting August

8. Correspondence

- South Tees Hospital NHS Trust – Foundation Trust Consultation and Membership. Circulate
- Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Centre. Clerk to reply and see if Ms Fleming, the adult carer support worker, is able to attend the October parish meeting.
- HDC – Code of Member Conduct. Circulate
- HDC Newsletter no.4 – Local Government Review. Circulate
- NYCC – North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework Sites Allocations Issue & Options. Circulate
- The Playing Field – Summer 2007. Circulate
- Assembly Digest – June 2007. Circulate
- Country Air – Summer 2007. Circulate
- Easingwold & Villages Forum – Minutes from AGM held 10 July 2007. Circulate. Mr Spark suggested that Councillors could attend the various future meetings in turn, the dates of which are included in the letter.
- Tollerton Sports & Recreation Club – request for councillor to join committee. Circulate and seek a nominee.
- N. Yorks Fire & Rescue Authority – The Corporate Plan 2007-2008. Circulate
- Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2007. Circulate
- Easingwold & Villages Forum – Future Developer Contributions. Circulate
- HDC – School Buses. Circulate
- Springfield Boarding Kennels – relocation of 30mph signs. Circulate
- Play Equipment Brochures – various. Circulate

9. Any Other Business

Mrs Jackson felt that the village notice board was becoming difficult to use and that part of the securing grille was not working. Clerk is to seek costings for a replacement and possible funding from Hambleton District Council.

Mr Spark had received several complaints about noise coming from the pub since the smoking ban had come into effect on July 1st. Obviously this is not something the Council can control and is not an issue specific to Tollerton, many villages have the same problem. Potentially it is more of a summer problem and although the Environment Agency could be contacted it could really only be after closing time. Clerk to contact Hambleton District Council to see if there is anything that can be done to minimise the noise.

Mr Spark raised the issue of speeding traffic. The Clerk advised that a survey had been carried out recently at the Alne end of the village with the resultant speed averaging around 32 / 34mph. This, according to Highways, is within acceptable limits however, they were to advise the police of the issue. Mr Spark said that the police had visited the village on a couple of occasions recently and cautioned some drivers. The Clerk is to try and arrange for the police and a representative from the Highways department to attend a Council meeting in the near future.

Meeting Open to the Public 8pm

Mr Wade advised that the railway bridge on Station Road was in need of repair having been hit recently.

Mr Pratt advised that the street light near the bridge had still not been repaired, Clerk is to chase.

Mr Wadsworth mentioned that the surface of Tennis Court Lane was in need of repair and Mr Campbell advised that he had already reported this to Highways.

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Mr Campbell raised the planning application for the fishing lakes at Cross Lanes. He has walked around the site at the request of local residents and is concerned on several fronts. One of the lakes has apparently been extended without planning permission and cutting wires have been strung across the lakes to prevent swans landing and taking fish stocks. These wires are unlawful and the site is being kept under review and may be reported to the RSPCA and Environment Agency. Mr Campbell has recommended that the application be turned down for these reasons and because its development would have a negative financial impact on the fishing lakes already close to the crossroads and at Huby. Also, the developers may try to go further and seek permission for extension of the site and the building of cabins as per the original application two years ago that was refused. Mr Spark asked Mr Campbell to keep the Council abreast of any developments.

Meeting closed 8.05pm

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