

TOLLERTON PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (of Electors) Held on Tuesday, 6th May 2008 At 7.30 p.m. In the Village Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Spark (Chairman of the Parish Council); Bob Simpson; Jacqui McAlpine; Sue Jackson; Mark Brown; Gill Wadsworth; District Councillor David Campbell; and Parishioners Mr. Pratt; Mr. Easton; Mr. Russon and Mr. Jackson.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – None.
2. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting Held on 15th May 2007** - were Agreed.
3. **Matters Arising** – None.
4. **Chairman of the Parish Council's Report** - Cllr. Spark reported on various matters the Parish Council had dealt with over the year. Their main work had been in dealing with Planning Applications – of which there had been sixty during the year – and Tollerton was the busiest Hambleton Parish in this regard.

Other matters dealt with had included the Low Cost Housing issue, which had taken up a great deal of time. The Application was passed by Hambleton District Council, and work would soon be commencing.

The Council had been pressing for various speed restrictions in the Village, and it was hoped these would soon be implemented.

5. **Parish Council's Financial Statement** - Copies of the Statement for Year Ending 31st March 2008 (prepared by the former Clerk), were distributed by Mrs. Varley, Acting Clerk, who explained various items of income and expenditure.
6. **Tollerton Sports & Recreational Club Report**
The Chairman, Mr. David Russon, reported on significant developments over the year, and on various grants that had been obtained for the work.

About £33,000 had been spent in upgrading the car park and drive and on better wheelchair access. Over 40 trees and 400 shrubs had been planted. A Basketball Area had been provided. New chairs had been bought for the Pavilion.

Long-term plans included the provision of a Skateboard Park – which would cost in the region of £20,000.

Mr. Russon said that the Playing Field itself offered little opportunity for raising money. Costs of running the facility were about £2,000 per year, with the main income being from the Tennis Club and the renting of the Pavilion. Although the Pavilion was well used, it was hoped to increase its useage.

Rabbits continued to be a major problem and the possibility of Rabbit Fencing had been discussed with a Contractor. One quote for this work had been received, and another would be invited. The Committee would keep the Parish Council updated regarding developments.

The Playing Field Committee had been involved with "Fundraising for Tollerton" but had not asked for any contribution from the monies raised.

- 7. Tollerton War Memorial Institute's Report** - The Chairman, Mr. Ian Jackson, reported on activities during the year. A successful application to the Awards for All National Lottery Fund had resulted in an award of £10,000 towards the refurbishment of the Hall.

He reminded everyone of his first report in 2004 in which he detailed the works that were needed, and was now pleased to report that, following a tremendous effort by the Committee, a major part of the necessary work had been completed. This included:

- Replacement of ceiling tiels and hall lights, plus installation of appropriate insulation
- Replacement of faulty fans
- Installation of a new heating system
- Provision of hot water in the toilets and at the Bar Area
- Replacement of all windows and doors
- Redecoration of the Hall; refurbishment of the pillars and Bar Area
- Increase in size of storage area
- Re-varnishing of the Hall floor.

Work still required was replacement of the skylight dome windows, and the toilet upgrade is planned for the Summer. The tiles and roofing material on one side of the roof is in extremely poor condition and there is a leak in the Hall roof. Quotes are awaited for the work to the roof, which work should be done before Winter, and financial assistance would be required.

The heating system update had resulted in a large area (previously the old boiler room) that could be converted for other uses, e.g. storage or a meeting room. Funding would be required for any conversion, and users and residents would be consulted before embarking on any change.

On the useage of the Hall, Mr. Jackson said the soup lunches continued to be popular over Winter months, and the New Year's Eve Party had been successful. It was intended that both these be continued in order to help promote community spirit in the Village.

The major project over the past year had been the successful Burns Supper, which was in aid of "Fundraising for Tollerton" – and it was hoped that this would be an annual event. Support would again be given to this year's Open Gardens Artfest.

In conclusion, Mr. Jackson gave thanks to members of the Committee and others who had helped with the various events over the past year.

(Note: A copy of Mr. Jackson's report would be placed on file.

- 8. Any Other Business** - None.
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