

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 4 March 2008 at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies received from Mrs Jackson and Mr Simpson.
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 5 February 2008 were agreed as correct and signed by Mr Spark accordingly.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Parish Plan – Mr Brown presented an outline of the proposed way forward, aims and desired outcome for the Parish Plan, together with a draft short questionnaire for approval prior to distribution within the village. Mr Brown asked the Councillors for feedback on the questionnaire. Mrs Wadsworth felt that greater emphasis need be made that the Council cannot be involved and also highlight the benefits the village has had so far in terms of funding which may not be available in future without a parish plan. Mr Brown is to deliver copies of the documents to Mrs Jackson and Mr Simpson for their feedback. It was agreed that at least 400 copies be made of the final questionnaire for delivery to individual properties with extras to be available at the shop. Details will also be placed on the notice board, the web site and the issue raised at the AGM. A short response timescale to the questionnaire was considered best with feedback options being direct to councillors, via the shop and online if this is possible – Mr Brown is to refer to Mrs Jackson in this regard. Mr Spark asked the councillors to try and think of someone within the village who may successfully drive the plan.
 - b) Affordable Housing – letters had been received from Dai Howells at Firebird and Helen Fielding at Hambleton District Council in response to the Clerk's letter following the last meeting. Copies of the letters are in the circulation and the matter will be reviewed at the April meeting.
 - c) Parish Clerk Vacancy – two applications had been received. One from Mrs Mary Varley who was the Clerk at Newton on Ouse for ten years, the other from Mr Russ Hollins, a retired Headmaster. Mrs Varley had, however, stressed in her application that she did not want to commit to the position permanently but was willing to cover the post on a short term basis. Due to the forthcoming AGM and Mrs Varley's clerking experience, it was decided to accept her offer to step in on a short term, temporary basis. Mr Hollins is to be informed of this decision, and that his details will be retained on file to be considered alongside other applicants that respond to an advert to be placed in the Easingwold Advertiser for the permanent position.
4. Planning Applications
 - a) None
5. Planning Amendments
 - a) None.
6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
 - a) 07/03734/FUL – Mr S Quartermain, Yew Tree House, Alne Road, Tollerton – construction of a detached domestic double garage, potting shed and gates as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 15 January 2008. APPROVED. Noted.
 - b) 07/02886/FUL – Mr JR Mitchell, Windmill Farm, Newton Road, Tollerton – demolition of existing agricultural building & construction of an agricultural workers dwelling. REFUSED. Noted and to be circulated.
 - c) Application for Certificate of Lawfulness – The Piggeries, Tollerton Brick Ponds, A19, Tollerton. REFUSED. Noted.
7. Financial Matters
 - a) Account balances – Treasurers £186.10, BMM No1 £4,431.94, s.106 BMM £2,883.02, Scottish Widows a/c £23,699.66.

Approved:
Chairman

- b) The following cheque was signed:
258 - £405.38 – Fletcher Pest Control (Dec- Feb 2008 inclusive).
- c) Mr Pratt – non payment of £9 allotment rent. Mr Pratt had failed to reply to two letters sent by the Clerk on this matter. He, however, stated at this meeting that he had given a £10 note to the Clerk at the November Parish Council meeting. The Clerk cannot recollect this event and is to look for it.

8. Correspondence

- Dai Howells – response to Clerk's letter re: affordable housing
- HDC, Helen Fielding – as above
- Amanda Madden – as above
- Copy of letter sent to each of the above on 14 February by the Clerk following the February meeting.
- Samaritans – funding request. Defer until April meeting.
- NYCC- 30mph sign improvements. Circulate.
- NYCC – bus stop posts. Circulate.
- NYCC – North Yorks. Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Submission of Minerals & Waste Core Strategies. Circulate.
- NYCC – Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Circulate.
- YRCC – Parish Government Conference. Circulate.
- Anne McIntosh – Post Office Closure. Circulate
- Tollerton Sports & Rec – thank you for funding. File with financial receipts.
- HDC – LDF Adoption of Development Policies Development Plan Document (DPD). Circulate.
- HDC – Area Forums. Circulate.

9. Any Other Business

- a) Mr Simpson had asked if one of the other councillors would be able to take over as the Council's representative on the Sports & Recreation Committee as his current commitments meant that he had thus far not been able to attend a meeting. The other Councillors also have commitments and Mr Spark felt that a periodic update from the Committee would be sufficient. Clerk is to request this from the Sports & Recreation Committee.
- b) Mrs McAlpine queried the poor state of the fence over the Station Road railway bridge. This had been reported to Network rail and the Clerk is to write a further request for repair.
- c) Mr Brown advised that the derelict building along the footpath has now been securely boarded up.
- d) Mr Brown had been asked to highlight the nuisance and anti-social behaviour caused by skateboarders at the Main Street / Ings View junction. This has been an issue before and the Council was powerless to take any action other than to ask the police to keep an eye on the teenagers. There is also cause for concern as the teenagers are skating in the dark and the area is not well lit. Clerk is to write to Constable Adams to ask him to visit the area. Skaters are coming in from nearby villages and Mr Spark advised that the police have powers to effectively put an anti social behaviour notice against reported problem vehicles. Accordingly, Mr Spark asked that residents in the area keep an eye on any problem vehicles and report them as necessary.

The double kerb at the driveway of Windy Ridge is exacerbating the problem as the skaters use it to perform jumps. The kerb actually hinders the driveway access and the Clerk is to contact North Yorks. Highways to see if any alterations are appropriate.

Meeting open to the public 8.10pm

Mr Pratt requested that his grass cutting tender document be returned. Clerk is to arrange a copy.

Progress with the skate park was queried and Mr Spark advised that the Sports & Recreation Committee will be asked for an update. Clerk is to contact them.

The ongoing matter of vehicles speeding through the village was raised. It is hoped that the proposed works to the road in terms of the new signage and road markings will reduce the number and speeds of those exceeding the limit and that the situation will be monitored. Cllr Campbell advised that Alne Parish Council has purchased its own speed gun at an estimated cost of £200 - £300.

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Cllr Campbell advised that a retirement party for Dr Witcher has been arranged for March 20th at the Black Horse Pub at 7.30pm. Details will be advertised at the surgery and on the notice board.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Approved:
Chairman