

TOLLERTON ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, TOLLERTON

ON TUESDAY 1 MAY 2012 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Mark Brown (Chairman), Bob Simpson, Gill Wadsworth, Roger Spark, Peter Hope and Paula Thompson, County Councillor Peter Sowray and one member of the public.

Clerk: District Councillor Nigel Knapton

12/1 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no apologies.

12/2 TO AGREE THE MINUTES HELD ON 20 MAY 2011

The minutes were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

12/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

12/4 CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

Looking back it appeared initially to have been a relatively quiet year. However, when I reviewed the details a little more closely I was surprised by what had been achieved.

ACTION ON CURRENT ISSUES

- Financially, the books balance - we spent what we said we would and are not carrying significant un-allocated in-year public money forward. We have planned expenditure, including the Jubilee, for this coming year and hope to make some savings, but we have had to increase the precept again to fund our plans; however, we remain below the precept levels of other comparable villages in the area. Overall, despite the general economic conditions, we remain financially stable.

- After three years of inspections and increased Council focus, the last inspection revealed a very significant improvement in the condition and use of the allotments - for the first time there were none assessed as requiring improvement, and the waiting list is much reduced. Overall the allotments are now in good order and are being well used.

- Following on-going activity with Rights of Way the public footpaths around the outskirts of the village are in a good state and almost all are now clearly signposted. Furthermore, a range of walks using these footpaths are now available on the village web site.

- Although speeding remains an issue at several locations within the village there has been a lot of activity in the last year:

Approved Chairman Date

- The Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plan has been created, adopted and endorsed by Hambleton DC, placing us in a good position should development-related funding become available in the local area.
- The Children's Christmas Party Fund has been taken into Council supervision to ensure it remains available should there be sufficient volunteers to reinstate activity in the future.

FRUSTRATIONS

- Although Council decisions and actions continue to be guided by the Parish Plan, 2012 was to have been a key year for review, but sadly the Parish Plan Working Group has dwindled to two people who now feel unable to conduct the planned review activity.
- We have had some mixed success with planning applications over the year - some which we wished to see approved have been refused, and some which we wished to see refused were approved. There does not seem to be any logic or a trend.
- Dog fouling remains an issue about which Council can do little more, and progress with the relevant authorities and bodies concerning speeding remains very slow.
- Traffic and parking in the vicinity of the surgery in Hambleton View remain an issue and inconvenience for residents, but action will require far greater funding levels than we can currently envisage.

OVERALL

So, although at first glance it appeared a relatively quiet and frustrating year, it's actually surprising how much progress has been made in some key areas, and not just the here-and-now, but also better-preparing us for the future. For that effort I wish to thank my Council colleagues and our Clerk for their support and hard work throughout the year.

12/5

TOLLERTON SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB REPORT

David Russen reported that he was having difficulty finding a replacement Chairman. He had done it for 10 years and the committee needs fresh people. Three grants had been applied for during the year but none had been successful. They had however received £1,500 from the Parish Council, £500 from Broadacres and £1,000 from Fundraising for Tollerton. New goal posts had been acquired and would be installed soon. The play bark had been replaced and the cricket stumps in the practice nets replaced. The probation service had arranged the repainting of the pavilion.

Unfortunately none of the larger projects such as a skate park or zip wire had been possible. The rabbits were still a problem. There was a great reliance on volunteers and David thanked the Trustees.

12/6 TOLLERTON WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE REPORT

It had been a busy year. The cleaning had been a challenge but a new cleaner now starts on Friday. The boiler had caused problems but was now alright. The kitchen refurbishment was finished and was working now. The playgroup were happy with the hall. It is so well booked that the length of bookings was having to be shortened.

The roof at the front had failed as the overflow had damaged it. It is now perforated. The side roof had been inspected and will need replacing. The tree would be reduced. Thanks were given to those who helped at events and those who helped with the boiler.

Councillor Mark Brown

12/7 TOLLERTON BRIDGE CLUB REPORT

The club goes from strength to strength. It is limited by the size of the pavilion. There are now 50 to 60 people using the pavilion which is a positive revenue stream for the Sports & Recreation Committee.

Dave Russon

12/8 TOLLERTON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP REPORT

No report had been received.

12/9 ANY OTHER VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS REPORT

There were no other reports.

12/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm