

TOLLERTON ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, TOLLERTON

ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Paula Thompson (Chairman), Peter Hope and Chris Rooke and three members of the public.

Clerk: District Councillor Nigel Knaption

15/1 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no apologies.

15/2 TO AGREE THE MINUTES HELD ON 6 MAY 2014

The minutes were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

15/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

15/4 CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

This year has once again been a fairly harmonious year within the Parish. We have the ongoing issue with complaints about the speed of traffic passing through the village. We as a council, are continuing to address these issues, pursuing any avenues available. Speed cameras have highlighted the fact that traffic does not actually travel as fast as pedestrians may perceive. However there are always exceptions. We are making enquiries in to the possibility of having a mobile matrix sign, as they have sometimes in Shipton, they are however hugely expensive, so funding also has to be explored

It was felt by some residents that the minutes of the council meetings should be made available. The possibility of putting these on the website is being explored. The agenda of each meeting is at present, put on the Council notice board a week before each meeting to give residents the chance to come along and air any views on agenda items.

The allotments have undergone a slight revamp since the sad passing of Willie Pratt. His allotments subsequently becoming available, have been split in to their original size. Some holders have moved down from the other side. This area was due to be redeveloped but this has been put on hold for the time being due to lack of people wanting to take up an allotment.

The Phone box/book exchange is going strong and is well used, and well looked after, our thanks to Mrs Charlotte Nash for her continued work with that. Also the Horse Trough, this has been kept very well by Mrs Sue Brookes, and is a credit to her, our thanks to her for her continued effort too.

One of our longstanding Councillors, Gill Wadsworth has taken the regrettable decision of standing down this year after many years' service to the village. Our thanks go to her along with our best wishes for the future. This leaves a vacancy for another Councillor. Should anyone be interested in the position, they can contact myself, or come along to any meeting.

Approved

Chairman

Date

Finally, Councillor Knapton, our Parish Clerk, has also sadly decided, that he can no longer continue in the position due to increased workload. Our loss, is our M.P's gain. We wish Councillor Knapton Good luck in his future endeavours.

15/5

TOLLERTON SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB REPORT

The sports and recreation committee consists 7 members of the village, that meet regularly to discuss the running of our sports field.

I recently became the Chairman, after eleven years of service by Dave Russon. Our longest serving member, Dot Hornby, has currently served for 25 years.

In the two years that I have been associated with the committee, we have discussed many and varied subjects that require attention to maintain and improve the village facility. Feedback is always sought, and that is usually through a village questionnaire, something that I plan to action again soon.

Our biggest achievement over the past 12 months is the award of a £10,000 Lottery grant from 'Awards for All', towards a cycle track. In total, we are planning to spend £13,000 installing a raised wooden track for the enjoyment of everyone. Already we have had one meeting with the manufacturer on site, with another one planned very soon. My desire is to have this installed as soon as possible, with the hope that it will be available before the end of the summer. This will be a major attraction for the younger members of the village.

Usual business discussed by us, cover a very bad problem with Rabbits. We are deeply concerned about the safety of people using the field. Warning signs have been erected this past year, but we need to take action. We are currently planning to dig a trench around two sides of the field (approximately 250 metres), to insert an anti rabbit fence, to prevent burrowing under the existing fence. With the hire of a digger and materials, we are forecasting to spend £1200. As this has been a growing problem, it is something I want to bring to an end, and this I see as the first step.

Our main income is from the Bridge club, who use the pavilion for their matches; the results of which you will see in the Easingwold Advertiser. Though it has served the village well for 25years, it now requires some maintenance. The doors need replacing on all toilets and changing rooms, which is going to cost us over £700 to complete. Due to the amount of rot, this is something that needs to be completed very soon.

One other issue we plan to address is the drive. £330 to £560 will buy 10 – 20 tons of gravel, which will serve the drive and car park well, both aesthetically and physically.

This list is nowhere near exhaustive. Drainage of the site, especially behind the pavilion and the play equipment, needs to be improved significantly, as during the winter months, this area is unusable, and a frustration for those with young children. After the above projects, this is the item I next want to address for the future generations.

With a current bank balance of approximately £7000, and a forecast spend of £4000, we are going to be quite anxious about our funding. We have gratefully received £1500 a year from the Parish Council, and I believe that this year is the final payment of that Agreement. I hope that this is something we can review with the Parish council in the coming months, and something that I hope you will see, is of great need.

Many thanks, Tim Brook
Chairman

15/6

TOLLERTON WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE REPORT

Tollerton village hall has been running with a committee of only four, but has recently been joined by two new members.

After the loss of the pre-school last July, income has severely reduced, to our current situation of making a loss of around £1000 over the past year. Between us, we are very positive about the hall, and have ideas around needing to invest, especially with the aesthetics.

Currently we have Zumba on a Monday evening, Ballet lessons and Cobra Fit on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and in the winter months, indoor bowls. On top of this, approximately 1-2 bookings a month are for parties, usually after Christenings or youngsters birthdays. The majority of the time, the hall stands empty. I am currently in negotiation with the NHS who approached me about using the hall for blood donor sessions, possibly up to 6 times a year.

In view of our finances, we have tried to cut back where we can, saving on excess waste collection and a programmable thermostat for the heating.

With only a small committee, we try our best to create some functions for the village. Last year's 'Beerfest', was a success, raising £1600, and bringing the band 'Huge' to the village. Wanting to continue to see the Hall filled, and provide the village with another event, we organised last month's 'Party Night'. This was a fantastic evening, with a brilliant band from London, but low turnout meant that we did not recover our costs to the tune of £1027. Those that attended, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we hope that this is something we can repeat with growing success.

October 24th will see another Beerfest style event; though we have not sat down to plan it yet. So far we have a local band, 'Holy Moly and the Crackers' booked, who will astound with their own music. Considerations are to open the bar up on the Friday evening and the Saturday afternoon, allowing greater access, with the main event being music and hog roast Saturday evening.

We have a desire to update the interior and exterior of the hall, planning to spend our own time to carry out some painting, and create a more desirable venue. Other areas we would like to address are curtains, signage, the bar facilities and possibly raised planters to the front. We also have a long running problem with the serviceability of the heating boiler. Over the winter months, this can lose pressure in 6 days, which then cuts out, dropping the hall temperature. In view of our financial losses, we are slightly reluctant to spend on much of these, but hope that there may be the possibility of help from the parish council.

Approved Chairman

Date

Generally we are optimistic about the hall, and all believe that it is an asset that the village should be pleased to have and use. Low usage is our current threat.

Thank you, on behalf of the Chair, Claire Burton,

Tim Brook -Booking Secretary

15/7 TOLLERTON BRIDGE CLUB REPORT

The Bridge Group continues to flourish and meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm in the Sports Pavilion. Anyone interested in joining is asked to contact Kath Russon on 01347 838253

15/8 ANY OTHER VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS REPORT

None.

15/9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 7.14pm