

TOLLERTON ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, TOLLERTON

ON TUESDAY 3 May 2016 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Paula Thompson (Chairman), Peter Hope, Bob Simpson, Roger Spark and eight members of the public.

Clerk: Sandra Windross

15/1 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ian Jackson

15/2 TO AGREE THE MINUTES HELD ON 2 JUNE 2016

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

It has been a relatively quiet year, with the council reducing meetings to Bi monthly instead of monthly.

We were joined last year by our new clerk Sandra Windross, and new Councillor Ian Jackson. Ian has been running the Tollerton website for some years, but has updated it to include the Parish Council news. Agendas and Minutes can be viewed online, along with any other relevant Parish news throughout the year.

Speeding through the village remains a concern. We have asked the Police to conduct further speed checks, however previous checks did not show there was a problem. Farm machinery always seems to be travelling at greater speeds due to the size of the vehicles.

The sports and recreational committee received a grant from the Council as part of a three year agreement, we also agreed to look at funding the grass cutting in the upcoming year. The village hall also received money to buy new curtains as part of their ongoing plans to upgrade the facility.

All the allotments nearest the village on Station Road are currently let and in use. We are looking at re-developing the second site near the pond past Poppy Croft subject to suitable interest and competitive quotes for the work.

Approved Chairman Date

The village green was badly damaged before Christmas by a wagon that had diverted through the village due to the closures of Warehills and Chapmans Lane. Temporary repairs were kindly carried out by Kyle and Upper Ouse Drainage Board, and we are waiting for better weather to repair the damage in full, this has been paid for by the company that owned the wagon. We are looking to meet with highways to discuss what can be done to protect the green from further damage in the future.

15/5 TOLLERTON SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB REPORT

Tollerton Sports and recreation Club remains a very well supported committee maintaining the playing field and play equipment in the village. We regularly see the facility used by families and children, and provides an excellent destination within Tollerton. This facility adds value to the community and helps make Tollerton a place of choice to live.

Over the past year we have installed the required anti rabbit netting which has helped reduce their numbers considerably; we continue to monitor this.

All but one door of the pavilion has been replaced, the last waiting until the weather improves.

New chipped bark and play sand has been applied, again in an effort to improve these.

The contractor for the bike track is booked in for the last week of May. This has been delayed due to the immense amount of water we have experienced over the winter months. An extension has been granted from Awards for all regarding the terms of the grant to allow this.

The main barrier has been repaired and re commissioned due to security problems with vehicles late at night.

We recognise that we have a problem with drainage around the pavilion, play equipment and cricket net. The amount of water not draining is rendering this area unusable over the winter months. We are working with contractors to find solutions, but my fear is that our finances will not allow any action to be taken.

This year, we are looking at ways to help support the mini show, and to try and raise money to support us. We recognise that financial assistance from the Parish Council can't be assumed, and my hope is to gradually evolve what we do, in an effort to become self-sufficient.

Tim Brook

Chairman

15/6 TOLLERTON WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE REPORT

The past twelve months have been a success for the village hall, and the way that this facility contributes to the community around us. The hall is here for anyone to request use of, and our role on the committee is to ensure that the asset is maintained for future generations, while promoting the facility through activities for the community to enjoy.

In 2015 we held a number of events, a party night, one beer festival and a pop up tea shop. All were enjoyed by many people, many giving good and positive feedback. This encourages us to continue, which has seen more pop up tea shops planned as these really do bring out many people from around the village.

Other regular users enjoying the hall are Zumba, Cobra fit, Ballet and carpet bowls. Throughout the year we have had regular bookings for various parties, and 2015 found us holding NHS blood donor sessions.

Two major events tackled by the committee over the year have been securing the financial future of the hall, and decoration. Our rates had become very out of date, and did not reflect the costs involved. From the start of 2016, new rates were applied after careful consideration, ensuring that the current users were still able to continue. With the security that the income had been reviewed, we have been able to invest in the hall. Adjustments to the bar area, and a complete repaint have improved the aesthetics immensely. I have received quite a few notes of praise from various people about the new look. With very generous help from the Parish Council, we are in the process of making the new curtains, which will finish the look. My hope is that this will lead to even more community involvement in future events.

The past year has seen the committee grow closer as we learn each other's talents, and find our own areas of expertise; and I must bring praise on all the committee for their continued and valuable support. The success of the village hall is down to the ideas created, vision, and a great deal of time spent physically working on/within the building, organising, setting up, cleaning up, counting up, leaflet dropping, posters, signs, baking, emails etc...

The Hall sign will soon be re-installed after a great deal of work restoring it.

The future looks very promising with new ideas to try, and we look forward to inviting more people to the hall.

Tim Brook

15/7 TOLLERTON BRIDGE CLUB REPORT

The Bridge Group advised the clerk they were unable to prepare a report due to holidays.

15/8 ANY OTHER VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS REPORT

None.

15/9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

Approved Chairman

Date