

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 5 September 2006

Present: Councillors: Mr Spark (Chairman), Mr Gilson-Fox, Mr Wade, Mrs Burch, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Rogers (Clerk).
Several members of the public

1. Apologies – received from Mrs Jackson
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 1 August 2006 and the amended minutes from 4 July were unanimously agreed as correct and signed by Mr Spark.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Affordable Housing – Mrs Thompson had not yet arrived and the matter was deferred until later in the meeting – see Any Other Business below.
 - b) Bus stops – Mr Gilson-Fox had met with Ms Hutchinson from North Yorks County Council and it had been agreed that the metal bus stop posts would be replaced with wooden ones and that the stop at the Alne Road end of the village would be relocated back to its original position on the corner of Alne Road and Moorlands Lane. Additionally, the bus from Newton would now stop on The Green so as not to obstruct traffic at the junction of Alne Road and The Green.
4. Planning Applications
 - a) 06/00864/FUL – Mrs P Chapman, 12 Hambleton View, Tollerton – conservatory extension to existing dwelling. Approved prop. Mr Wade sec. Mrs Burch.
 - b) 06/01778/OUT – Mr H Thompson & Mrs S Gill, Rear of Oak Trees, Newton Road, Tollerton – renewal of outline application for the construction of a detached dwelling and detached double garage. Approved prop. Mr Wade sec. Mr Gilson-Fox.
 - c) 06/01581/FUL – Mr A Cooper, The Cottage, Newton Road, Tollerton – retrospective application for the siting of a shed at existing dwelling. Mr Wade advised that he had received many complaints about the shed and objected to the application however, it was Approved by a majority vote prop. Mrs Burch sec. Mr Gilson-Fox and Mr Spark.
 - d) 06/01757/FUL – Mr R Parsons, Meadow View, Alne Road, Tollerton – first floor extension to existing dwelling. Approved prop. Mr Wade sec. Mr Spark.

7.40pm - Mrs Thompson arrived

 - e) 06/01758/OUT – Mr & Mrs P Cochrane, Rear of Cedars End, Back Lane, Tollerton – outline application for the construction of a dwelling. Mrs Thompson declared an interest due to Stott Thompson being the architects who had drawn up the plans. A copy of a letter sent to Hambleton planning department by Mrs White was read by the Councillors which Mr Spark summarised for the members of the public. Mr Spark felt that the access and additional traffic that would result on the narrow Back Lane were not acceptable which Mrs Thompson also reiterated. Mr Wade felt that the development would be out of character with the surrounding properties, parking of vehicles would be difficult and that the site is subject to flooding. Mrs Burch and Mr Gilson-Fox were also concerned with the flooding issue. Rejected prop. Mr Wade sec. Mr Spark.
5. Planning Amendments
 - a) 05/00925/FUL – 22 Ings View, Tollerton – alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form sun room – minor amendment to alter window styles. Approved prop. Mrs Burch sec. Mr Spark.
6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
 - a) Planning APPEAL by JE Conning & Sons at Stark Farm, Sykes Lane, Tollerton – hearing to be held Tuesday 21 November at 10am in the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton. Noted and Mr Wade is to attend.
 - b) 06/01336/CAT – Mr R Lilley, Ryedale, Main Street, Tollerton – proposed felling of an Ash Tree. APPROVED. Noted.
 - c) 06/00995/FUL – Mr C Leighton, Holmefield, Warehill Lane, Tollerton – single storey extension to existing dwelling to form ancillary accommodation. REFUSED. Noted.

Approved:
Chairman

- d) 06/01263/OUT – Mr & Mrs J Thompson, rear of Open View, Main Street, Tollerton – outline application for the construction of a dwelling as amended by plan as received by Hambleton District Council on 6 July 2006. REFUSED. Noted.
- e) 06/01320/FUL – M Ellis, Westfield, Main Street, Tollerton – retrospective application for single storey extension to existing dwelling to form a shed. APPROVED. Noted.
- f) 06/01436/FUL – Set 2 Limited, Unit 2 Fleetbank Barns, Tollerton – revised application for alterations to existing agricultural buildings to form three dwellings. Amended details for unit 2. APPROVED. Noted.

7. Financial Matters

- a) Account balances – Treasurers £2,316.94, BMM No1 £4,959.77, s.106 BMM £3,006.77 Scottish Widows a/c £42,899.09.
- b) Cheques were signed as follows:
 £170.00 – Mr W Pratt re: September grasscutting and removal of the bench on The Green
 £123.38 – Abbey Pest Control – August
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8. Correspondence

- Hambleton District Council – District/Parish Liason Meeting – Mr Wade is to attend.
- Environmental Campaigns – Local environmental quality, town & parish council guide - circulate
- Thirsk Community Care Association – Hambleton Tutor Directory - circulate
- North Yorkshire County Council – North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste development Framework adopted statement of community involvement - circulate
- Hambleton District Council – Update on Electronic Trading - circulate
- North Yorkshire Children & Young People’s Strategic Partnership – SureStart Children’s Centre Strategy – circulate
- Hambleton District Council – Local Development Framework: Submission of Development Policies Document - circulate
 Mark & Judith White – outline planning application Back Lane – read by Councillors as application was considered.

9. Any Other Business

Mr Wade advised that there were potholes at the junction of Alne Road and South Back Lane. Clerk is to contact the Highways department in this regard and report a pothole in Main Street.

Mr Wade advised that activity at the Worm Farm appeared to have changed with additional buildings going up. He has advised the planning enforcement officer who is to investigate.

Clerk advised that a representative from Tollerton in Nottingham had asked whether Tollerton would be interested in becoming twin towns. The Councillors did not feel that this was of interest although could be kept at a low key council to council level. Clerk is to write back.

Affordable Housing

Mrs Thompson expressed her concern regarding the interpretation of the data received from the second survey. The return rate was very poor and weighting is being applied to the data that has not been explained despite request to Ms Coleman.

Although Ms Coleman is confident that the affordable houses in Tollerton will easily be filled Stillington appear to be struggling to fill theirs and the property most recently vacant in Tollerton has been filled by someone from Shipton.

Councillors suggested that Ms Coleman be invited to the October meeting which would be open to members of the public. Clerk is to extend invitation to Ms Coleman to attend at 8pm on 3rd October. If agreed Clerk will place notices on the notice board, in the shop and on the Village website.

Mr Gilson-Fox advised that Ms Coleman had effectively said that the development could still proceed regardless of whether the Parish Council agreed or not. At this stage it is unlikely to be pushed forward without Parish Council consent as not all parties have reached a unanimous agreement e.g. Highways.

Meeting was opened to the Public 8.15pm

Mrs Kinnell queried the re-location of the Alne Road bus stop as she felt it might hinder the line of sight. Mr Gilson-Fox explained that it is simply a wooden post so it will not be an issue.

Mrs White asked about the traffic speeding through the Village. The Clerk and Mr Gilson-Fox explained that speed monitors had been promised by the police although they were yet to appear. Clerk is to chase Sergeant at Easingwold.

Mrs Wade felt that the Willow trees on Back Lane were becoming too large. Clerk is to write to Mr & Mrs Hosker requesting that they be trimmed.

Mr Russon asked whether it was worth enquiring whether the District Council has any powers in regard to the proposed affordable housing development. Mr Spark and Mrs Thompson advised that the policy is set by the office of the deputy prime minister, however, it could be investigated and should be asked of Ms Coleman at her next visit. Likewise, Mrs Kinnell advised that Crayke have had issues regarding the legality of the weighting that Ms Coleman applies to survey data, this is also likely to be the basis for a question to be put to Ms Coleman.

Mr Russon advised that the Sports and Recreation Committee have been successful in applying for a grant of £5,000 towards the development of the toddler play area and had applied for a further £1,000 grant from Hambleton District Council. The grant applications had only been made possible as a result of having the £2,000 (raised at the auction of promises) in their capital account. The Committee has committed this money to the toddler development and requested further funding from the Parish Council to replenish the capital account that would enable further grant applications. It was decided unanimously that the £20,000 promised to the Sports & Recreation Committee for the development of the skate park / alternative should be paid across to their capital account to facilitate their funding applications. Clerk is to take forward.

Mr Pratt queried whether anyone had collected the money from the Fair in August. This had not been done and Mr Wade suggested he could collect it when the Fair visits Easingwold.

Mr Pratt enquired as to timescales for the replacement metal bench on The Green. Neither the Clerk nor Mr Spark has had any contact and Mr Spark is to chase.

Mr Pratt advised that the Jubilee trees on the Old Way are obscuring the street lights and need to be trimmed. Clerk is to seek tenders. Mr Pratt also advised that the bushes around the grassed area on Church Close are becoming overgrown. When they were last cut the residents complained that it had been too severe and accordingly Mr Spark is to canvass residents opinion.

The Council was advised that the pest activity at the allotments and Playing Field has increased and that the rabbits that the field are a menace. Clerk is to contact Abbey Pest Control for immediate and sustained action.

Mrs Kinnell noted that in the Local Development Framework for Tollerton the BD5 rating for the field at the Alne end of the Village had been removed. Clerk is to query this with Hambleton District Council.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Approved:
Chairman