

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 10 January 2006 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mrs A Thompson (Chairman), Mrs S Jackson, Mr F Wade, Mr R Spark, Mr S Gilson-Fox and Mrs E Rogers (Clerk).
3 members of the public

1. Apologies – received from Mrs Burch

Mr Gilson-Fox was introduced to the other councillors and completed his declaration of acceptance of office which was signed by Mrs Thompson as chairman and Mrs Rogers as the proper officer.

2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 6 December were agreed as correct and signed by Mrs Thompson.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Dealt with above.
- b) Bench on the Green. A further quote from AJ Fabrication and Repair of £2,300 had been received for a galvanised hexagonal bench. This is higher than the Theakstons of Beningborough quote of £1800 to manufacture plus £200 fitting (clerk is to check whether this is galvanised). A third quote is required and Mr Gilson-Fox was to approach Longs at Easingwold in this regard.
- c) Allotment ditch – Mr Wade advised that there would be no cost involved for the laying of the 10” pipe as the work was to be carried out as a gesture of goodwill. Mr Wade was asked by the other councillors to pass on the Council’s gratitude.

4. Planning Applications

- a) 05/02359/FUL – DW & J Lawson, Lodge Farm, Linton Woods Lane, Linton on Ouse – alterations and extension to existing kennels to provide an additional 20 kennels with runs. APPROVED prop. Mr Wade sec Mrs Jackson.
- b) 05/02723/FUL – Mr & Mrs B Hardy, 2 School Cottages, Main Street, Tollerton – alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form a conservatory. APPROVED prop. Mrs Thompson sec. Mr Spark.

5. Planning Amendments

- a) None

6. Planning Decisions and Appeals

- a) 05/02069/FUL – Mr Baker, Alne Cottage, Alne Road, Tollerton – alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form a garden room as amended by plans as received by Hambleton District Council on 28 October 2005. APPROVED. Noted
- b) 05/02070/LBC – as above with listed building consent. APPROVED. Noted
- c) 05/02204/FUL – Mr & Mrs J McAlpine, Land adjacent to Badgers Rake, Newton Road, Tollerton – construction of a detached dwellinghouse with domestic double garage. APPROVED. Noted

7. Financial Matters

- a) Clerk reported the account balances as follows – Treasurers £11,284.84, BMM No1 £35.36, s.106 BMM £21.33, Scottish Widows a/c £52,497.12
- b) Cheques were signed as follows £351.55 Mrs E Rogers re: clerks services and Mr E Kitchen £200 re: pest control. It was reported that the mole activity at the field is significant as is the presence of the rabbits. It was agreed that the payment to Mr Kitchen be withheld pending the necessary action and the Clerk is to write in this regard.
- c) The Councillors signed the new HSBC Bank mandate. Clerk is to obtain Mrs Burch’s signature.
- d) Mrs Thompson signed the Scottish Widows transfer which the clerk is to send off.

Approved:
Chairman

8. Correspondence

Correspondence from December 2005

- Hambleton District Council – Local Development Framework Plan Document Issues & Options Consultation. Circulate.
- Yorkshire Rural Community Council – various leaflets, Country Air Autumn 2005 and The Playing Field 2005. Circulate and pass on the Playing Field to Mr Russon thereafter.
- Hambleton District Council – Recycling Initiative. Circulate.
- Tollerton Surgery – reply regarding the parking situation on Hambleton View. Noted
- Hambleton District Council – Christmas Tree recycling at the Playing Field. Noted
- North Yorkshire Tree Services – Advertising their services. Noted – to file.
- North Yorkshire County Council – Winter Service Leaflet. Copies to be placed on the Parish notice board, the Village Hall, and the shop. Remainder to circulate.
- Citizens Advice Bureau – donation request. Clerk to diarise for March as has been done previously.
- Tollerton Surgery – complaint that the minutes of 4 October were inaccurate regarding their PCT funding application. Clerk to send letter of apology that Council had been misinformed by the rural housing enabler.
- North Yorkshire County Council – Hambleton Area Committee Newsletter. Funding availability – Clerk to contact Committee Services on behalf of the Playing Field / Village Hall.
- Thirsk Community Care Association – Lifelong Learning Development. Circulate and Clerk to forward copy to Roy Wordsworth.
- Hambleton District Council – Council Tax for Parishes. Councillors agreed Parish Council tax would remain the same as for 2005 / 2006 and the clerk is to reply in this regard.
- North Yorkshire County Council – Public Consultation on Rubbish and Recycling in York and N. Yorks. The Council was out of time to reply to a questionnaire and Mrs Thompson was to call and ascertain whether comments would still be considered. To be circulated if so.
- Tollerton Tennis & Badminton Club – request to match funding in the sum of £4,435.00 to replace perimeter netting. Mrs Thompson declared her interest as a member of the Tennis Club. The Council supported the application and the clerk is to write letter to Mr Thompson accordingly. Clerk also to check with internal auditor regarding the structure of the payment so as to minimise the VAT element payable where possible.
- Tollerton Sports & Recreation Club – request for funding in the sum of £18,000 for a skateboard park. The relevance of a skate park was considered although it was agreed that something needed to be provided for the young people in the Village. Mr Gilson-Fox queried the plans for the children's play area and whether other funding sources had been sought. Mrs Thompson invited Mr Russon to comment who explained that funding applications had been made, however, without proof of "community raised funding" little merit was afforded to our applications. The £2,000 raised at the auction of promises was a drop in the ocean in terms of what was needed to be demonstrated. Also, Tollerton does not tick many boxes in terms of minority groups and those in need which most funding is aimed at. Mr Gilson-Fox was to look into alternatives and in the meantime the Parish Council agreed that funding was available but want to look at the best way of spending it. Mr Russon is to return to the Sports & Recreation Committee to look at where the priorities lie and a consultation exercise within the Village will be carried out to see what is wanted by villagers. Clerk to respond to Mr Bastow in this regard.

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- North Yorkshire County Council – N. Yorks Waste & Minerals Development Framework Submission Statement of a Community Involvement. Circulate for any comments and discuss in February.
- Clerks & Councils Direct January 2006. Circulate
- Hambleton Strategic Partnership – Review of the Community Plan for Hambleton Parish Council Consultation. Circulate and return with comments as soon as possible as responses need to be submitted by 31 January.
- N. Yorks Criminal Justice Board – Newsletter issue 1. Circulate
- Hambleton & Richmondshire NHS Primary Care Trust – proposed restructure of four current primary care trusts in N. Yorkshire into one organisation. Mrs Jackson is to download the consultation document and Clerk is to place a copy of the letter on the Parish notice board.

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- North Yorkshire County Council – Review of contracted bus services. Circulate and Clerk to write that the service within Tollerton is skeletal enough and that the needs of the elderly and younger members of the community be considered.
- Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Standards of Conduct in English Local Government - The Future. Circulate.
- Fiona Coleman – Housing Needs secondary survey. The Councillors felt that the current format was too confusing and complicated. Mrs Thompson is to call Ms Coleman and explain that a simpler format is required to encourage a greater and more accurate response from the village.
- E-mail from Tollerton resident regarding the teenagers using the bench outside the Church. Clerk is to respond and advise that a “Drop in Centre” is proposed and that the Council is contacting the Police (see the following).

10. Any Other Business

Mr Spark expressed concern that the teenagers at the bench outside the Church were involved in drug dealing. The majority of the teenagers are from outside Tollerton and arrive by car. There have also been activities reported behind the Station Inn and at the corner of Moorlands Lane and South Back Lane. All the Councillors agree that contact with senior police officials needs to be made to stem this problem before it escalates. Clerk is to contact senior officers and Bob Adams with a view to arranging an open meeting in the village.

Cars are also an issue with drivers (some residents) speeding through the village. Again, police will be informed although at this stage the Councillors felt it best that people be advised to keep a record of registration numbers. It may be possible to collate this information and pass it collectively to the police for their attention. Mrs Thompson is to convene a Neighbourhood Watch meeting shortly as this will help co-ordinate information.

Mr Spark is to see whether some high visibility jackets can be obtained for use in the village. Drivers tend to slow down when they see someone wearing one.

The teenagers have been moved on from other villages, notably Alne, by direct approach from residents. Tollerton, however, is a quieter location for pedestrians, especially at night and Mr Gilson-Fox expressed his willingness to “patrol” if that was felt appropriate.

Meeting closed 8.30pm