

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 6 March 2007 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mr Spark (Chairman), Mrs Thompson, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Burch, Mr Wade and Mrs Rogers (Clerk).
6 members of the public

1. Apologies – Mr Gilson-Fox
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 6 February 2007 were agreed as correct and signed by Mr Spark.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Affordable housing – the Council is still awaiting a reply from the rural housing enabler to the letter forwarded to them in February.
 - b) Grass Cutting Contract. Two tenders received from four sent out. G Marston £830.00 per annum and £932.00 from Mr Pratt per annum. The Council felt unable to wait for any other tenders to be submitted as the grass will need cutting before the April meeting. Mr Wade proposed that the Council retain the services of Mr Pratt due to his local knowledge sec. Mrs Thompson and Clerk is to send out contract.
4. Planning Applications
 - a) 07/00176/FUL – Mr T Johnson, Orchard House, Main Street, Tollerton – single storey extension to existing dwelling to form a sun room. APPROVED prop. Mrs Burch sec. Mrs Jackson
5. Planning Amendments
 - a) None
6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
 - a) (06/01263/OUT – Mr & Mrs J Thompson, Land to the rear of Open View, The Green, Tollerton – construction of a bungalow with access from South Back Lane. APPEAL DISMISSED. Noted and decision to be circulated.
7. Financial Matters
 - a) Account balances – Treasurers £4,724.61, BMM No1 £8,528.88 , s.106 BMM £3,040.42, Scottish Widows a/c £20,727.47.
 - b) The following cheques were signed:
 - £205.00 – Yorkshire Stumpgrinders re: hedge at playing field
 - £123.38 - Bibby Factors Manchester Ltd re: pest control Feb
 - £52.68 - Mr I Jackson – website
 - £42.12 – Mr A Scarborough re: hedge at playing field

Abbey Pest Control had advised, with the invoice, that the rabbit problems at the playing field persist as the rabbits come into the field from adjoining properties. Rabbit proof fencing was suggested as a solution and the Clerk is to obtain quotes although the Council fully expects the cost to be prohibitive.

8. Correspondence
 - Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau – letter requesting funding assistance. Agreed £30.00, as in previous years, prop. Mrs Jackson sec. Mr Wade and cheque signed accordingly.
 - Tollerton Sports & Recreational Club – (letter received in Feb 2007 correspondence) request for funding of £1000.00 to assist with ongoing costs. Agreed, as in previous years that ongoing support is essential to maintain village amenity. Prop. Mr Wade sec. Mrs Jackson and cheque signed accordingly.
 - NYCC – meeting on 16th April at The Galtres Centre re: proposals for a new Unitary North Yorkshire. Circulate
 - Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – agenda for meeting 14th March together with minutes from 18th October and minutes of the Joint Executive Board of Yorkshire Local Councils Associations meeting 9th September and annual meeting 28th October. Circulate

Approved:
Chairman

- Hambleton Flood Forum newsletter January 2007. Circulate
- HDC – Review of Polling Districts and Places for Parliamentary Elections. Circulate
- Audit Commission – Appointment of External Auditor. Circulate
- Communities and Local Government – Revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members. Circulate
- DEFRA – Review of the Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme. Circulate
- HDC – District/Parish Liaison Meeting 26th March. Circulate
- HDC – Local Government Reorganisation newsletter. Circulate
- District Council Network North Yorkshire – copy of letter sent to Ruth Kelly MP. Circulate
- NCVO – Funding advice, information and services to improve and support the voluntary and community sector. Circulate
- HDC – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Enforcement. Circulate

9. Any Other Business

Mr Spark had received two anonymous letters regarding commercial vehicles parked on Church Close. The first concern is that the vehicles obstruct the traffic and pose a significant risk to children as a result. Secondly, the number of commercial vehicles at the top of the cul-de-sac exceed the available parking and are being washed at weekends and evenings with a power washer. Mr Spark lives in the road and agreed that it was an area for concern with special regard to the safety of children. Mr Wade suggested that the Councillors see for themselves the obstruction and problems caused prior to discussing the matter at the April meeting. Clerk to contact highways in the interim.

Mr Spark advised that concern had been raised regarding the surface of the road down to Shipton and the potential danger of standing water that remains after rainfall. Clerk is to contact highways.

Mrs Jackson advised that there is water leaking down South Back Lane. Clerk to investigate and will contact the landowner / water authority.

Meeting Open to the public 7.50pm

Mr Russon thanked the Council for their continued financial support.

Mrs Kinnell suggested that a Councillor contact the AA / RAC in regard to the legality of commercial vehicles parking and causing obstruction.

The efficiency of the pest control contractor was called into question due the perpetual rabbit problem. The Clerk advised that the contract was due to expire and that new tenders were being sought, however, compared to the same time last year the problems were not so severe. Mr Russon suggested that potentially the Sports and Recreation Club could seek specific rabbit control themselves to address the problem as the rabbit proof fencing will be prohibitively expensive.

Meeting closed 7.55pm