

TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 15 May 2007 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mr R Spark (Chairman), Mrs S Jackson, Mr M Brown, Mrs E Rogers (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies – none
 2. Minutes – The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 9 May 2006 were agreed as correct and signed by Mr Spark.
 3. Matters Arising – none.
 4. Chairman's Report – Mr Spark made a short speech highlighting that the Council's main area of focus throughout the past year had been with the potential affordable housing development. No real progress has been made and the matter is likely to continue until at least August when the issue of the funding, procured by the housing association, is due for review. He noted that the issue of speeding vehicles is also an ongoing concern. Tollerton Parish Council has dealt with 28 planning applications during the past twelve months which appears to be well above average. Finally, Mr Spark acknowledged the retirement of four parish councillors notable Mr Frank Wade whose retirement follows 55 years of service and a commemorative event will be arranged at a later date. Mr Spark welcomed Mr Mark Brown who had been elected to the Council and expressed hope that more councillors could be co-opted.
 5. Financial Statement – The Clerk gave a financial report, a copy of which is attached, and invited members of the public to inspect the accounts which were available at the meeting. There were no questions
 6. Tollerton Sports & Recreational Club Report – Mr Russon gave a short report thanking the Parish Council for their ongoing financial support towards the running costs of the playing field. He advised that during the year various maintenance tasks had been undertaken and that the pavilion had been clad, new lighting outside the pavilion had been installed and the cricket nets had been replaced. A new barrier at the entrance of the field had been installed and Mr Russon expressed thanks to those who volunteered time & expertise to achieve this. It appears to have reduced the anti-social behaviour that was causing a major problem for local residents. The employment of a new groundsman is proving very successful and the pavilion is being used on a regular basis by the Drop in Centre and the Bridge Club. Mr Russon extended further thanks to two villagers who had donated funds for the provision of two new benches at the playing field. A £5,000 grant from the local network fund and £1,000 from Hambleton District Council has been spent on improving the children's play area. A disco organised jointly with other village organisations raised some money which is being used to finance the up front costs of the Open Gardens and Artfest which it is hoped will be financially successful. The £20,000 given to the Committee by the Parish Council, for which Mr Russon expressed his gratitude, has not yet been spent but the Committee is looking at utilising this money to improve the car parking area. The Committee is currently awaiting the outcome of two grant applications of £5,000 for a tree planting project and £11,000 for the potential provision of a basketball facility. Mr Russon expressed his disappointment that there had still been no volunteers to run a children's football or a cricket team but advised that there was a rugby coaching session planned for late June. There were no questions.
 7. Tollerton War Memorial Institute Report - Mr Jackson read a report and a copy is attached to these minutes. There were no questions. Mr Spark thanked Mr & Mrs Jackson for their
 8. Any Other Business - none
- Meeting closed 7.50pm

Approved:
Chairman