

TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, TOLLERTON
ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2009 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mark Brown (Chairman), Jacqui McAlpine (Vice-Chairman), Gill Wadsworth, Sue Jackson, Roger Spark, Bob Simpson.
Clerk: Nigel Knapton.
Police: PC Paul Duffield and PCSO Chris Wood

1. **APOLOGIES** There were no apologies.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2009**
Minutes previously circulated. Agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 3.1 NYCC had responded regarding the salt bins and the cost would be £85 per bin with a £75 annual maintenance fee. It was decided to provide bins for next winter the details to wait until after the Parish Plan results and to consider bin sponsorship by local businesses.
- 3.2 NYCC would be inspecting South Back Lane regarding the water problem and either fixing the broken pipe or getting the owner to do so.
- 3.3 Councillor Brown had investigated the path through the Caravan site and reported that all was in order.
- 3.4 No reply had yet been received regarding the Hambleton lighting survey. The Clerk will write to find out why.
- 3.5 Hambleton DC are to send an officer to look at the removal of the hedge in Ings View.
- 3.6 Hambleton DC had sent a pack of dog fouling signs. Councillor McAlpine is to distribute them.
- 3.7 The Clerk had not made any progress with the emergency plan.

4. **COMMUNITY POLICING**

PC Paul Duffield and PCSO Chris Wood discussed the traffic volume and speed in the village which was now the same as before the traffic calming measures. When the matrix sign had been in use it recorded 3% of motorist speeding. The concerns about speeding would be passed to the Road Traffic Unit for them to action.

The vandalism to the parish notice board and the bench was discussed and the advice was to not just leave the notice board but to repair or replace it.

Cars backfiring and wheel spinning was highlighted and this can be addressed under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 where vehicles can be seized for causing repeated distress to people. People need to be willing to make statements about the vehicles.

Approved Chairman

All these matters needed to be reported to the Police on 0845 60 60 24 7 so they can be recorded and action taken at the time and also resources targeted at them long term.

The lack of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme was noted and PCSO Wood reported that they had just spent several hundred pounds distribution packs to everyone in Tollerton but had received no response.

The security of the Memorial Hall was also discussed and various measures recommended. The Chairman is to email his details to PCSO Wood so he can be added to the Ringmaster warning system.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 09/00115/FUL – Application for alteration to windows, siting of a solar panel and porch extension to existing dwelling at Autumn Farm, Fleetbank Barns, York Road, Tollerton for Mr & Mrs Bromberg. Wish to see **APPROVED**.

6. PLANNING AMENDMENTS OR FURTHER INFORMATION

None were received.

7. PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

None were received.

8. GRASSCUTTING CONTRACT

Given that the Council had agreed to exclude public and press during contract discussions, Mr Pratt's refusal to leave the room during the planned consideration of the tenders for the grass cutting contract, for which he had submitted one of the tenders, meant the Council was unable to conduct its planned and advertised routine and lawful business. Therefore it was agreed to conduct a comprehensive discussion, and to reach a decision, by e-mail circulation between all Councillors within three days of the meeting, and to record that decision in the minutes. A decision was duly made to award the contract to G Marston.

9. NOTICE BOARD

Further to the discussion with the Police it was decided to get prices for a new more substantial notice board. The Clerk would gather prices and report to the next meeting.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Receipts and payment (previously circulated) during the period were noted.

10.2 The following payments were agreed; 1&1 Internet Ltd (website domain hosting) £51.57.

10.3 The 2008/09 budget was noted and the 2009/10 budget amended.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Rural Action Yorkshire – Country Air, Hambleton DC – Update, Town & Parish Standard, Flawith, Aldwalk & Youlton Parish Plan.

Approved Chairman

12. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF INFORMATION

The Parish Plan Steering Group questionnaire had been printed and was ready to go on the website. Posters were to be put up around the village about the questionnaire. The covering letter had also been done. Meetings were well attended.

Discussion was held regarding the next Chairman to be appointed in May.

Pot holes in Tennis Court Lane, Church Close and near the Black Horse were reported. The Clerk would contact NYCC Highways.

David Russen is finishing as Chairman of Fundraising for Tollerton. Councillors were asked to think of any potential candidates. A notice would be put on the notice board. District Councillor Campbell had been seen out and about following his illness and Councillors wished him all the best.

No response had been received from Hambleton DC regarding the Barn on Back Lane. The Clerk would chase it up.

The pest controller had visited the allotments yesterday and was going on to gas the rabbits on the playing fields. The Chairman would contact Andrew Bastow to see how this was going.

Mr Pratt challenged the propriety of recent allotment allocations, and suggested that the waiting list was either incorrect or had not been followed. Despite being assured by both Clerk and Council that the waiting list had been followed on this and all occasions, Mr Pratt was unsatisfied and went on to question the integrity of the Clerk and the effectiveness of the Chairman, although he declined to substantiate his allegations.

Notwithstanding Mr Pratt's comments, the Clerk enjoys the full confidence of the Council.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be on Tuesday 7 April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.