

TOLLERTON ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN ST. MICHAELS CHURCH HALL, TOLLERTON

ON TUESDAY 2 May 2017 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Paula Thompson (Chairman), Peter Hope, Bob Simpson, Roger Spark, Ian Jackson, Richard Walker and five members of the public.

Clerk: Sandra Windross

17/1 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17/2 TO AGREE THE MINUTES HELD ON 3 MAY 2016

The minutes were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

17/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

17/4 CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

This year has once again been a fairly harmonious year within the Parish. We have the ongoing issue with complaints about the speed of traffic passing through the village. We as a council, are continuing to address these issues, pursuing any avenues available. Speed cameras have highlighted the fact that traffic does not actually travel as fast as pedestrians may perceive. However there are always exceptions. We will continue to explore every avenue available to us

The disused allotments revamp is now complete, many thanks to Councillor Jackson for his hard work in overseeing the development of these and the ongoing works to the Orchard area along with Mrs Jackson. Donations of Fruit trees are still welcome for that project.

The Phone box/book exchange is going strong and is well used, and well looked after, our thanks to Mrs Charlotte Nash for her continued work with that. Councillor Hope will be providing a paint revamp in the near future. Also the Horse Trough, this has been kept very well by Mrs Sue Brookes, and is a credit to her, our thanks to her for her continued effort too.

The Matter of the New Housing Development, is still ongoing and no decision has been made as yet. The call for sites exercise, for more proposed building land around the village, was undertaken by Hambleton Council later on last year and is still under review.

Dog fouling continues to be a concern of most of the village. The Dog Warden has visited and we have requested more signage. The Dog Waste bag dispensers will shortly be installed around the village. A trial one has been positioned in South Back Lane at the moment and I understand it has already been used .

The website and facebook page are going from strength to strength under the careful direction of Ian Jackson, our very own Webmaster. They are an invaluable source of up to date

Approved Chairman

Date

information on the Village and surrounding areas. As ever major issues will continue to be posted on the Notice Board as well.

Finally the protective fencing has been completed around the Green, this should ensure it is protected from careless drivers in the future. Again thanks to Councillor Hope and Jackson for their work in researching the various options available for that, and especially Councillor Jackson for seeing it through to installation.

Finally welcome to Councillor Richard Walker, who joined us last year, and is already taking a very pro active approach .

Paula Thompson

17/5

TOLLERTON SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB REPORT

The past year has been quiet with the focus on consolidating after two years of various work around the field by a small committee of six.

Currently the field provides our main outdoor space for people within our community to meet and play, greatly increased by the addition of the bike track. It serves a wide age range.

Currently our bank balance is approximately £3900, with an annual income of approximately £1500 (from the Bridge Club and Tennis club), and a small amount of fund raising, £600 this year, of which £250 was donated from the mini show event at the Black Horse on the 4th September.

Our costs are slightly higher than this, with the largest two items being insurance and grass cutting coming to around £2000+. Other costs are for pest control, electricity and water to the pavilion. Last weekend saw the erection of the new honesty box and notice board for the tennis club, something that I hope will encourage more users to the courts, increase the financial position of the tennis club, and grow a better sense of community here in Tollerton, which I hope will indirectly help the field.

Our problems are continuing around the drainage during wet weather and through the winter. The area behind the pavilion, through the play park and onwards to the cricket net is unusable after heavy rain. The only quote we have received was £10,000, which we simply cannot afford. Currently we are searching for alternatives that we can implement at a local level, which could possibly resolve the issue. Further thought and exploration is needed to develop these ideas into action.

After drainage, rabbits and moles continue to blight us, and ongoing work is helping to eradicate these. This is probably something we shall always have to work on.

For the future, we need to gain control of the flooding, which will enable us to replace the aging play equipment. I suspect that within five years, various items of play equipment will have to be removed due to its condition. If the drainage can be resolved, replacement could be pursued sooner, something that I would like to see for the benefit of Tollerton village residents.

With funding very limited, development can only happen with help from outside sources. It is my hope that more events could be organised on the field, but this requires people to come forward. This year, no grants have been applied for, as the only actions have been maintenance.

Tim Brook

Chairman - Tollerton Sports and Recreation Club, charity 1114593

Approved Chairman Date

17/6

The past twelve months have been reasonably quiet for the village hall. In 2016 decoration had been the major focus of the committee, and this was completed in May. Many compliments have been received, and so our hall is a very suitable venue to use.

Our main users are exercise classes in the evenings, Zumba, Body fit (originally Cobra fit), ballet, and bowls over the winter. Unfortunately Ballet have had to stop due various pressures at Easter, and this will leave a big hole in our income. Regular NHS blood donor sessions and occasional polling station use help to plug the gap, but more users would be beneficial. At this point it is too early to tell of the impact.

Last October/November the heating failed, so the decision was made to replace the boiler. This cost £2000 to replace, but reports suggest that it is doing a good job, and time will tell if our gas usage will further reduce due to the more modern and efficient boiler. This work helps to ensure we are a safe and dependable venue to hire.

Our committee has grown, and now we currently have 9 members. This has allowed us to become better organised with a new determination to arrange events. On the 25th March we held another 'Pop up tea shop', which raised £550, some of which will be donated to charity. On the 21st May we have our first Sunday Brunch planned. This is to provide another social gathering in an attempt to provide a better sense of community while raising money. For the future, we are looking to organise events, but recognise that the tea shops are our most attended event, that attracts a wide number from around the village.

For the future, we still need to arrange for the floor to be re-sanded, and to replace the dishwasher. All other aspects of the hall are in order, with a number of administration aspects required to consolidate the running of the hall.

Tim Brook
Chairman - Tollerton War Memorial Institute

17/7

The Bridge Group advised the clerk they were unable to prepare a report due to holidays.

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None.

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None.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm