

## TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday April 16th, 2007 in the village hall

Councillors present: G. Key (Chair), H. Wilson, R. Smith, V. Rawlings, NYCC Cllr. W. Barton, HDC Cllr. N. Huxtable

Apologies: T. Brown, Padre A. Martlew

3 members of the public were in attendance

### MINUTES

**07/035** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed by H. Wilson, seconded by R. Smith

### **07/036 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- i) This was the last meeting of the parish council before the next election on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Cllrs Smith and Wilson were thanked for their service over the past 4 years. Special thanks were given to Cllr Rawlings for his invaluable help and sterling service to the village for many generations.
- ii) The current council will not be allowed to function after May 2<sup>nd</sup>, due to the lack of a quorum. Cllrs Huxtable and Barton have offered to help should any problems arise before the new council starts in July. Over the next month it is necessary to find at least 3 more people to stand for election. An advertisement will be placed in the D&S and flyers delivered to homes. **GK**
- iii) A parishioner raised the subject of cars speeding in the village. Possible solutions were investigated in the past but transport legalities limit what can be done. It was suggested that parishioners put forward any ideas to the parish council, who will then contact Highways.

### **07/037 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- i) The planning of the litter pick will have to wait until the new council has been elected.

### **07/038 PLANNING**

- i) Two-storey extension to existing dwelling at 32 Church Street was approved subject to agreement between the Church Commission, who owns the wall, and the prospective developer.  
Proposed by VR, seconded by HW
- ii) Construction of portal framed building for storage of steel tubing for National Tube Stockholders, Dalton Old Airfield Industrial Estate  
Approved unanimously

### **07/039 PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN APPROVED**

- i) Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling at Hambleton House for Mr. D. Binks NOTED
- ii) Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling at Oak Tree Cottage for Mr. and Mrs. Dobson NOTED

**07/040 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE**

- i) The playing field matting has been powerwashed by HW and GK, improving it tremendously. Due to the amount of work involved in keeping the surface clean and safe, powerwashing will be added to the annual maintenance contract.

**07/041 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE**

- i)

**07/042 VILLAGE PROJECTS**

- i) The official opening of the tollbooth was very well attended. Thanks were given to Mr Byas, Drs Shaw and Parker for both their financial and moral support.
- ii) A group of three youngsters have been seen damaging the grass at the Sheepwash on their motorbikes. This problem will be addressed next week.
- iii) Charles Collinson will be contacted about the delay in the acquisition of a debit card to pay for the website and will be assured that once the new council have started, the card will be obtained. HW

**07/043 FINANCES**

- i) The clerk's revised contract will be discussed by the new council in July.
- ii) Cheque was written to HDC for £211.50 (£180 + £31.50 VAT) for cemetery wheelie bin annual hire. Proposed by RS, seconded by HW
- iii) Cheque was written to Allianz Cornhill for insurance renewal (£1481.79). Proposed by HW, seconded by VR
- iii) Cheque was written to J.Heidstrom for repairs to Allenbrooke bus shelters (£191). Proposed by RS, seconded by HW
- iv) Cheque was written to SLCC for £40 (£35 + £5 shipping) for Clerk's Manual. Proposed by RS, seconded by VR

**07/044 CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Circulated

**07/045 AOB**

- i) Some people are disposing of garden waste in Back Lane.
- ii) Some pavements around the village are in need of repair.

**Next Meeting: TBA**