

## TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday April 21st, 2008 in the village hall

Councillors present: G. Key (Chair), D. Bowman (Vice-chair), J. Heidstrom,  
NYCC Cllr W. Barton

Also present Amanda Madden, 1 parishioner  
Apologies: T. Brown, M. Bowen, HDC Cllr N. Huxtable

### MINUTES

**08/024** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Vice-Chairman.  
Proposed by D. Bowman, seconded by J. Heidstrom

**08/025 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- i) Amanda Madden presented the results of the Housing Needs Survey Report. Copies of the report are available for public viewing from the clerk or any Topcliffe Parish Councillor. GK spoke about a parish council proposal to build new houses. This was submitted 3 years ago but there was no reply. Amanda will put the proposal forward and report the results back to the parish council.
- ii) North Yorkshire Police objected to the proposal for the part of Long Street which extends from Church St. to Front St. being made into a 20mph zone. They explained that there is insufficient traffic or pedestrians to justify this (although acknowledge the area is busy at school bus times). Therefore it was not included in the scheme put forward by NYCC. Long Street will still be included on the reserve list of schemes awaiting funding. The matter of speed bumps being set up has still to be discussed by the area committee. DP will be notified of the date of the meeting.
- iii) A request will be submitted to establish a No Cold Calling Zone in a specific area of the village. There must be 100% agreement from the residents within the area and there must be a high concentration of 'vulnerable' householders in the considered zone. **DB**

**08/026 PLANNING**

- i) Siting of a bin container block for Wagg Foods, Dalton Old Airfield.  
APPROVED  
Proposed by DB, Seconded by JH

**08/027 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE**

- i) The weather has been too wet to move the lawnmower.
- ii) The roundabout will be fixed tomorrow. **JH, GK**
- iii) Possible replacement swings were looked at. The cost is around £2,000. Fitting and tiles will be extra. More quotes will be sought. **GK** The possibility of a grant will be looked into. The other swings need dismantling and painting.

**08/028 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE**

- i) Residents need to keep their trees and hedges trimmed so they don't overhang the footpath. A note about this will be placed in the next Tattler.
- ii) Back Lane looks much better after NYCC maintenance.

**08/029 VILLAGE PROJECTS**

- i) Sheepwash development can be addressed again now the river has gone down. Trees have been cut down to facilitate the fitting of a valve, which will help prevent flooding.
- ii) Signs will be obtained for the fishing club. More fishing space may be available however the land will need to be cleared and pegs put in.

**08/030 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

- i) The cost of waste collection from the cemetery seems ridiculously expensive at £327.54 per year for a fortnightly collection. The collection has been cancelled now and a compost bin will be placed there instead of the rented wheeled bin.
- ii) Tony Bruce has kindly offered to internally audit the parish council's books again.
- iii) A cheque for £12.50 was written to Playing Field Association for membership subscription.  
Proposed by JH, seconded by DB
- iv) A cheque for £214 was written to YLCA for membership.  
Proposed by DB, seconded by JH
- v) A cheque for £1,552.46 was written to Allianz Insurance PLC  
Proposed by DB, seconded by JH
- vii) GK will contact NYCC about the grass cutting quote.
- viii) Cheque for £616.88 was written to NYCC for Nov 07 disposal of shrubs at Jubilee Gardens, laying of membrane and mulch spreading. Mar 08 cutting back of verges to widen footpath along Back Lane, sweeping and tidying of verges along School Lane..

**08/031 CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011: Consultation. Comments to be emailed or posted by Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 **GK**
- ii) Local Transport Plan survey – to be returned by May 9<sup>th</sup> **GK**
- iii) The rest of the correspondence was distributed

Next meeting: APM/AM Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 at 2pm