

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday April 18th 2011 in the village hall

Councillors present G. Key (Chair,) D. Bowman (Vice-chair), M Bowen, J Heidstrom, Cllr Huxtable
Apologies A Jameson-Allen

11/032 Apologies received from Cllr Janeson-Allen.

11/033 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday March 21st, 2011 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chair. Proposed by DB, seconded by JH

11/034 Declarations of interest: None

11/035 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

i) JH asked whether the parish council would have any objection to parishioners straightening family headstones. None noted.

11/036 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

i) Tickets for fishing at the Sheepwash to be produced. Carry forward to next meeting. **Action GK**

11/037 PLANNING

i) 11/00554/FUL – Construction of a warehouse with associated hard standing and access ramps. No objections

11/038 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

i) JH reported that he had cut the grass for the first time this season and that the pull cord on the hand mower is broken. It was agreed that the council would ask Malcolm Morley to renew the pull cord.

ii) DB reported that the bowling club had not made a payment towards the water at the playing field since September 2009. Clerk to investigate and raise a bill. **Action IP**

iii) JH has had no response from Treescape regarding the large oak tree at the playing field so has arranged to meet a different contractor to discuss its safety. **Action JH**

11/039 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

i) Off road parking on Long Street has resulted in large areas of grass on the verges being destroyed. Simon Mosley has produced some polite notices requesting that people do not park on the grass. **Action GK**

ii) The trees need to be replaced along Long Street. The council has now received a licence for these.

iii) The grass cutting quote has been received from NYCC showing a moderate increase on 2010 (£96.50 per cut for the village and £85 per cut for the cemetery, £2798.50 to include herbicides etc) The council resolved to accept the quotation, prop JH, sec DB. **Action IP**

11/040 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

i) Community account statement - £2,138.34

ii) Business reserve statement - £4,701.95

iii) HMRC have issued guidance informing parish councils that they can no longer treat clerks as self employed for the purposes of PAYE or NIC. IP reported that her income from Asenby and Topcliffe parish councils fell short of both her PAYE personal allowance and the Lower Earnings Level (LEL) for NIC as long as she was paid monthly. She is in discussions with HMRC to register Topcliffe as an employer, albeit filing nil returns, and apply for an exemption for Asenby. **Action IP**

iv) A cheque was written and authorised to John Heidstrom for £30 for fuel.

v) A payment of £180 (£150 + £30VAT) was approved to NYCC for refilling saltbins.

11/031 CORRESPONDENCE

i) Review of polling districts was reviewed.

Next meeting: 16th May 2011 at 7pm in village hall