

# TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting held on Monday August 17th, 2009 in the village hall

Councillors present G. Key (Chair), D. Bowman (Vice-chair), J. Heidstrom,  
NYCC & HDC Cllr. N. Huxtable

Also present 2 residents  
PC Warby

Apologies M. Bowen, A. Jameson-Allen

**09/066** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday July 20th, 2009 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by DB, seconded by JH

**09/067 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- i) Letter and plan were received from churchwarden, Margaret Gimblett about planned improvement of toilet facilities in church hall and adaptation of church for more social and community uses. A grant from parish council was requested. Parish council are unable to provide the grant as this year funds are needed for the new playpark. Cllr Huxtable suggested they contact HDC, who provide several grants for disabled access.

**09/068 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- i) Highways have given written confirmation of their responsibility for School Lane.  
ii) Hambleton Environmental Services have been contacted re putting up some new dog fouling signs.  
iii) Cllr Huxtable would like to be copied in e-mails in when TPC requests work be done by Highways. Highways would like a list of TPC's meeting dates to be able to answer any questions posed by council by their next meeting.  
iv) Dan Bink's topsoil bill will not be paid as the person responsible for paying it has now left the army.

**09/069 PLANNING**

- i) Construction of a dwelling at 6 Manor Close for Mr Richard Larder was APPROVED by HDC. The applicant's proposal is now to "bridge over" the public sewer, causing Yorkshire Water's objection to be withdrawn.

**09/070 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE**

- i) Thanks to all the people involved in the removal of the old cabins and the setting up of the new one has been placed in the Tattler. Unfortunately the bid for funding has been deferred until October. Meanwhile, funding is being sought elsewhere.  
ii) The Fun Day which took place on the playing field was very successful, with at least 70 people attending.  
iii) RoSPA have been booked for September and the contact address changed to clerk's address.

**09/071 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE**

- i) Highways need to be contacted about cutting back the grass verges, widening the path and cutting the hedges on School Lane. **Clerk**  
ii) Mr Hindmarch cleaned one of the drains in Deans Sq then Yorkshire Water came and cleaned the rest. They were unable to find any problems with the manhole cover and frame.  
iii) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services are going install a 'black box' on one of the lamp posts by the surgery to record the speeds of vehicles.

**09/072 VILLAGE PROJECTS**

- i) Simon Mosley will have the price of the fishing signs by the end of the week.

**09/073 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

- i) Received Wayleave cheque for £4.60. **GK** will try negotiate a one time payment. **GK**  
ii) Community account balance -£42.78  
£2,000 has been transferred from Business account to Community account  
iii) Signatory details to be re-submitted to Barclays  
iv) Received VAT refund £862.54

**09/074 AOB**

The bowling club used an excessive amount of water last year. In future the reading will be noted, so the club pays for the water they actually use with TPC paying the rest.

Next meeting Monday September 28th, 2009 at 8.00pm