

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday December 17th, 2007 in the village hall

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

Also present PC Williamson, Padre A Martlew, 17 parishioners

Apologies: T. Brown

MINUTES

07/104 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday Nov 19th, 2007, be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by D Bowman, seconded by M Bowen

07/105 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

i) GK talked about the background of the proposed waste processing plant issue. Under EU law and central government rules, councils are being fined heavily for putting municipal waste into landfill, so less waste must be produced. The consultation started in 2005 (we responded). Another consultation in 2006 (we responded). This alluded to a number of sites throughout the county which could possibly be put down for waste use. We responded saying we weren't happy. In June 2007 documents came through with the name of Dalton omitted so we wrongly presumed problem had gone away. Latest paperwork arrived in November as a CD-Rom, which we couldn't read on the night of the meeting. NYCC deals with the disposal of waste. HDC deals with collection. They have had ideas of district waste transfer stations and one or two possible treatment plants (thermal/incineration). We have no idea of size of plant nor if it will be two plants or one. At the moment merely proposals as to the plant site have been mentioned. Nothing has been decided yet. Catterick have so far not been consulted on the matter at all. Severfield-Reeve have been consulting about this for the past 18 months. They have decided this is not in their best interests and will fight it all the way, employing consultants to put forward their own planning case. Dalton site is only one of 16 possible sites in NY. Even if this gets past the consultation stage, it has to go to full planning.

NH: Will inform how public can write and object and who to write to

All submissions must be in to County by May 2008 when they will come back to the public for consultation, and then down to London about April 2009. Inspector there will come up with a decision about mid 2009. Still have no idea what they want to do in Dalton. It also depends which commercial operator bids on the plant as to where the plant will be.

Parishioners were encouraged to write to NYCC and voice their complaints in a rational and reasonable way.

Parishioner – Correct terminology needs to be used when writing to for objection to be taken seriously.

The date to write about this is until Jan 11th

Can say in principal you are against a large scale site here, traffic caused, and loss of civic amenities.

GK will e-mail his synopsis to anyone who is interested.

Most likely companies will be best to fight this but public needs to too.

A motion was passed to write to the NYCC to oppose the development

Proposed by DB, seconded by JH

07/106 PLANNING

- i) Revised application for works to cover existing ditch to form culvert at Dalton Airfield Industrial Estate for Severfield –Reeve Projects
The Council wishes to see the application APPROVED
Proposed by MB, seconded by JH
- ii) Construction of a detached domestic double garage at Oak Tree Cottage, Thorpefield for Mr & Mrs Dobson
The council wishes to see the applicatio0n APPROVED
Proposed by JH, seconded by MB
- iii) Application to fell three sycamore and one willow tree at Swale Lodge, Church Street
The Council had NO OBSERVATIONS

07/107 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- i) Address change has now been sent to RoSPA
- ii) PC Williamson stated that the architectural liaison officer has advised that the portacabins should be moved to a more visible area to avoid vandalism, or some form of barrier erected.

07108 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

- i) Jubilee Gardens has now been prepared for replanting. Children from Topcliffe School will carry out the replanting. Severfield-Reeve agreed to provide £150 worth of new plants.

07/109 VILLAGE PROJECTS

- i) Village website – in hand
- ii) Fireworks 2008 – looking for volunteers for fundraising

07/110 FINANCES

- i) The precept for next year will not be increased.
- ii) The budget was reviewed and approved.
Proposed by DB, seconded by MB
- iii) A cheque was written to NYCC for £1,807.15 for grasscutting in 2007.
Proposed by JH, seconded by DB
- iv) It was approved to increase the clerk's salary to the amount recommended by national guidelines.
Proposed by JH, seconded by DB
- v) A cheque was written to Clerk for £325.95 (£263.76 + £62.19 expenses) for salary Oct-Dec 2007-12-30
Proposed by DB, seconded by JH
- vi) Cheque for £400 (£250 + £150) was written to Kall Kwik for printing of 20 village books
Proposed by DB, seconded by MB
- vii) Cheque for £20 was written to John Graham for Feoffees payment.
Proposed by JH, seconded by DB

07/111 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Breathing Spaces grants will be discussed at next meeting
- ii) Rest of correspondence was circulated

Next meeting: Monday 21st January, 2008 at 8pm