

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday February 16th, 2009 in the village hall

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

Apologies: NYCC Cllr. W. Barton, J. Heidstrom

09/007 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday January 19th, 2009 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by AJ, seconded by MB

09/008 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- i) Dog fouling signs around the village were smashed last night. The culprit was apprehended.
- ii) Broadacres have contacted the renters of abandoned allotments, warning them that any allotments left abandoned will be taken away. They can be given to people on waiting list for allotments.
- iii) It was decided it is necessary to speak to the diocese board regarding re-use of grave space and time scales. The erection of stone plaques on the shelter within the cemetery is thought to be a good idea. The PCC need to agree to the size, materials and design of these then get back to the parish council. Clerk
- iv) The potholes on School Lane in front of Staddle End were reported to Highways. Case# 157737
- v) A letter will be written to Mr C. Shaw as there is a concern about the affect of his works on the street scene. Assurance is needed that this will be cleaned up. Clerk
- vi) School Lane needs sweeping again and the verges cut back again.
- vii) The deteriorating surround of the manhole cover on Long Street at the entrance to Back Lane was reported to Highways again. Case# 157740
- viii) The dying tree on Long Street in front of the doctors' surgery was reported to Highways again. Apparently it is not a priority and the tree will be taken down when possible. Case# 157746
- ix) The potholes in East Lea in front of the new houses were reported to Broadacres. The street needs to be adopted. Cllr Huxtable has been talking to Broadacres about this. Work in progress.
- x) Repaired bench from corner of East Lea and Long Street still needs putting back. **JH**

09/009 PLANNING

- i) Single storey extension to form a garden room at Park Lodge Farm, Station Road, Topcliffe for Mr & Mrs Fothergill APPROVED Proposed by AJ, seconded by MB
- ii) Change of use from industrial estate office to a café at Unit F Dalton Industrial Estate for Mr D Walker APPROVED Proposed by DB, seconded by MB

09/010 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- i) Quotes and options for the new playing field equipment are around £25,000. This could be enhanced by a tree planting scheme at one end. Cllr NH will speak to HDC about trees. At a meeting to view various schemes there was a unanimous choice of Playscheme. This meets European standards. A picnic area with benches could be created.
- ii) It was agreed in principle to a village BBQ to celebrate the acquisition and setting up of the new playing field equipment. People could bring and BBQ their own food.

09/011 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

- i) Parishioner reported that School Lane verges need cutting back to prevent school children picking up mud and dragging it into the school. As mentioned above, this will be looked into.
- ii) Parishioner reported passageway between Front Street and Back Lane needs attention. Tarmac would be expensive. More gravel is needed. GK will speak to Highways about the best solution. **GK**

- iii) The possible future sale of a small piece of Parish Council land to the company building the new house at the side of the Angel was agreed upon in principle.

09/012 VILLAGE PROJECTS

- i) Village website - Everything has been signed to take to the bank for the application for the credit card. This will be taken in next week. Clerk

09/013 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- i) It was agreed to appoint Angela Hook was to FEOFFEES Charity Board. Proposed by AJ, seconded by MB
- ii) The quarterly finances were examined and pronounced healthy.
- iii) A cheque for £46 (£40+£6 VAT) was written to Fletcher Pest Control for mole control. Proposed by AJ, seconded by MB

- iv) Quotes for mole control from Feb 1st 2009 to Feb 1st 2010 were received from Fletcher Pest Control
- v) Cheque for £2055.05 (£1787 + £268.05) was written to NYCC for grass cutting.

Proposed by AJ, seconded by DB

It was decided not to continue with the SLCC membership since the information it provides can be found in other places.

Proposed by MB, seconded by DB

09 /014 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Minerals and Waste Core Strategies Update on the current position - noted
- ii) Remaining correspondence was distributed.

Next meeting: Monday March 16th, 2009 at 8pm