

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday February 21st 2011 in the village hall

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

Apologies

11/012 No apologies received.

11/013 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday January 17th, 2011 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chair. Proposed by AJA, seconded by DB

11/014 Declarations of interest: None

11/015 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- i) A request has been received from Senior Citizens for a contribution of £82.50 towards hire of the village hall.
- ii) The organisers of the Deer Shed Festival have provided the council with a telephone number to receive any noise complaints during the festival. IP to have it published in the Tattler. **Action IP**
- iii) Election correspondence was circulated.
- iv) Correspondence regarding election training for parish clerks was passed to the clerk. **Action IP**
- v) Correspondence regarding The Big Lunch was passed to the clerk to produce a synopsis for publication in the Tattler. **Action IP**
- vi) Correspondence regarding area forums was circulated.
- v) Country Air has been received. IP to place on noticeboard. **Action IP**

11/016 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i) Burial fees of £946 have been received.
- ii) Tickets for fishing at the Sheepwash will be charged at £10 per ticket holder, with an initial 10 tickets issued. **Action GK**

11/017 PLANNING

- i) Walkers Ground (10/02748/FUL)– it was resolved that the application be recommended for refusal for the following reasons:
 - It would result in the loss of 4 car parking spaces
 - The NYCC owned cobbled footpath is not suitable for vehicle access, as it is a pathway and would not withstand regular vehicle use.
 - The gable end window would overlook the bungalow next door.The parish council have no objection to development of the site in principle but NYCC Highways and Pathways would need to be consulted.
- ii) Apple Tree Cottage (11/00166/CAT) – work to three trees was recommended for approval. Prop DB, seconded AJA.
- iii) Wagg Foods (10/02829/FUL) – demolition of redundant warehouse recommend for approval. Prop JH, seconded AJA.
- iv) Oak Tree Cottage, Thorpefield (11/00098/FUL) – construction of a single storey extension was recommended for approval. Prop DB, seconded JH.

11/018 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- i) The shed has suffered some vandalism. JH to organise repair. **Action JH**
- ii) A new door is needed on the lawnmower shed. JH to get quote. **Action JH**
- iii) JH has tried to contact Treescape regarding the large oak tree at the playing field but has received no response to date. He will put a note through the door. **Action JH**

11/019 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

- i) Off road parking on Long Street has resulted in large areas of grass on the verges being destroyed. GK has written to Highways regarding protection of the grass verges and replacement of trees. The council discussed which trees should be planted and decided upon wild cherry and rowan. GK to get quotation. **Action GK**
- ii) The grasscutting contract needs to be renewed. The council has sought a number of quotes in the

- past and NYCC has always come in lowest. GK to request a quote from NYCC. **Action GK**
- iii) The road down to the mill and the road over Winn Lane bridge both need sweeping. IP to contact Hambleton and arrange. **Action IP**

11/020 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- i) Community account statement - £1,738.14
- ii) Business reserve statement - £4,701.95
- iii) Cheque for £5 payable to Dave Bowman for bin bags proposed by JH seconded by AJA.
- iv) Cheque for £82.50 payable to Topcliffe Senior Citizens for hire of the village hall. Proposed MB seconded DB. **Action IP**
- v) The council discussed whether to subscribe to membership of YLCA at £241 per annum. The clerk has spoken to the council's insurer to establish how much advice would be available from them if required. AON thought that advice would probably be forthcoming but could not guarantee. No decision yet taken. **Action IP**

11/021 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Correspondence circulated under Matters Arising.
- ii) The clerk has received guidance that she can no longer be treated as self-employed for the purposes of NIC and PAYE. She will investigate further and report back at next meeting. **Action IP**
- iii) The council discussed the candidates for the Standards Committee. It was resolved to vote for Councillors Follet, Dennison and Artingstoll.
- iv) JH confirmed that he would stand down from the parish council at the next election. GK thanked him for his service. IP to put piece in Tattler thanking JH and requesting nominations for local elections.

Next meeting: 21st March 2011 at 7pm in village hall

