TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Cllr N Huxtable

Apologies M Bowen

11/052 Apologies received from M Bowen.

11/053 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday June 20th 2011 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chair. Proposed by AJA, seconded by LH.

11/054 Declarations of interest: None.

11/055 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

i) The clerk reported that there had been a significant increase in the amount of young men conducting door to door sales in the village over recent weeks. It was resolved that the clerk would report the issue to Trading Standards and seek to establish the provenance of the organisation behind it.

11/056 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

i) The editors of the Tattler have approached the council for an increase in funding from £100 pa to £120 pa. AJA has had a number of discussions with the Tattler about reducing costs and suggestions have been made including using the school to print and circulate some by e-mail and to sell copies at the shop for 10p per copy. It was resolved that the PC would continue to support the Tattler by donating £100 per annum.

11/057 PLANNING

- i) 11/00868/FUL Swaleside Park Alterations to windows, roof and doors of existing reception building. It was resolved that the application be recommended for approval, proposer AJA, seconded LH.
- ii) 11/01327/FUL Arthur Haigh, Unit G, Dalton Industrial Estate Single storey extension to existing building. It was resolved that no observations be made regarding the application, proposer AJA, seconded DB.
- iii) 11/01236/FUL Innovation House, Dalton Industrial Estate Application for the retention of 3 storage containers and the siting of a further storage container. It was resolved that no observations be made regarding the application, proposer LH, seconded AJA.
- iv) 11/01447/FUL Richmond Farm, Topcliffe Installation of 54 solar panels on roof of existing building. It was resolved that no observations be made regarding the application, proposer AJA, seconded DB
- v) 11/01378/FUL National Tube Stockholders, Dalton Industrial Estate Alterations to existing office/mess building, maintenance building and storage building. It was resolved that the application be recommended for approval, proposer LH, seconded DB
- vi) 11/00872/FUL Arcade House, Hagg House Farm, Thorpefield construction of a single storey sunroom has been *APPROVED*.
- vii) The council noted that a new address had been registered at 32A Church Street.
- viii) Cllr Huxtable forewarned the council that an application would be made in due course to construct a fourway junction between Topcliffe Road and A168 in order to deal with the increased traffic resulting from the proposed Gateway development. The clerk asked what plans were in place to address the likely traffic issues at the Thirsk end of Topcliffe Road. Cllr Huxtable informed the council that no decisions had yet been made but that meetings would be held to discuss this issue.

11/058 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- i) GK informed the council that the grass at the playing field had been cut by volunteers. A quote to strim around the play area and the sportacabin had been received for £400. This will be reconsidered when the grass regrows.
- ii) MB will update the council on the purchase of a goal at the next meeting.

11/059 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

i) Please do not park on the grass signs are still awaited from Moseleys. Action GK

- ii) Replacement of trees on Long Street Jim Binks has quoted £200 to plant with his JCB as there are a number of services running underground and JB has appropriate insurance it was resolved that the council would ask him to go ahead and plant the trees.
- iii) The tollbooth windows need repainting. GK has received a quote for £855 to sand, prime, 2 coats of undercoat and 2 of top coat. GK will seek another quote but if higher than £855 will authorise works. He will request that tollbooth steps are repointed and only one coat of top coat. It was resolved that the council would approve the repainting of the tollbooth proposed DB, seconded AJA. Action: GK
- iv) The sheepwash has been desilted by Jim Binks but is likely to collapse again and needs to be shored up. GK to discuss with Jim Binks.

 Action:GK

11/060 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- i) Community account statement £3,344.07
- ii) Business reserve statement £4,703.33
- iii) A cheque was approved and written to Isobel Peters for £135.49. Prop AJA, sec DB.

11/031 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was circulated.

Next meeting:15th August 2011 at 7pm in village hall