

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors present G. Key (Chair), D. Bowman (Vice-chair), A. Jameson-Allen, J. Heidstrom
HDC Cllr. N. Huxtable, NYCC Cllr. W. Barton

Apologies: M. Bowen

09/015 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday February 16th, 2009 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by DB, seconded by AJ

09/016 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

i) Reply from Mr C. Shaw about debris being left in School Lane due to the new works at his home
NOTED

09/017 PLANNING

i) Revised application for a single storey extension to existing dwelling at 4 East Lea, Topcliffe for Mr John Pearson (Extraordinary meeting 11/3/09 - NO OBSERVATIONS Proposed by JH, Seconded by MB)

ii) Change of use from industrial estate office to a cafe as amended by plans submitted to HDC on 3rd March, at Unit F, Dalton Ind, Estate, for Mr D Walker (Extraordinary meeting 11/3/09 - NO OBSERVATIONS Proposed by JH, seconded by MB)

iii) Single storey extension (extract housing) to the east side of the existing building at Hambleton Publishing, Dalton Old Airfield Ind. Est. for Hambleton Publishing - APPROVED Proposed by JH, seconded by AJ

iv) Single storey side extensions to dwelling at Highwood, Long Street, Topcliffe for Mr J. Brame - APPROVED Proposed by AJ, seconded by JH

v) Conservatory extension to existing dwelling at 16 East Lea for Mr & Mrs Aubin - NO OBSERVATIONS Proposed by AJ, seconded by JH

09/018 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

i) The repair of the big lawnmower should be finished within a month when the parts arrive. GK stated volunteers from the age of 14 are covered by parish council insurance when operating mower.

ii) The mowers will need to be added to the insurance policy

09/019 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

i) Bin needed in cemetery as mixed rubbish is being piled up there. GK will buy a bin. DB has volunteered to empty the new bin.

09/020 VILLAGE PROJECTS

i) Sheepwash - one peg has started to erode again and will be sorted this summer

ii) School greenhouse has been built and is proving very popular with children.

iii) Tattler has funds for only one more issue due to large rise in printing costs and loss of advertisers. Ideas were given of a) encouraging people to read electronic version rather than paper version, this will be worked on with the school and posted in the next Tattler b) more advertisers can be sought c) some of the proceeds from the raft race in June will be given to the Tattler

09/021 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

i) Check to was written to clerk for £385.04 (£337.72+£47.32 expenses) for salary Jan-March 2009. Proposed by DB, seconded by JH

ii) Quote was received from NYCC for 2009/10 grass cutting. Quotes from previous years were examined. The quote from another contractor will also be looked into before decision is made.

iii) It was decided that membership of SLCC would be continued if Asenby would share the cost. Clerk will resolve this.

iv) Cheque for £58.69 was written to clerk for new voice recorder. Old recorder was given back to Parish Council. Proposed by JH, seconded by AJ

v) Check was written to Senior Citizens club for £75. Proposed by AM, seconded by DB

09/022 GOVERNANCE

- i) Risk assessment will be finished shortly
- ii) Concrete bench in playing field will be added to insurance when due, also two lawnmowers (Ransom and John Deere), push mower and strimmer.
- iii) Terms of reference still need to be approved.

GK

09/023 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Community Payback poster will be displayed on notice board.
- ii) Remaining correspondence was distributed

09/024 AOB

- i) The grant request for play park equipment is for just under £25,000 plus VAT. VAT can be claimed back quickly.

Next meeting: Monday April 20th, 2009 at 8pm