

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday January 15th, 2007 in the village hall

Councillors present: G. Key (Chair), V. Rawlings, H. Wilson, R. Smith, HDC Cllr. N. Huxtable
NYCC Cllr. W. Barton

Apologies: Padre A. Martlew

Members of the public 3 parishioners
in attendance

MINUTES

**07/001 It was resolved that with one minor amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday December 18th 2006, be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman
Proposed by V. Rawlings, seconded by H. Wilson**

07/002 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS
NONE

07/003 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i) A tape recorder has been purchased to record the minutes.
- ii) The millstone has been repaired. It is smaller but of better quality than its predecessor

07/004 PLANNING

- i) An application for alterations and extensions to existing domestic outbuilding to form a dwelling as amended by plans as received by HDC on 20 January 2006 for 17 Long Street.
NO COMMENTS
- ii) Alterations and extensions to existing warehouse and production units as amended by letter and plans as received by HDC on 30/11/06 for Wagg Foods Ltd, Dalton.
REPLIED "NO OBSERVATIONS" ON 2/1/07
- iii) Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling at Oak Tree Cottage, Thorpefield for Mr & Mrs Dobson
NO OBSERVATIONS

07/005 PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN APPROVED

- i) Alterations and extension to existing production unit and factory buildings at Dalton Airfield Industrial Estate for Severfield-Rowen Plc
NOTED

07/006 PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN REFUSED

NONE

07/007 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- i) There has been no RoSPA inspection. It will be organised for September.
- ii) The playing surface is very slippery. It has been scraped to improve it slightly but powerwashing is necessary before spring.
- iii) It was suggested to the bowls club that they pay an annual subscription as a contribution towards the water rates. They agreed to this. The lease will need an amendment to formalise this. They also contributed £200 to cover use for the past two years.

07/008 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

- i) Due to their busy schedules, no one from the village is able to repair the bus shelter in Allenbrooke Barracks. It may be necessary to find contractors to do the job. GK

07/009 VILLAGE PROJECTS

- i) There has been no response about the extension of the tollbooth art project. This is ongoing.
- ii) Sheepwash development is in abeyance, due to flooding.
- iii) Sandbags are available in the tollbooth for times of flooding. Tattler needs to be informed of this so they can publicise it.
Floor: It was suggested that if a sandbank were placed across the road from the first Mill flat, water would be forced back into the river rather than into the homes. This will be mentioned to HDC. Cllr Huxtable
- iv) Charles Collinson has made great progress with the village website this month. Much of the information on it has been transferred to topliffe.net. Most of the information has been updated. More work and links are still needed. We also need to take over the ownership of the domains. At the moment Mr Collinson owns the domains but can transfer them to us. It is preferable to do our own hosting, which will cost around £30-£40 a year. GK will pay for this using his credit card. This cost can then be reimbursed to the councillor. Thanks were given to Mr Collinson for all his hard work on the website.
We need to acquire the domain names from Mr Collinson and set up a host account.
Proposed by H.Wilson, seconded by R. Smith

07/010 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- i) A cheque for £28.45 was written to Dave Bowman for Yorkshire Water Bill
Proposed by R. Smith, seconded by H. Wilson
- ii) A cheque for £44.94 (£39.99+£4.95 delivery) was written to A. Hook for digital voice recorder
Proposed by R. Smith, seconded by H. Wilson
- iii) Risk assessment is to be reviewed. RS
- iv) A cheque for £1,869.43 was written to pay NYCC for grasscutting.*
Proposed by R. Smith, seconded by H. Wilson
*It was mentioned that the cutting of the roadside verges from the Sheepwash to the Mill was included in the list of jobs done. In fact this grass had NOT been cut. NYCC will be contacted tomorrow about this. GK
- v) Insurance company will be contacted about the new benches and the millstones.

07/011 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) All mail was circulated

07/012 AOB

- i) A pothole has formed down Back Lane. This is an adopted road but as yet no one has claimed responsibility for the road.

Next Meeting: Monday 19th February, 2007 at 8pm