

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday July 18th, in the village hall

Councillors present: H Wilson (Chair), V Rawlings, and R Smith

Apologies: G Key

Also present: Cllr. Neville Huxtable, Padre Roy Burley

MINUTES

454 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday June 20th, be accepted as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

455 Wayleaves Following a one-off payment of £1,815, there was some discussion as how best to use the money. In the meantime, Howard Wilson stated that the money should be banked.

456 Cemetery Shelter Vic Rawlings confirmed that work on this had already started.

457 Planning Training Planning Training for the Parish Councillors will take place at 7.00pm on 17 October, prior to the Parish Council meeting.

458 Swale View Residents of Swale View have expressed concern about the height of the leylandii trees which are obstructing their view. As there are now regulations concerning the height of these trees, the council thought the matter should be addressed.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

459 Visibility Mirror The Department of Transport has rejected an appeal for a mirror where Mill Lane meets the junction of Station Road, Church Street and Front Street. The visibility at this point is extremely poor and Vic Rawlings suggested the Department of Transport should be contacted about the possibility of a site meeting.

460 Winn Lane Although there has been some general tidying after concern had been expressed, the fence is still in a state of disrepair which is Broadacres' responsibility.

PLANNING

- i) Diner 168 A168 Southbound - consent to display one illuminated sign The council recommended approval.
- ii) Wagg Foods – Alterations and extensions to existing industrial unit. The council recommended approval.
- iii) 17 Long Street, Topcliffe – Alterations and extension to existing dwelling and construction of a detached domestic garage Howard Wilson has been informed that there has been concern expressed about right of access and it was felt that a site meeting could be advisable.
- iv) Alanbrooke Business Park, Station Road, Topcliffe – construction of 16 industrial units. A tree planning order has been made concerning a line of tall trees which are in a crucial position, thereby endorsing the council's decision to recommend refusal on the grounds of conservation.
- v) It was noted that the following planning applications had been approved:
 - (a) Hagg House Farm, Hagg House Track, Thorpefield, Topcliffe – alterations and extensions to disused agricultural buildings to form three dwellings.
 - (b) Leconfield House, Station Road, Topcliffe – Two storey extension to existing dwelling. Construction of a domestic double garage.

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

461 The Playing Field Committee has been wound up and re-formed as a sub-committee of the parish council, chaired by Howard Wilson. The football club will continue to cut the grass and pay £12 annual rent. Last year it also donated £200. The general maintenance cost of the field was about £500 a year and Howard Wilson mentioned that the parish council might pay this, as the playing field benefits all the villagers. There were also queries about liability if an injury were sustained by a supporter while watching a match or if a ball were kicked onto the A168, causing an accident. Howard Wilson volunteered to contact Hambleton District Council for legal advice.

OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

462 Sheepwash The barrier at the Sheepwash was constantly being knocked down and was in need of repair. This is being arranged and the Woodland Trust will develop the area.

463 Village Hall Noticeboard. Arrangements have been made to repair this noticeboard.

464 Village Benches Three benches are to be repaired at a cost of £403 but Russell Smith stated that the bench at the Sheepwash will need require more concrete to ensure that it is secure.

461 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) HDC – Vote for your local hero
- ii) HDC – Corporate plan
- iii) Yorks Local Councils Assoc. AGM – apology
- iv) Fire and Rescue Authority
- v) NYSP – Executive Summary Strategy for Local Communities
- vi) NYCC – Minutes of meeting held at Hutton Rudby
- vii) Glasdon – local council news-sheet
- viii) Barclays Bank – Community Account Statement
- ix) Barclays Bank – changes to Business Reserve Account
- x) Barclays Bank – Reserve Account Statement
- xi) Clerk and Councils Direct
- xii) Allianz Cornhill - confirmation of insurance for playing fields
- xiii) HDC – NYCC Minerals and Development Framework Issues
- xiv) NY Police – Special Constables
- xv) HDC – Tree Preservation Order, Topcliffe
- xvi) HDC – Appointment of Second Parish Council Representative
- xvii) Calverts – Acknowledgement of Payment

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

462 Excessive Flies Councillor Huxtable informed the council that he had received complaints about an unusually large number of flies in Topcliffe recently. Some villagers had expressed the opinion that the fortnightly collection of domestic waste might be to blame for this, but the council decided it was more likely be due to the very hot weather.

462 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday August 15th