

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday September 19th in the village hall

Councillors present: G Key (Chair), H Wilson, V Rawlings, and T Brown

Apologies: R Smith, W Barton

Also present: N Huxtable, Padre Roy Burley, D Goodwin, Ray Parker

MINUTES

- 463 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday August 15th, be accepted as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 464 Dave Goodwin, Head of Sport and Recreation at Hambleton District Council, was welcomed by the Chairman and addressed the meeting on the subject of recreational land. He explained that the District Council is prepared to purchase land and bear the development costs when a village has no recreational land or the land is perceived to be insufficient. While Topcliffe is now high on the waiting list for a larger playing field, there are other villages which have no playing field at all. He also pointed out that finding appropriate land can be a problem and should any village on the list suddenly have an ideal piece of land becoming available for purchase, that village will take priority over the others. It is also possible to gain priority by applying to outside organisations for grants. As a service village, the needs of Topcliffe might change and the location of recreational land would be affected by the possible building of more houses. There was some discussion about the feasibility of using the school playing field outside school hours which may have the added benefit of enhancing the facilities for the children as more money became available. Mr Goodwin emphasised that the Local Development Framework is working in conjunction with the Recreational Land Use Strategy. He suggested that a document should be drawn up, mapping out the issues and implications whilst considering longterm plans. Thanks were extended to David Goodwin.

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- 465 Local Development Framework A response is required to this document by 7 October. On Thursday 20 October there will be an all-day public exhibition of the LDF in Thirsk Town Hall. This will be followed by a public meeting from 7 pm – 9 pm when proposals will be put forward for public discussion. On the 21 October there will be an exhibition presenting the options for development site allocations in the Thirsk area. This will be held in the Mobile Community Police Office on Long Street 12noon – 2pm.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 466 Planning training will be held at 7 pm on the 17 October at the Village Hall, prior to the next PCM.
467 Concern was again expressed about the late night rowdiness on Long Street. The police have issued a number so that complaints can be logged.

PLANNING

- 469 Wagg Foods, Dalton – Alterations and extensions to existing industrial unit as amended by plan received by HDC on 19 July and 26 July 2005 - Approved.
470 17 Long Street, Topcliffe - Alterations and extension to existing dwelling and construction of a domestic garage - Approved.
471 17 Long Street, Topcliffe – Outline application for construction of a dwelling – Withdrawn
472 17 Long Street, Topcliffe – Application for conservation area consent to demolish existing building – Withdrawn.
473 Halfway House, Topcliffe – Alterations and extensions to existing barn to form a workshop and dwelling – Refused.

PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- 474 It was requested that the insurance should be checked to ensure that the Playing Field Sub-Committee has been altered accordingly. VM

OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

- 475 Sheepwash barrier – A complaint had been made by a parishioner about the number of cars in the area and also about camping. Garry Key said that camping is acceptable as long as permission is requested from a councillor. The Land Registry Office had confirmed that the area from the Cod Beck to the middle of the river is common land. It is intended that there will be some publicity in the village about public fishing rights

- and a second fishing peg has now been placed at the Sheepwash
- 473 Village benches Two benches are in need of repair, in Swaleview and outside the school. John Billet will be asked to attend to these at a cost of £50.
- 477 The Village Hall noticeboard repair is imminent and the necessary equipment has been obtained.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

- 479 Village tidy-up Garry Key expressed thanks to those who took part in the tidy-up.

481 FINANCES

- i) The audit has been delayed.
- ii) The current balance in the Community Account is £3888.

482 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) NYCC Environmental Services re Common Registration Act 1965. Common Land in Topcliffe.
- ii) NYCC Hambleton Newsletter
- iii) Fire and Rescue Authority – Integrated Risk Management Draft Action Plan.
- iv) Sutcliffe Play – Play equipment advertisements.
- v) Barclay's Bank Statement.
- vi) HDC – Appointment of Second Parish Council Representative
- vii) HDC – Small Business Rate Relief
- viii) Yorks and Regional Training Partnership – conferences and workshops.

483 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There have been problems with access in Back Lane owing to the lorries and building equipment currently in use there. Broadacres, who are responsible for the building work, will be contacted and asked to warn residents when there may be problems.

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- 484 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday October 17th at 8 pm**