

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday November 15th, 2010 in the village hall

Councillors present	G. Key (Chair,) D. Bowman (Vice-chair), A. Jameson-Allen, M. Bowen
Also present	Neville Huxtable
Apologies	John Heidstrom

Apologies received from John Heidstrom

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday October 18th, 2010 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chair.

Proposed by DB, seconded by AJA

Declarations of interest: None

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

NH provided the council with a summary of the actions being taken and considered by Hambleton District Council (HDC), following central government's Comprehensive Spending Review. HDC are anticipating a 26-30% reduction in budget over the next 4 years, although are uncertain of the details until the precise formula has been published. Measures taken to date include:

- ? Loss of 6 senior staff members (saving almost £1m);
- ? 51 vacancies currently available, only essential roles such as lifeguards and rubbish collectors will be refilled;
- ? the publication of Hambleton News is unlikely to continue;
- ? fees and charges will increase by approximately 8% in 2011.

Others measures being considered include:

- ? internal restructuring;
- ? 50% reduction in membership of the council (from 44 members down to 22);
- ? reduction in use or elimination of CCTV;
- ? reduction in level of footway lighting during early hours.

NH confirmed that election charges to be incurred at parish level are likely to be in the region of £100.

NH also confirmed that NYCC will have cut in the region of £67m over the next 4 years, but that winter road clearance will not be affected.

GK extended a vote of thanks to Dave Pilgrim for organising a new door for the notice board.

GK has issued a reminder in the Tattler that in the event of bad weather sandbags are kept in the tollbooth.

GK informed the council that the A&E unit at the Friarage Hospital will remain open. Patients will be stabilised there but moved to the James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough for major surgery before being transferred back to the Friarage for recovery. Routine orthopaedic surgery will continue at the Friarage

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Rules about driving on the playing field have been circulated and were approved by the council.

GK has arranged a meeting with the vicar to discuss the cemetery, plaques on the shelter and burial fees.

Action:- GK

The damaged shed door still needs to be repaired.

No progress to date on the bailiffing of fishing rights.

Action:-GK

PLANNING

A tree preservation order has been placed on the chestnut tree behind The Angel Inn.

Car parking at Swale View has been approved.

PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

The RoSPA inspection of the play equipment raised some safety issues that need to be addressed.

GK to speak with suppliers of the play equipment.

Action:-GK

OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

The surface of the ginnel between Back Lane and Deans Square has now been resurfaced and the safety rail replaced.

No progress on the planting of trees on Long Street as we are still waiting on NYCC.

Guidance on the local clearance of paths has been issued by NYCC and GK has reproduced for inclusion in the Tattler.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

Nothing to report on youth engagement.

Nothing to report on the village website.

A tree came down at the sheepwash and was washed downstream. GK will ask Roy Park to deal with it.

Action:-GK

FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

Community account statement - £6,735.13.

Business reserve statement - £1,701.95.

Cheque for £162.16 (£130+£24.16 VAT) was approved and written to Playsafety Ltd, proposed by AJA, seconded by MB.

The council discussed whether to subscribe to membership of YLCA at £241 per annum. The council approved subscription in principle from 1 January 2011 but agreed that the clerk would firstly investigate whether legal insurance was included in the cover provided and the extent to which cover was provided under the council's insurance policy.

NEXT MEETING

As the December meeting is due to convene on 20th December (Christmas week) it was proposed that the next meeting be held on 17th January 2011.

Next meeting: 17th January 2011 at 7pm in village hall