

# TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday November 21st 2011 in the village hall

Councillors present G Key (Chair), D. Bowman, A Jameson-Allen, M Bowen, L Heidstrom

Apologies Cllr N Huxtable

**11/094** Apologies received from Cllr N Huxtable.

**11/095** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday October 17th 2011 be accepted as a true record and be signed by the Chair. Proposed by AJA, seconded by DB.

**11/096** Declarations of interest: none.

**11/097 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- i) It was suggested that new daffodil bulbs be requested from the body performing the gas works as the verge has been dug up disturbing all existing daffodil bulbs. LH to check the company performing the works.

**11/098 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- i) Winter maintenance programme –GK updated the council, explaining that this year NYCC will not be refilling individual grit bins, but delivering a tonne of salt to a single location for £100. It will fall to the parish to work out how this will then be distributed to the grit bins. GK to approach Winn Farm to see if they may be prepared to help for a small fee. It was resolved to order the salt, proposed LH, seconded DB, GK to sort out the location for delivery.

**11/099 PLANNING**

- i) 11/02459/FUL – Alanbrooke Business Park, Station Road – construction of a maintenance shed – it was resolved the parish council would recommend refusal based on the tree preservation orders existing on the site. If the trees could be spared then the council would have no objection to the development. Prop AJA, seconded DB.
- ii) 11/02240/MRC – Thornhill, Station Road, Topcliffe – application to remove condition 1 of planning approval 4/3/510 relating to agricultural occupancy. The council resolved that as no valid reason had been provided for lifting the condition the council should recommend refusal. Prop AJA, sec DB.

**11/100 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE**

- i) It was noted that a mole catcher may be required.
- ii) GK reported that John Hodgson of HDC had agreed to trim the old oak tree in the hedge around the playing field and take away any branches removed, however, he has heard nothing more to date. The bowling club need to make a contribution to the water bill, DB to deliver.

**11/101 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE**

- i) IP updated the council on discussions with Yorkshire Water regarding the drain smell at the top of Front Street. It has been established that although a tank of neutraliser is attached to the pump at the mill, it was empty and this is likely to be the cause of the intermittent drain smell. IP had contacted the supplier of neutraliser and requested they contact their client and refill the tank and had also updated Environmental Health at HBC.

**11/102 VILLAGE PROJECTS**

**11/103 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

- i) Community account statement at 30 September 2011 - £5,199.68
- ii) Business reserve statement - £4,703.92
- iii) The parish's contribution to the running of the Tattler was discussed and it was agreed that the Tattler was immensely important to the smooth running of the village. It was agreed that the parish would increase its contribution from £100 to £200 and that the parish council should extend a formal vote of thanks to the editors for their continued hard work and to the distributors and advertisers for their continued support.
- iv) It was resolved to approve the draft budget, keeping the precept at £6,800.
- v) A cheque was approved to Isobel Peters for £121.00. Prop AJA, sec DB.
- vi) A cheque was approved to Dave Bowman for £111.69 for payment of the water bill. Prop AJA, sec

LH.

**11/104 AOB**

- i) GK updated the council on his discussions with the planners regarding the application for a gypsy site in Dalton. He has registered comments in opposition to the proposal on behalf of the council on the basis of the fact that the proposal would be unsightly, the site floods and that it would set a precedent for further caravans to be sited in the area.

Next meeting:19th December 2011 at 7pm in village hall