

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday October 20th, 2008 in the village hall

Councillors present: D. Bowman (Vice-chair), A. Jameson-Allen,
M. Bowen, J. Heidstrom, NYCC Cllr. W. Barton

Also present 2 parishioners

Apologies: G. Key (Chair), HDC Cllr. N. Huxtable

08/061 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday September 15th, 2008 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Vice-Chairman.

Proposed by AJ, seconded by JH

08/062 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

i) It was stated that wheelchair access into the Angel Inn is *not* blocked by the smoking shelter, as a new tarmac ramp has been built onto the beer garden. This was approved by a building consultant.

ii) A litter pick will be organised for 2pm on December 6th. To be advertised in the Tattler.

08/063 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

i) Cutting of the playing field grass has been a problem as the lawnmower belt keeps coming off. This is due to too long a time being left between cuttings, causing the lawnmower to lack the necessary power to cut the long grass.

ii) The words "NO DOGS" have been painted in red on the playing field gate.

iii) Jen Smith will be in touch about the application for the playing equipment grant. It was felt that this valuable opportunity of help should not be bypassed.

iv) The Halloween fundraising disco has been well advertised. Tesco will donate the bread. The biggest expense will be £50 for the disco. Profits will be used to set up the next fundraising event. All paper goods bought for the cancelled BBQ can be used. The event can also be advertised in the D&S.

v) Discussion took place about the payment for the Halloween disco, and it was resolved to donate to the playing field fundraising committee £50 to pay for this. This is a one-off donation which will enable the committee to use profits made to set up future events rather than pay for goods out of their own pockets.

Proposed by MB, seconded by JH

vi) Dan Binks still hasn't received payment for the topsoil which was used to repair the damaged playing field. **GK** will be asked to make enquiries out about this. **GK**

08/064 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

i) One of the trees in Jubilee Gardens is leaning and needs staking, also the garden needs weeding. **DB**

ii) The football team will be asked to remove the vandalised football field bench. **JH**

iii) Broadacres will be contacted to take a look at the neglected state of some of the allotments. **DB**

iv) Slippery road sign outside Cotter's cottage is rusting. Highways will be contacted. **Clerk**

08/065 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

i) Cheque for £20.01 was written to D. Bowman for petrol for mower

Proposed by AJ, seconded by MB

ii) Cheque for £216.69 was written to D. Bowman for playing field water

Proposed by MB, seconded by AJ

iii) It was decided not to renew SLCC membership since the clerk is no longer studying the Working with Your Council course.

iv) Cheque for £50 was written to John Mulley for running the Halloween disco.

Proposed by JH, seconded by MB

v) Asset list will be brought to next meeting to check all benches are covered by insurance.

08/066 AOB

i) Jen Smith will be invited to the next meeting to talk about the playing field grant application.

Next meeting: Monday 17th November, 2008 at 8pm