

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday October 19th, 2009 in the village hall

Councillors present G. Key (Chair), D. Bowman (Vice-chair), M. Bowen, A. Jameson-Allen,
NYCC & HDC Cllr Neville Huxtable
Also present 1 resident
Apologies J. Heidstrom

- 09/086** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday September 28th, 2009 be accepted as true record and be signed by the chair.
Proposed by AJ, seconded by MB
- 09/087 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS**
i) The minutes of the last month's meeting should indicate Cllr Huxtable's apologies.
- 09/088 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
i) Bench opposite church has been fixed.
ii) Village hall notice board has been fixed.
iii) Bus timetables have been placed around village.
iv) Snooker club steps will be fixed by JH **JH**
- 09/089 PLANNING**
i) Application for listed building consent for alterations to existing extension at St Columba's Church, Church Street, Topcliffe for Topcliffe Parochial Parish Council APPROVED unanimously
On the application form, it was erroneously stated that the applicant is 'Topcliffe Parish Council', whereas it should have read 'Topcliffe Parochial Parish Council'. When the reply is emailed to HDC planning dept, the error will be pointed out.
- 09/090 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE**
i) It would cost £5,000 for Footpaths to prepare and tarmac the ginnel between Deans Square and Back Lane. To apply for a subsidy from Footpaths towards the cost, the parish council needs to calculate its financial situation after the playing field equipment has been sorted.
ii) HDC (John Proud) will be contacted to sweep Front Street both sides. **Clerk**
iii) The road in from Asenby needs sweeping. Both HDC and HBC will need to be contacted. **Clerk**
iv) A letter will be written asking the occupants of Catton Lodge to inform house owner of need for tree maintenance. **GK**
v) Streetlight at bottom of snooker club steps has been moved, so steps are insufficiently lit. Leaves from overhanging tree prevent light from reaching steps. Tree owners will be contacted about pruning tree to solve problem. **DB**
- 09/091 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**
i) Business Reserve statement - £6,124.97
ii) Community Account statement - £5,898.75
iii) Parish precept of £3,200 received
iv) Cheque for £207.41 was written to D Bowman for water payment. Proposed by AJ, seconded by MB
v) Cheque for £345 was written to Simon Mosley for disposal of two scrap cabins. Proposed by DB, seconded by AJ
vi) Cheque for £149.50 to be written to Simon Mosley for two fishing signs. Proposed by AJ, seconded by MB
- 09/092 GOVERNANCE** Review (dates according to clerk's calendar)
Draft budget was reviewed. There was a proposal to repeat the precept at £6,400 for 2010/11.
Proposed by AJ, seconded by MB
- 09/093 CORRESPONDENCE**
i) NYCC proposed to remove salt bins on Back Lane (near Deans Square footway) and East Lea (Long St. junction) but parish council wishes NYCC to keep and maintain Deans Square bin. East Lea bin will be kept and refilled by parish council when necessary. All other bins will continue to be kept and maintained by NYCC.

Next meeting: November 16th 2009 at 8pm in village hall