

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday December 19th 2005 in the village hall

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

Apologies:

Also present: Padre Roy Burley, District Councillor Neville Huxtable, Wendy (parishioner),
Mr Fletcher (parishioner)

MINUTES

- 481 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday November 21st, be accepted as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.**

MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 482 Neville Huxtable updated the PCM on the various options open to the LDF. Dalton is likely to be considered a Service Village in the future because of the proposed development of the turkey factory. Over six hundred ideas have been put forward so far as to the directions the development will take. As suggestions are still coming in, it is likely that a deadline will soon have to be enforced. Planning Officers will visit prospective sites, probably in the summer.
- 483 Mr Fletcher, a resident of Topcliffe, pointed out that there were a lot of lorries already cutting through the village to and from Dalton Industrial Estate. He considered that the signs directing traffic to the A1 were insufficient and lorries were needlessly passing through Topcliffe; the drivers would then realise their mistake, turn round, which has occasionally resulted in the fence on Topcliffe Bridge being accidentally knocked down. Chairman Garry Key said he would speak to Eddie Hayward about improved signage. Mr Fletcher also mentioned that, as owner of the Swaleside Caravan Park, he was considering replacing caravans with log chalets in the future which, as well as being more aesthetically pleasing, are also able to adjust to rising water levels should flooding occur. **GK**
- 484 Regarding the upheaval caused by building work in East Lea, Broadacres have already been informed that this is unacceptable and Eddie Hayward has said that he will come and assess the situation himself.

485 PLANNING

- (i) Application from Mr and Mrs M Turner of 17 Long Street, Topcliffe for alterations and extensions to existing domestic outbuilding to form a dwelling. Recommend approval.
- (ii) The Angel Hotel, Long Street, Topcliffe – application for replacement windows and door at existing public house. No observation.
- (iii) Severfield Rowen PLC, Dalton Old Airfield Industrial Estate, Dalton – application for the construction of two generator housings as amended by plan received by HDC on 1st December. Approval recommended.
- (iv) St Columba's Church, Church Street, Topcliffe application for proposed felling of a sycamore tree – recommend approval.
- (v) Application from Mr and Mrs J Fletcher of Swaleside Park, Long Street, Topcliffe for alterations to exiting caravan park vehicle entrance and access arrangements – recommend approval.

486 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- (i) R.Soc.P.A. Inspector had visited the playing field and had suggested a few minor points. A few alterations which will be required to some of the equipment in the summer.
- (ii) The PCM hoped to see some quotes for new matting at the January meeting.

OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

487 VILLAGE PROJECTS

- (i) Peter Perkins has decided to discontinue the Topcliffe Website but there have been offers from two volunteers to help maintain the website.

488 FINANCES

- (ii) Payment to Mazars for audit carried out for £141.00 approved.
- (iii) There has been an increase in costs this year and Councillor Key recommended an increase of 2.5% in next year's budget, ie £150. The total budget for the year is £6,200.
- (iv) The Citizens' Advice Bureau requested a contribution of £50 but Councillor Vic Rawlings queried this amount and it was decided to send £25.
- (v) Rent received from the Tollbooth for 2004 and 2005 - £2.

489 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) YLCA membership subscription has increased to £220 from April 2006 because the village population has grown.
- (ii) Comments have been invited on waste strategy. There are two basic options – whether to have one generator site to dispose of waste or three located throughout the community. A single one would mean

increased transport but three would involve extra staffing costs. It was felt that more information would be useful.

- (iii) Work is to be carried out on the A19, starting on January 14th, which will minimise noise pollution and improve the road surface.
- (iv) The amount of money paid from the Feoffees last year was £220 which was shared among seventeen local people, aged over sixty five, who lived on their own. In addition, the Topcliffe Educational Foundation paid out a total of £285 to eight students for books.

490 **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16 January at 8 pm.**