

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday January 3rd, 2006 in the village hall

Councillors present: G Key (Chair), H Wilson, T Brown

Apologies: V Rawlings, Cllr N Huxtable, Cllr B Barton

Also present: Padre Roy Burley, 2 parishioners

MINUTES

491 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday December 19th, be accepted as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

492 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (i) There was some discussion regarding the date of this year's AGM. A date in May seemed the most satisfactory and Chairman Garry Key suggested that a Saturday afternoon might make it more accessible to the parishioners. Saturday 6 May at 3pm or Friday 5 May at 7 pm were the two choices being considered.
- (ii) A barbeque at the Sheepwash has been suggested, perhaps late July or early August. It is hoped that residents of Topcliffe might volunteer to help with this. It would be a good opportunity to raise funds for Bonfire Night and other village projects.
- (iii) Padre Roy Burley informed the meeting that this would be his last attendance at the Parish Council Meeting as he is about to be stationed at Marne Barracks. He presented the Council with a Regimental Plaque and a framed photograph of the Cemetery Shelter which was recently built by the Regiment. The Chairman thanked the Padre for his support and this was heartily seconded by the Councillors.
- (iv) Regarding the North Yorkshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework, the relevant documents can be viewed in an electronic format on the County Council's website www.northyorks.gov.uk. Hard copies are available to view at North Yorkshire Libraries and Information Centres, District and Borough Council offices and the County Council's offices at County Hall, Northallerton.

493 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (I) There will be a public meeting on the 13 February at 7 pm at the Civic Centre, Northallerton to discuss the Planning Policy for the Local Development Framework.

494 PLANNING

- (I) Construction of two dwellings at Rosecroft, Long Street, Topcliffe for Mr and Mrs Ellis – Not recommended. It was felt that there would be no access for emergency vehicles. The neighbouring garden would be denied direct sunlight. The drains, already scarcely adequate, would not have the capacity to cope with two extra houses. **GK will email reply.**
- (II) Change of use of land from agricultural to agricultural and equestrian for Mr and Mrs Broadwith at Thornhill, Station Road, Topcliffe. There was concern expressed regarding safety. Councillor Tracey Brown pointed out that this was a blind spot and she commented that ponies would be coming out on to the Alanbrooke Road where vehicles often drive at high speed. Chairman Garry Key voted to recommend approval subject to a Highways report on the safety aspect.
- (iii) Application for Listed Building Consent to replace three windows and a French door at an existing apartment for Mr and Mrs Robson at Flat 12, Topcliffe Mill Lane, Topcliffe. Approval recommended.

495 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

496 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

- (i) There is still some question as to whether the common land at The Sheepwash is common to the people of Topcliffe or common to the general public. An enquiry has been made to this effect to the YLCA but the Parish Council is still awaiting a reply.

497 VILLAGE PROJECTS

- (1) The Chairman has received a telephone call from John Cross, the Cultural Development Officer. He intends to begin an art project in the Tollbooth for the local young people which, it is hoped, will continue until April. There will be an article in The Tattler and leaflets will also be distributed to give the project maximum publicity.

498 FINANCES

- (i) The budget was approved and it was noted that the Parish finances are in a healthy position.
- (ii) A total of £160 has been received from John Graham for the Village Book.
- (iii) £25 was paid to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.
- (iv) A cheque for £2231.33 was paid for grasscutting.
- (v) The Smurthwaite Family have kindly contributed £10 for the Cemetery Fund.
- (vi) It was noted that the Barclay's Bank Community Account balance stands at £6,751.
- (vii) It was noted that the Barclay's Bank Reserve Account balance stands at £1,851.57.

.489 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Alan Nuttall had written to the Parish Council suggesting that it might be useful for the village to purchase a defibrillator which could be located at a central point. There was some discussion as to whether The Angel might be a useful location or whether a rota could be drawn up which would involve everyone in the village keeping a record of where the defibrillator would be should an emergency occur. It was noted that Topcliffe is four minutes away from the ambulance station in Thirsk. Maunby, however, already has such a scheme. It was decided that both Dr Shaw and a representative of the British Heart Foundation should be invited to give an explanatory talk to the Parish Council, preferably at the Annual General Meeting. A balanced and informed decision could then be made.
- (ii) There is to be a review of the bus services and the Chairman stated that, as a service village, it was essential that Topcliffe retained an adequate service.
- (iii) Hambleton and Richmondshire Primary Care Trust has written to ask for comments on restructuring the local NHS organisations. The proposal is to reconfigure the four current primary care trusts in North Yorkshire into one organisation. More information can be viewed on their website at www.hrpct.nhs.uk or by contacting 01904 724052.
- (iv) It was noted that HDC had acknowledged the name change of the property, formerly known as Holmleigh in Church Street, Topcliffe which is now "Walkers Ground."

Next meeting: Monday February 20th at 8 pm.