

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday June 25th, 2006 in the village hall

Councillors present: G Key (Chair), V Rawlings, T Brown

Apologies: H Wilson, R Smith, N Huxtable, B Barton

Also present: Angela Hook

MINUTES

520 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday April 10, be accepted as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

521 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(1) Parking on Back Lane is causing some congestion. Legally, it was established that there should be two car parking spaces per three bedroomed house. A four-bedroomed house should have three parking spaces. This will be investigated further. **GK**

522 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (I) The new bench site will be either Jubilee Gardens or the top end of the Sheepwash where there is a pleasant picnic spot. Councillor Rawlings will consult Mr Fox who is donating the bench.
- (ii) Fishing Rights: Councillor Key would like to ensure that there will be some charge to be imposed on people who come to fish the river who are not locals as this would contribute usefully towards the cost of grasscutting.
- (iii) Parking on the verge in Long Street has resulted in damage to the grass as motorists pull over to avoid blocking the road between the doctors' surgery and Barningham's farm. Chairman Key had received a quote for £589.50 for raking and returfing. Signs requesting drivers not to park on the grass would prevent further damage to the new turf.
- (iv) The replacement of the millstone, recently damaged by a road traffic accident, will be covered by insurance. GK has spoken to Ranesway who are constructing a millstone and it will be smaller but of better quality than previously.
- (v) Owing to lack of interest, it has been decided that the planned village bbq will be postponed.
- (vi) Enquiries have been made to the Fire and Rescue Services about matrix signs which warn drivers when they are speeding. There is a waiting list to borrow these signs but Topcliffe has a been placed on the list.

523 PLANNING

- (i) Construction of an extension to existing dwelling at Mill View, Front Street, Topcliffe for Mr D Manning Recommend approval.
- (ii) Construction of an agricultural building at West Lodgs, Catton Lane, Topcliffe for Messrs JH, JF AND RJ Dunkley. Recommend approval.

524 PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN APPROVED

- (i) Mill House, Catton Lane, Topcliffe- alterations to windows and replacement windows for Mr E Cadogan

525 PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN REFUSED

- (i) 6 Manor Close, Outline planning permission for two storey dwelling for Mr Larder

526 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- (i) The Playing Field currently has a balance of £211.16p and Councillor Key suggested the possibility of a fundraising event organised in conjunction with the football club.
- (ii) John Heidstrom had been cutting the grass but it is now hoped that other volunteers will step in to avoid spiralling grasscutting costs. The insurance company is happy with this as long as it is carried out by volunteers.

527 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

The council had been cutting the hedge at the Sheepwash but now the cost of this can be transferred to maintaining Jubilee Gardens where a tree needs replacing following the recent spate of vandalism.

529 VILLAGE PROJECTS

- (i) Danni Mitchell is returning to complete the Art Project. Sixteen people attended the last session.

530 FINANCES

- (i) Mazars re end of year accounts will be completed.
- (ii) Cornhill Insurance cheque - £1300
- (iii) Cheque from Asenby for cemetery - £60
- (iv) Cheque to J Heidstrom for petrol for the mower
- (v) Playing Fields Assoc Membership Subscription - £12.50
- (vi) Community Account Statement - £6,480.94
- (vii) Payment to Vicki Moores, Parish Clerk for three months' salary - £252 + £50 expenses

.531 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Shaw & Sons – Advertising Lit
- (ii) Clerk and Councils Direct
- (iii) Unite Mediation Service
- (iv) NYPA – Local Policing in Hambleton
- (v) Flavours of Hambleton
- (vi) HDC – Appt of Parish Council Representative
- (vii) Thirsk Regeneration Scheme
- (viii) N Yorks Waste Local Plan
- (ix) Playing Fields Assoc
- (x) HDC – Notice & Agenda of meeting at Hutton Rudby
- (xi) Hambleton Rural Enabler
- (xii) YLCA
- (xiii) Harrogate District Council – Local Development Framework
- (xiv) RCS – quotation for replacement of millstone.

532 AOB

Resignation of Vicki Moores from the position of Parish Clerk. Angela Hook has accepted the position.

Next Meeting: Monday 17 July at 8 pm