

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday March 20th, 2006 in the village hall

Councillors present: G Key (Chair), V Rawlings

Apologies: H Wilson, T Brown, R Smith, Cllr B Barton

Also present: Cllr N Huxtable, Rev Andrew Mattew, Wendy Jamieson, Dave Bowman

MINUTES

500 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Friday February 20th, be accepted as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

501 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (1) There has been a recent spate of vandalism in the village when trees have been uprooted in Jubilee Gardens and thrown on to the road. On the previous morning, Councillor Key had received a telephone call from a parishioner, reporting that youngsters had been wandering round the village shouting and being generally rowdy at 1am. Councillor Huxtable observed that this was also a problem in Dalton where children were climbing lamp-posts and breaking them. Wendy Jamieson, a parishioner, also commented that at a recent Methodist church service stones had been thrown at the windows. Councillor Huxtable stressed the importance of reporting every incident to the police immediately. Hambleton District Council has mobile CCTV cameras which can be used in villages. To deter vandals from climbing lamp-posts, it is possible to paint them with a special paint which is impossible to remove from clothing. He also suggested that Councillor Key contact the chairman of Dalton Parish Council. A poster displayed on the village noticeboard requesting villagers to report incidents of vandalism to Parish Councillors or the Clerk may be useful.
- (ii) Parking on the verge in Long Street is causing damage to the grass. Councillor Key reported that he had requested estimates for returfing and topsoil to repair the area. Large posts and signs requesting people not to park will be erected.
- (iii) Councillor Key told the meeting that the solicitors, Hebdon Eccles, have been appointed to deal with the legal arrangements concerning fishing rights at the Sheepwash. Formalising the procedure of charging visitors has been recommended.

502 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (I) The date of the Annual General Meeting has been decided – 6 May at 2pm.
- (ii) 17 or 24 June were suggested as possible dates for the barbecue.
- (iii) It has been confirmed that the village now has fishing rights for an area of the Sheepwash and John Mulley has agreed to sell tickets to visiting fishermen.
- (iv) The Council is still awaiting a reply regarding the recent RTA on Station Road when the millstone was destroyed. Liability has yet to be established.

503 PLANNING

- (i) Flat 12, Topcliffe Mill Lane, Topcliffe – Application has been approved for Listing Building Consent to replace three windows and a French door at existing apartment for Mr and Mrs A Robson.

504 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

505 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

- (i) A new bench is being donated to the village and there was some discussion as to the best location. It was thought that, as the existing bench at the Sheepwash is well-used, another, situated several yards away, would probably also prove popular.
- (ii) Councillor Key reported that, on his last visit to the Sheepwash, he noticed that six trees had been completely razed by a chainsaw and left lying on the ground.
- (iii) A grasscutting bill has been received for £2,400.

506 VILLAGE PROJECTS

- (i) The Community Art Project is proving popular at the Tollbooth with nine participants at the last session. Councillor Huxtable complimented Councillor Key on his initiative and determination in instigating the project.

507 FINANCES

- (i) A cheque has been received for £509.76 – rates rebate for the Youth Engagement Group.
- (ii) Barclays Bank Community Account Statement - £4, 335.84.
- (iii) StepSaver Interest Statement - £1851.57.
- (iv)

.508 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) HDC – Information regarding waste collection.
- (ii) Clerk and Council Direct
- (iii) HDC – Extended Opening Hours.
- (iv) HDC – District/Parish Liaison Meeting
- (v) David Morton (email) – Fishing Rights at the Sheepwash.
- (vi) YLCA Meeting on 15 March
- (vii) YLCA – Gratuities and the new taxation regime for pension schemes.
- (viii) NYCC – Waste Development NYCC – Grasscutting quote.
- (ix) Defra Meeting on 24 March.

Next meeting: Monday April 10th at 8 pm.