

## TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors present: G. Key (Chair), V. Rawlings, T. Brown, HDC Cllr. N. Huxtable,  
NYCC Cllr. W. Barton

Apologies: H. Wilson, R. Smith, Padre A. Martlew

Members of the public in attendance: D. Bowman, R. Parkin, D. Allan, A. Trollope, J. Trollope, K. Naylor,  
J. Lofthouse, A.M. Barningham

### MINUTES

**557** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed by T. Brown, seconded by V. Rawlings

### **558 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- (i) Complaints were raised about the problems caused by some drivers not showing sufficient consideration for others by:
- ? parking on pavements restricting access for pedestrians and wheelchairs.
  - ? excess speed in residential areas, putting pedestrians and especially children at risk.

It was concluded that communication is needed to make drivers more aware of the problems they potentially cause.

**GK and TB**

- (ii) **Council Election charges.** Cllr **Huxtable** spoke about the decision of HDC to charge parishes for their council elections and explained the reasons for this. HDC council tax is one of the lowest in the country. In the past, HDC has paid for parish elections but this is no longer possible through the need to find cost saving measures. It is unfair however that parishes not holding elections should have to subsidise the parishes that do. Unlike district councils, the money parishes are allowed to raise is not capped. Parish councils will be allowed to pay the charges over a four-year period.
- GK** stated that doing this would not encourage political participation; the move towards quality councils and setting the precept budget will be difficult.
- NH** suggested writing to the chief executive to ask the approximate costs.
- Floor** asked whether the parish council would end up paying for other things in the future.
- NH** explained the parish had always paid 1% of election costs in the past but now would only have to pay when holding its own elections. Also when the parish does Not hold an election, council tax will not increase.
- GK** was concerned about the principal of setting a bad precedent.
- (iii) **Antisocial Behaviour.** **Floor** deeply concerned about the recent rise in anti social behaviour by of some of the youth of Topcliffe and the lack of police support.

**GK** stated the trouble was being caused by the same youths and their friends and he had spoken to the police about it today. Incidents included riding of unlicensed vehicles on public roads, underage drinking in public, bad language and abusive behaviour. It was agreed that the public must take responsibility for solving the problem by supporting each other and noting down incidents and reporting to the police.

**BB** suggested writing to chairman of police committee about the problem.

**GK** suggested residents could walk round in pairs to act as deterrents to antisocial behaviour and act as witnesses should it occur. Broadacres would need this information to be able to act.

**Floor** asked about possibility of installation of CCTV without planning permission.

**GK** will look into this but parish council will not be able to pay for it. He suggested Neighbourhood Watch be increased and better organised to log incidents and to better inform police of problems. A notice is to be put in D & S to attract more residents to Neighbourhood Watch

## **559 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **560 PLANNING**

- i) The revised outline application for the construction of a dwelling at Rosecroft, Long Street, Topcliffe for Mr. and Mrs. Ellis was recommended for refusal. **GK**
- ii) The approval for planning permission for alterations and extension to existing building for gymnasium and store on Dalton Old Airfield Industrial Estate for National stockholders was noted.

### **561 PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN APPROVED**

### **562 PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN REFUSED**

### **563 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE**

### **564 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE**

- (i) Millstone repair is in hand.

### **565 VILLAGE PROJECTS**

- (i) Art project is now completed and pieces on art are now hanging in tollbooth. Artist Danni Mitchell and GK will arrange open evening. Date is still to be chosen.

**566 FINANCES**

- (i) Approval was given to write a cheque for £141 to Mazars  
Proposed by V. Rawlings, seconded by T. Brown
- (ii) Approval was given to write a check for £293.21 to clerk for salary and expenses July-Sept 2006.  
Proposed by V. Rawlings, seconded by T. Brown
- (iii) Approval was given to write a cheque for £17.94 to Fox's Signs.  
Proposed by V. Rawlings, seconded by T. Brown

**567 CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) All correspondence was circulated.

**568 AOB**

**Next Meeting: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm**