

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday September 10th, 2007 in the village hall

Councillors present: G. Key (Chair), D. Bowman (Vice-chair), J Heidstrom,
M Bowen, NYCC Cllr. W. Barton,

Also present: Graham Price, Amanda Madden, 1 parishioner

Apologies: T. Brown, HDC Cllr. N. Huxtable, Padre A Martlew

MINUTES

- 07/071** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday July 23rd, 2007, be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by D Bowman, seconded by M.Bowen

07/072 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Amanda Madden from Yorkshire Rural Community Council spoke about the affordable housing need in the Hambleton area. Many young people living in rural communities are finding it impossible to get onto the property ladder or rent in their local vicinity due to quickly rising prices. On **exception sites** the type and number of new homes are tightly restricted and must reflect **local** need. A district-wide survey asked residents questions in order to calculate how many local new homes would be needed up to 2009. This figure may need to be updated. Where more than one house is built, 40% of houses built must be affordable or a contributed sum must be paid to HDC to be used to build affordable houses in the district. The mortgage on an affordable house cannot be more than 3 ½ times a single person's gross income. For rented housing, the homes will be high design. For rental a house cannot be more than 25% of the household income. For shared ownership, where the owner owns a percentage of the house, it cannot be more than 30% of the gross household income. The housing association will always own 20% of a bought house. Housing associations will buy back houses at market value at the time the house was bought plus 3%. People who apply for the houses must have lived in the parish for 12 months. This time is being reviewed it was thought to be too short. At the end of October, people may look at a list of suggested sites and discuss affordable housing with Ms Madden. A secondary survey has been requested. Only 50% of houses requested will actually be built, so as not to spoil the character of the village. The village residents will be invited to choose the styles of the houses.

A survey will be sent to the parish council, who will be asked to comment on its suitability and make amendments if necessary. The survey will then be distributed to parishioners then returned to Ms Madden, who will analyse the results then pass them to the parish council.

07/073 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i) Highways will be contacted about the deteriorating parts of the pavement on the north side of Long Street in two weeks time after their new engineer has settled in. **GK**

07/074 PLANNING

- i) Reply of **NO OBSERVATIONS** was given to proposed alterations to store to create WC's, canopy and link corridor at Alanbrooke CP School
Proposed by J. Heidstrom, seconded by M. Bowen
- ii) Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling at Pond End Back Lane
APPROVED
Proposed by J. Heidstrom, seconded by Mark Bowen
- iii) Alterations and extensions to existing amenity building at Cleveland Steel and Tube
APPROVED
Proposed by J. Heidstrom, seconded by Mark Bowen

07/075 Planning applications have been approved for:

- i) Extension to existing factory, at Dalton Airfield Industrial Estate for Severfield Reeve
- ii) Extension to existing factory at Firmenich, Dalton Airfield Industrial Estate
- iii) Conservatory extension at Staddle End School Lane for Mr & Mrs Cox

ALL NOTED

07/076 Planning Appeal to Secretary of State against planning permission being refused for a two-storey extension at 32 Church Street for Mr and Mrs Bumby

NOTED

07/077 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- i) There will be a meeting of the playing field committee the second week in October.
- ii) Youths were caught playing golf on the playing field and on the bowling green.
- iii) The old sit-on lawn mower needs repairing. Ripon Farm Services will be asked to look to see how much it will cost to have it repaired. **JH**

07/078 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

Highways will be contacted about :-

- i) the need for a dead end sign for East Lea and the addition of the house numbers to the street name sign **GK**
- ii) the dying tree outside the doctor's surgery **GK**
- iii) the damaged Swale View sign **GK**

07/079

- i) Future meetings with Amanda Madden about affordable housing can be held in the tollbooth.
- ii) There will be a meeting of the fishing club the first Monday in October at 7pm in the tollbooth.

07/080 FINANCES

- i) Cheque for £309.15 (£263.76 + £45.39) Clerk's salary from July-Sept 2007
Proposed by DB, seconded MB
- ii) Enquiries will be made with BT about getting a one-off payment for Wayleave instead of a cheque for £4.60 each year. **GK**
- iii) Cheque to Fletcher Pest Control for £82.25
Proposed by DB, seconded by MB
- iv) Received £658 (VAT refund), £100 (village book sales)
- v) Cheque for £23.61 to Topcliffe Bowling Club for strimmer repairs
Proposed by DB, seconded by MB
- vi) Cheque for £55.67 to John Heidstrom for petrol for mower
Proposed by DB, seconded by MB

07/081 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) NHS Foundation Trust consultation leaflets will be placed on noticeboards **DB**

Next meeting: Monday 15th October, 2007 at 8pm