

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday September 19th 2011 in the village hall

Councillors present G. Key (Chair,) D. Bowman (Vice-chair), L Heidstrom, A Jameson-Allen
Apologies M Bowen, Cllr N Huxtable

11/073 Apologies received from M Bowen and Cllr Huxtable.

11/074 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday August 15th 2011 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chair. Proposed by DB, seconded by LH.

11/075 Declarations of interest: LH declared an interest in the planning application for the Topcliffe Road junction.

11/076 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

11/077 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i) Winter maintenance programme – GK reported to the council that NYCC proposed this year to deliver grit by the tonne to a single location rather than refill each individual bin. This would result in significant movement of grit around the village. GK to speak with NYCC to explore options.

Action:GK

11/078 PLANNING

- i) 11/01878/CAT –The Old Vicarage, Front Street, Topcliffe – Proposed lowering of beech tree screen.. It was resolved that the application be recommended for approval. Proposed by MB, seconded by LH.

- ii) Further submissions regarding the four way junction at Topcliffe Road were noted.

11/079 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- i) DB noted that the football team had been leaving some sizeable metal pegs laying around after their games. GK to raise with MB.

Action:GK

- ii) GK reported that a tree surgeon has had a look at the old oak tree in the hedge and has provided an estimate of £240 to cut back the rotten branches. As the playing field is leased from HDC it was agreed that IP would phone HDC to establish who is liable for the maintenance of the tree. **Act: IP**

11/080 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

11/081 VILLAGE PROJECTS

- i) GK reported that all remaining Millenium books have been sold and several orders taken for further copies. It was resolved that one further print run would be authorised and copies offered for sale at £24.50, prop DB, seconded LH. IP will put a note in the D&S so that the wider community is aware that the books are available.

Action:IP

11/082 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- i) Community account statement - £2,279.31

- ii) Business reserve statement - £4,703.33

- iii) The council reviewed and approved the amended risk assessment schedule. Prop DB, seconded AJA.

- iv) The standing orders were reviewed and approved. Proposed LH, seconded DB.

- v) The clerk presented a draft 2012/13 budget to the council this was discussed and taken away for further deliberation..

- vi) A cheque was approved and written to Isobel Peters for £120. Prop DB, sec LH.

- vii) A cheque was approved and written to J Binks and Sons for £240 for planting the trees. Prop DB, sec LH

- viii) A cheque was approved and written to Mosleys for the *Please keep off the verges* for £120. Prop AJA, DB.

- ix) The council authorised payment of £855 to Stephen Halliday when the painting of the tollbooth has been completed and is deemed satisfactory.

11/083 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) It was resolved that the council would pledge support to the reinstatement of 11 miles of railtrack between Colne and Skipton, in accordance with the request received from Selrap. **Action: IP**

ii) The clerk provided councillors with the date for the Thirsk Area Forum.

Next meeting: 17th October 2011 at 7pm in village hall