

TOPCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday December 18th, 2006 in the village hall

Councillors present: G. Key (Chair), V. Rawlings, H. Wilson, HDC Cllr. N. Huxtable

Apologies: R. Smith, NYCC Cllr. W. Barton, Padre A. Martlew

Members of the public in attendance: A. M. Barningham, D. Bowman, J Graham

MINUTES

- 581 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday November 6th 2006, be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by V. Rawlings, seconded by H. Wilson**

581 MATTERS ARISING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (i) Cllr Huxtable stated that tomorrow he will be attending Hambleton Waste Development meeting where the use of Dalton Airfield will be discussed. Both the positive and possible adverse effects of using this site will be considered.
- (ii) A request from Feoffees arose from the floor. Feoffees funds allow for eligible recipients to receive £7.25 each. The council was asked to donate enough money to enable each person to receive a total of £10. This was agreed to come out of free resource.
- (iii) A letter from a parishioner was received reporting on an incident involving injury on Church Street. It was unclear how the injury was caused.

582 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (i) If councillors are absent when important issues need to be discussed, their opinions may be solicited via e-mail.
It is for the members present in a quorate meeting to make actual decisions.

583 PLANNING

- (i) Application for a two-storey extension to existing dwelling at 8 Manor Close for Mr & Mrs Tinkler solicited no objections.

584 PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN APPROVED

- (i) Construction of a garden room at existing dwelling at Hagg House for Mr & Mrs Sowerby
- (ii) Construction of single storey extension to existing dwelling at Jubilee House for Mr & Mrs Parker

NOTED

585 PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN REFUSED

NONE

586 PLAYING FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

- (i) The RoSPA safety report needs chasing up as it is unclear whether they have visited yet or not. **HW**
- (ii) The playing surface is very slippery. **GK, HW and VR** will inspect it this weekend to determine whether it can be cleaned using a powerwash or not. There maybe a possibility of connecting the powerwash to the bowls club electricity supply.
A combination lock will be bought to keep the gate locked over the winter months to prevent damage when the playing field it is not in use.
- (iii) It is uncertain when the last bowls club contribution was received. This will be checked. **Clerk**

587 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE

- (i) The new Methodist church noticeboard needs to be installed. The village hall noticeboard needs to be fixed. **GK**
- (ii) The following projects were suggested for the youth offenders:
Loose shale needs raking to make back lanes more accessible.
School Lane needs rewidening.
Gutters on Catton Lane need to be cleaned.
Bench maintenance
Barrier needs concreting at the Sheepwash
Playing equipment needs pressure washing

588 VILLAGE PROJECTS

- (i) It will be determined whether it is possible to put a noticeboard announcing upcoming events on the new village website. This could be kept up-to-date by information passed on to site moderators.
- (ii) Parish council meeting dates for 2007 need to be given to HW for publication on village website **Clerk**

589 FINANCES

- (i) A cheque for £127.50 was written to YHRTP to pay for clerk's induction course. This payment will be returned to the parish council by a bursary.
Proposed by H. Wilson, seconded by V. Rawlings
- (ii) A cheque for £9.17 was written to G. Key for tollbooth artwork fixtures
Proposed by H. Wilson, seconded by V. Rawlings
- (iii) A cheque for £294.19 (£263.76 + £31.13 expenses) was written to A. Hook for clerk's wages Sept-Dec 2006
Proposed by H. Wilson, seconded by V. Rawlings
- (iv) Up to £40 will be made available to buy a tape recorder to help in the writing of minutes.
Proposed by H. Wilson, seconded by V. Rawlings
- (v) Ann-Marie Barningham was appointed to Feoffees Charity Board
Proposed by H. Wilson, seconded by V. Rawlings
- (vi) HDC will be informed that 2007 precept of £6,400 was set during Oct 2006 meeting
- (vii) £4,000 will be transferred from current account to savings account
- (viii) A donation of £25 will be sent to CAB.
Proposed by H. Wilson, seconded by V. Rawlings
- (ix) A cheque for £60 was written for Feoffees Charity Board as a donation
Proposed by H. Wilson, seconded by V. Rawlings

590 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) All mail was circulated

591 AOB

Next Meeting: Monday 15th January at 8 pm