

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 1 November 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Mrs A Thompson, Mrs S Jackson, Mr F Wade, Mr R Spark, Mrs N Burch and Mrs E Rogers (Clerk).
10 + members of the public

1. Apologies – received from Mr Gilson-Fox
2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on October 4th were agreed as correct and signed by Mrs Thompson.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Ditch alongside the allotments – Mr Wade has spoken with Mr Allison who is prepared to clean out the ditch to see if this will improve the situation. The work will not be carried out until after Christmas and Mr Wade will obtain a quotation beforehand. Mr Wade has also spoken to other landowners who adjoin the ditch further along and advised them to clear their stretch of the ditch.
 - b) Village Lighting. Clerk advised that she had met with Mr Dawson, the Public Lighting & CCTV Manager from Hambleton District Council. He made a note of the lights that were out in the village and was to report them for repair. He explained that footpath lights are maintained by Hambleton and highway lighting by North Yorkshire County Council. Mr Dawson agreed that the lighting in certain parts of the village could be improved, particularly Alne Road outside the Beeches, The Green along the front of Corner Cottage and Alne Road and the bridge on Sykes Lane / Station Road. Funding was not available in this financial year but he would put the need forward and let us know in due course. He advised that the lighting at the Sports and Recreational Field would be the responsibility of the Parish Council as landowners.
 - c) Bench on the Green. Thompsons cannot undertake this work until well into the New Year and were unable to recommend an alternative joiner. Clerk has tried to look into metal alternatives but companies have been unresponsive. Mrs Burch suggested we approach Theakstons of Beningborough for a quotation for a metal bench and also possibly Mr Lardner for a wooden replacement. Mrs Jackson advised that the bench outside the Church appeared to have been broken again. Clerk will contact Mr Lardner to see if he will carry out further repair.
 - d) Speed Matrix Monitoring Results. A survey was carried out at both ends of the Village on Alne Road and Newton Road and the results show an average speed of 38mph which is above the “acceptable” speed of 36mph. Results have been sent to the Police and Area Traffic Manager and we are waiting for news of action proposed. Results to be circulated.
 - e) Ditch alongside Station Inn and the Caravan Park. Clerk reported the pollution to the Environmental Health Officer and he was to visit the site and speak with the relevant party causing the problem.
4. Planning Applications
 - a) 05/02204/FUL – Mr & Mrs J McAlpine, Land adjacent to Badgers Rake, Newton Road, Tollerton – renewal of planning permission 2/00/162/0010Q for the construction of a detached dwelling house with domestic garage. APPROVED prop. Mrs Jackson sec. Me Wade
5. Planning Amendments
 - a) 05/02009/MRC – Mr & Mrs Burkill, Bungalow Farm, Warehill Lane, Tollerton – application to remove agricultural occupancy condition. WITHDRAWN. Noted
 - b) 2/05/162/0184A – Mr M Johnson, Jasmine Cottage, Sykes Lane, Tollerton – two storey extension to existing dwelling – amendment to provide full height door and glazed panel to north elevation and install solar panels on the southerly roof slope. Noted
 - c) 05/02069/FUL – Mr Baker, Alne Cottage, Alne Road, Tollerton – alterations and extension to existing dwelling to form garden room as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 28 October 2005. Noted
 - d) 05/02070/LBC – Mr Baker, Alne Cottage, Alne Road, Tollerton - as above for listed building consent. Noted

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6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
- a) Appeal by Yellowtop Ltd – site at OS Fields 0800, 2000 & 1583 Cross Lanes, Tollerton – DISMISSED. Noted – to be circulated.
 - b) 05/01950/TCC – Orange Personal Communications Services Ltd, OS Fiels 9172, Warehill Lane, Tollerton – application for prior approval for erection of 15m lattice tower accommodating 3 panel antennas and 2 600mm dishes plus ground based equipment cabinets in a fenced compound – REFUSED. Noted

7. Financial Matters
- a) Clerk reported the account balances as follows – Treasurers £2,680.35 , BMM No1£5,904.07 , s.106 BMM £2,978.09, Scottish Widows a/c £51,949.78.
 - b) Cheques were signed for Playground Management Ltd £69.33 re: RoSPA playground inspection and Wayside Lewis £10,117.09 re: fencing at playing field. It was agreed to hold the payment to Wayside Lewis pending confirmation that the spoil they left in the ditch adjacent to the playing field had been removed. Clerk is to check with Mr Russon and write again as necessary.
 - c) 2005 year end accounts were signed off by Mrs Thompson.

8. Correspondence
- Hambleton District Council – Minutes of District Parish Liason Meeting held on 12 September 2005 – circulate
 - Hambleton District Council – Bonfire Night safety advice - circulate
 - Hambleton Community Safety Partnership – anti-social behaviour booklet – circulate
 - North Yorkshire County Council – North Yorks. Minerals and Waste Development Framework Draft Statement of Community Involvement – circulate. PLEASE E-MAIL ANY COMMENTS TO CLERK BY 20 NOVEMBER FOR SUBMISSION TO COUNTY COUNCIL BY 21 NOVEMBER.
 - Hambleton District Council – Grants Information Guide – circulate. This is also to be circulated to the Village Hall Committee and the Sports and Recreational Committee.
 - Hambleton Strategic Partnership – Community Plan Review Events – circulate
 - Hambleton District Council – Housing Grants – circulate
 - CE Electric UK – Vegetation and Tree Clearance Programme – circulate
 - North Yorkshire County Council – Highways North Yorkshire reorganisation.

9. Parish Plan
- Mrs Thompson advised that the plan was being put on hold due to the issues surrounding the proposed affordable housing development and the Local Area Development Plan questionnaire.

10. Any Other Business
- Mr Lardner gave a presentation regarding the proposals for the set up of a drop in centre for the teenagers in the village. This is likely to operate initially from the pavilion on the playing field for two hours on one night per week. Clair Fairweather has offered to lead the group and it is hoped to improve the communication between the 14 – 18 year olds within the village and target the anti-social behaviour. Mr Lardner stressed that the whole project had to be led by the youths and both he and Claire will be criminal records bureau checked and that sufficient appropriate adult supervision needed to be ensured. They are being assisted by the Community Education team in Easingwold to ensure that everything is set up correctly e.g. they have a proper constitution.
- Mr Lardner discussed the initial funding need e.g. insurance, child protection costs, TV and licence. Mrs Thompson reiterated the Council's willingness to support the project as it progressed.

Mrs Thompson had met with Ms Coleman, the Rural Housing Enabler, who was unable to attend the Parish meeting. Ms Coleman was hoping to have her report, based on advanced analysis of the Hambleton housing questionnaire, signed off by Hambleton District Council within the week and will make it available to Mrs Thompson. Anyone interested may obtain a copy from Mrs Thompson. Ms Coleman advised that she had revisited the original report and looked specifically at Tollerton. The 27% return rate had to be weighted up to assume a 100% response rate (this is a government stipulation) even if this provides distorted figures. Ms Coleman is recommending that a median approach is more suitable which indicates a need for 12 houses.

From the survey it would appear that, whilst a need has been highlighted, all the newly forming households indicated that they would like to live away from Tollerton and that those wishing to “downsize” still wanted ¾ bedrooms and to be owner occupiers.

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Sites still under consideration are the BD5 on Alne Road, the Malt Kiln site although Ms Coleman has had no recent communication with the landowner and a further site which Ms Coleman would not divulge at the time.

There are 27 people on the Broadacres Housing List waiting for affordable accommodation and the local connection criteria cannot be applied as this condition cannot be applied retrospectively to those already on the list. A copy of Mrs Thompson's report will be retained with these minutes.

Mr Wade advised that trees planted in the millennium are now are obscuring the street light at the top of Main Street and asked fellow councillors to have a look and decide on a course of action to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr Wade advised that the Village sign at the Alne end of the Village had been removed. Clerk is to contact the County Council in this regard.

The Clerk reported that Hambleton District Council refuse collectors were experiencing problems, including abuse, when collecting at Hambleton View due to the parked vehicles. Councillors agreed that not much could be done and Clerk is to write to the surgery and ask them to encourage patients to use the Church car park and also reply to Hambleton and suggest that collection be made between 1-2pm when the surgery is closed.

Local Development Framework (LDF)

Howard Thompson attended a meeting in Easingwold as representative for Tollerton.

The meeting was led by three members of the Hambleton housing department and they outlined the preferred core strategy for this area i.e. the proposed development over the coming years.

Current proposals are for 50 new homes per year between 2007 – 2021 in the Easingwold area. The majority in Easingwold and thereafter mainly in the service villages of Brafferton/Helperby, Husthwaite, Shipton and Stillington. Only small sites are proposed, specifically for affordable housing, in the secondary villages of which Tollerton is one and within the development limits.

Maps were provided showing all sites that had been put forward for development, Tollerton had 9.

Questionnaires were made available, which are also on the web, and the planning team are looking for responses by November 18th. Tollerton Parish Councillors felt that it was vital this information be made available to every house in the village and accordingly made arrangements for a copy to be delivered to each household emphasising the importance of its return within the tight timescale.

The timescale is such because the planning team want to assimilate the information in December with a view to providing a report in the Spring.

Mrs Thompson explained that although there is an overlap between affordable housing and the LDF the matters are dealt with separately and Ms Coleman is responsible for looking only at exceptions sites, e.g. the BD5, within current legislation. If her team discounts it there is no reason that it cannot be reconsidered under the LDF. The LDF is a rolling programme and if 12 units are allowed no further development / expansion can be considered until 5 years later.

Mrs Kinnell said that at the LDF meeting mention had been made of upgrading Tollerton to a service village. Mrs Thompson advised that she had met with Glenn Robinson (Planning Development Officer for the Easingwold Area) who said no such request had been made. It had been mentioned at the meeting in error by one of the planning team. For such a change specific criteria have to be met and it would be unwise for a council to change the status of a village falling outside these parameters.

In a secondary village there can be no commercial development and only 100% affordable housing. The map provided at the LDF meeting identifying 9 sites was simply everything that had been put forward not that was actually under consideration. Also, because any development may only be small not necessarily the whole of a site may be used.

Members of the public complained that the communication of the meeting had been poor. It was advertised in the Hambleton District News that is delivered to each house in the district. Mrs Thompson explained that Hambleton District Council feel that it is the best form of communication and complaints about non-receipt of the newsletter should be made to Ali Thompson at Hambleton District Council.

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Mrs Kinnell asked whether the Parish Council still supported the stance of no further development in the village that was evident as a result of the parish plan questionnaire – Mrs Thompson said yes. Mrs Thompson also confirmed that all funding for the Doctor's surgery was on hold pending the Government's chosen way forward for healthcare.

From the LDF meeting Linton on Ouse and Sutton on the Forrest are actively requesting the development of affordable housing. They are also secondary villages but because of their need they may be looked at more favourably. The Parish Council are unlikely to know more until early 2006 at the next stage of the consultation process.

A copy of the notes from Mrs Thompson's meeting with Glenn Robison will be attached to these minutes.

Members of the public asked what was happening regarding the anti-social behaviour of teenagers outside the Church. They were advised that the police have visited twice recently on specific call outs and that they have names of those thought to be causing the problems.

The speed matrix results were raised and the Council was asked what action is being taken. Mrs Thompson advised that our request to Highways to move back the 30mph signs is being considered but that this may pose a problem regarding the village boundary.

Dr Kinnell asked about progress regarding the Neighbourhood Watch. Mrs Thompson advised that it is hoped a meeting can be arranged shortly with all the coordinators although there are still more needed to achieve 1 coordinator per 12 / 14 houses.

Meeting closed 8.35pm

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