

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TOLLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Held in the Village Memorial Hall on 2 October 2007 at 7.30pm*

- Present: Councillors: Mr Spark (Chairman), Mrs Jackson, Mrs McAlpine, Mr Simpson, Mr Brown and Mrs Rogers (Clerk).  
3 members of the public including Cllr David Campbell plus Betty Mattheson from Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Centre.
1. Apologies – Mrs Wadsworth
  2. Minutes – the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 4 September 2007 were agreed as correct and signed by Mr Spark.
  3. Matters Arising
    - a) Ms Mattheson made a short presentation regarding the work of the Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Centre. There are two workers based in Northallerton and they offer advice and support for those people caring for friends and relatives who may not otherwise be able to manage. Their funding comes partly from social services and partly through the PCT although they act independently of both. Ms Mattheson provided some statistics advising that there are approximately 5.7 million unpaid carers in the UK, which equates to one in 8 of the population, with numbers increasing. There are approximately 150,000 young carers looking after parents and siblings. The value put on this unpaid work is almost the equivalent cost of the NHS itself.  
The Centre receives referrals from the NHS and social services as well as carers coming to them direct. The Centre workers can visit carers and they also assist with the completion of government forms for funding applications e.g. attendance allowance forms and disabled living allowance. The forms are long and complicated and the funding application may be refused if they are not completed correctly. The Centre workers also offer assistance with appeals for funding should an application be turned down.  
Ms Mattheson has a colleague who works specifically with the young carers and group activities in the school holidays and evenings are arranged.  
Ms Mattheson provided some leaflets and copies of the magazine they produce 3 or 4 times per year, for distribution in the village, and a poster advertising the new Carers Group recently started in Easingwold – 10-12 on the first Thursday of the month.  
Ms Mattheson asked that the Council promote awareness of the Carers Centre within the Parish and especially to those who may benefit.
    - b) Funding request from Vitalise – the councillors felt that as this would not directly benefit anyone from within the village and no donation would be made on this occasion. Clerk to write.
    - c) Reparation Opportunities – the Sports & Recreation Club suggested the assistance could be sought for the filling in of rabbit holes on the playing field. Mrs Jackson suggested that the village hall area could be tidied and Mr Brown suggested that manpower could be requested when work on the car park at the playing field is undertaken. Clerk to write.
    - d) Presentation re: Lordship of the Manor of Tollerton – Mrs Jackson is to approach Judith Manclark with a view to making the presentation at the December Parish Council meeting.
    - e) Presentation of paperweight – Mr Spark is to invite Mr Wade to the next Parish Council meeting to make the presentation in November.
  4. Planning Applications
    - a) None
  5. Planning Amendments
    - a) 07/02757/MRC – Tollerton & Huby Lakes Partnership, OS Field 0800, Tollerton Road, Tollerton – modification of condition 1 of Planning Permission 07/00634/FUL to allow permanent retention of two fishing lakes, car park, gates & gate posts and temporary approval of four portable buildings. APPROVED prop. Mrs Jackson sec. Mr Brown.
  6. Planning Decisions and Appeals
    - a) None

Approved: .....  
Chairman

7. Financial Matters
- a) Account balances – Treasurers £745.29, BMM No1 £4,607.63, s.106 BMM £3,082.72, Scottish Widows a/c £23,073.08.
  - b) The following cheques were signed: 249 - £334.88 Mazars re: audit  
250 - £432.30 Mrs Roges re: clerks services
  - c) The Clerk advised that the second half of the precept, £3135.00, had been received from Hambleton District Council.
8. Correspondence
- Town & Parish Standard – September 2007. Circulate
  - Dai Howells – Affordable Housing. Clerk to respond and advise that the Council is not happy with the proposal in its current form and also enquire as to progress with the s.106 agreement and insist on inclusion with discussion of content and criteria.
  - Tollerton Sports & Recreational Club. The Club wants to install a basketball court and if the Parish Council, as trustees, agrees it can progress without planning permission. The Councillors considered the plan and all agreed that it should go ahead.
  - Yorkshire Rural Community Council – Halls Association. Circulate
  - HDC – Update October 2007. Circulate
  - Hambleton Strategic Partnership – Area Groups. Circulate
  - YRCC – Parish Government Conference. Circulate
  - HDC – Minutes from District/Parish Liaison Meeting 24 September. Circulate
  - DEFRA – Ways to Tackle Climate Change. Circulate
  - Leaflets – various. Circulate
9. Any Other Business

Mr Spark advised that some local children had put together a petition for a skateboard park within the village. The council felt that this showed commitment from the children and Mr Simpson is to take it up at the next Sports & Recreation Club committee meeting and report back.

Mrs McAlpine advised that she had met with Jane Chalfont from North Yorkshire Highways and Councillor Sowray regarding the problem of speeding vehicles in the village. Ms Chalfont acknowledged that whilst the average speed had come out at approximately 31mph some cars were travelling in from Newton at around 38 mph which is a problem.

Ms Chalfont advised that the 30mph signs cannot be moved further out as they will go beyond the village boundary, however, other measures can be taken. Ms Chalfont is to contact the Council at the beginning of the next financial year, April, with proposals. These may include painting SLOW signs onto the road, rumble strips, arrows or an area of red to warn drivers. The 30 mph signs at each end of the village will be made more visible with yellow backing which will also be applied to the playground sign. Small reminder signs will be placed through the village.. Highways are also to look at the junction of Newton Road and Warehills Lane although this will be a longer term strategy.

Once the signage has been put in place the speed will be monitored and if it is a persistent problem flashing signs will then be considered.

Measures for the village entrance via Station Road are being considered in conjunction with the affordable housing development.

Mrs McAlpine asked about a dangerous derelict building in the snicket, known as Love Lane, which children are playing in. Mr Pratt thought it was owned by someone living in York and is to seek the owners details.

Mr Brown had contacted Ms Buffey regarding discussions for the parish plan funding and had been advised that Mr Firth would contact him. Despite YRCC's apparent urgency Mr Brown has yet to be contacted by Mr Firth to arrange a meeting.

Mr Brown queried the timing for the planning training. The Clerk is to ask Hambleton for a date.

Mr Brown asked whether any representatives from the Parish Council had been invited to the Battle of Britain function at Linton on Ouse. As the answer was no Mr Brown will follow this up, apparently Newton and Aldwark are represented.

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Mr Brown asked how communication is made with parishioners generally. This is mainly through the notice board and the website which have contact details of the clerk.

Mr Simpson asked if the school bus service was now running satisfactorily. Mrs Jackson and Mrs McAlpine advised that no problems were being experienced.

Mr Spark reported that white tape had been placed across the footpath running behind Church Close. Clerk is to advise the county footpath officer.

Meeting open to the public 8.10pm

Mr Thompson expressed concern at the appearance of the bench on the village Green. Mr Spark advised that it had yet to be finished and the he and Mr Pratt had the matter in hand.

Cllr Campbell advised that kerbside recycling was coming into effect in the district shortly and that Hambleton News would contain details.

Cllr Campbell advised that Dr Witcher was retiring at the end of November and a collection and function were proposed. Mrs Jackson felt that a door to door collection was not appropriate and that boxes should be placed at the surgery and at the village shop with Mr Lancaster's consent. The Councillors felt that a leaflet drop was unnecessary and that word of mouth would be sufficient form of communication.

Cllr Campbell is looking at hiring the village hall for the function and the Councillors did not feel it was appropriate that the Council be specifically involved.

Cllr Cambell also advised that affordable housing is to become "local needs affordable housing" with specific criteria. This is to become policy by the end of November and effective in the new year. Discussion ensued regarding the s.106 agreement for the Tollerton affordable housing development. As time is of the essence and the s.106 forms part of the planning application the council wants to ensure it is included within discussions (refer point two in correspondence above). Cllr Campbell advised that he had noted this point and would keep the parish council informed of progress.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

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Chairman