

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 1st February 2006 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Acomb.

Present

Councillor J Wilkinson (Chairman of the Council in the chair)
Councillors Mrs J Wrigley, Mrs A Earnshaw, W Rutherford, G Scorer, K Laidlow

Also Present

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillor C Enderby
County Councillor T Flaws

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1/2006 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7th December 2005

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7th December 2005 were signed as a correct record.

2/2006 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7th December 2005

a) Ref. 63/2005 Pant/Green, Acomb

Still no response from NCC. The Officers have been asked to give the Council a response a.s.a.p.

b) Ref. 47/2005 Wall opposite Methodist Church

Milecastle Housing Ltd have partly repaired and partly removed the wall.

c) Ref 60/2005 Acomb Estates

Land Factor on behalf of Mr & Mrs Pellew have written to the Council to inform the Council they do not wish the Monument to go into the Museum of Antiquities. Any scheme agreed for the green they have agreed the Monument can be incorporated. In the meantime a local resident has carefully stored the Monument.

3/2006 Planning Mattersa) Applications

- (i) Ref 20060049
Eskdale Cottage, Main Street, Acomb.
Construction of first floor extension, together with dormers to front and rear at above location.

Object - The dormer windows are proposed in a conservation area which is not in character with the area, and most of the properties in the area were single storey when built.

- (ii) Ref 20051522
Town Head, Main Street, Acomb
Construction of first floor rear extension and porch at above location.

No objections - support the application.

b) Planning Decisions

Ref 20051187
Willow Cottage, Main Street, Acomb.
Construction of part two-storey and part single storey extension to rear (as amended).

Granted permission conditionally dated 11/01/06.

4/2006 Financial Mattersa) Income

20/12/05	Acomb Tennis Club	£ 320.00
23/12/05	Bank Interest C/A	£ .38
27/12/05	Bank Interest D/A	£ 41.01
23/01/06	Bank Interest C/A	£ .28

b) Payments

01/12/05	Cornhill Insurance (DD)	£ 93.88
19/12/05	NCC (grass cutting)	£ 731.95
20/12/05	G H Lillico (Tennis Club)	£ 376.00
20/12/05	P Rodger (website costs)	£ 285.00
31/12/05	W C Grigg (fee)	£ 509.90
31/12/05	W C Grigg (administration)	£ 10.00
31/12/05	Hexham Courant (advert)	£ 41.60
30/01/06	W C Grigg (fees)	£ 509.90
30/01/06	W C Grigg (administration)	£ 10.00
30/01/06	Village Hall (grant)	£ 500.00
01/02/06	Milecastle Housing	£ .38

09/01/06	Village Hall (grant)	£1076.64
03/01/06	Cornhill Insurance (DD)	£ 93.88

c) Bank Reconciliation/Bank Balances

As per Bank Statements at

23/01/06	Current account	£2,471.08
27/12/05	Deposit account	£7,762.82

d) Financial Regulations 2004

The Council fully agreed to adopt the model financial regulations 2004 as published by NALC.

5/2006 Correspondence

- a) The Council's website - www.acombparishcouncil.gov.uk. It was agreed to launch the website on 8th March 2006. It was agreed to print 1000 leaflets for the launch and Council Members agreed to distribute to residents.
- b) Notice from Tynedale Council re. Joint Discussion Forum with Tynedale Council and Parish/Town Councils. Meeting to be held on Wednesday 8 February 2006 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Prospect House, Hexham. Councillor J Wilkinson, Chairman of the Council, will be attending with the Council's Clerk.
- c) Letter from Tynedale Council indicating grant aid will be made to the improvements to the Village Hall.
- d) Notice from NCC re. Modification order (no. 22) 2005. Bridleway no. 22 Parish of Acomb. The Council accepted the order.

**6/2006 District Councillor's Report
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been circulated with the Council's minutes earlier. The report was fully agreed with the following extra points brought to the Council's attention by Councillor Mrs J Wrigley:-

- a) Monday Club was going very well and growing.
- b) Acomb First School have recently had their Ofsted inspection and have received an excellent report within the past few days. Thanks were expressed to the Acting Headteacher Ms J Bentley, all the staff, Governors, parents, and all the children. The Council will write to Ms J Bentley with the Council's congratulations.

- c) Two children have written to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley in regards to the tree promised to school after the completion of the refurbishment. It was agreed to ask Ms J Bentley to purchase the tree she would like. Councillor J Wilkinson will visit the school when the tree is ready to plant.
- d) Public speaking is now allowed at the Development Control Committee meetings from February 2006.
- e) Councillor Mrs J Wrigley and Ms L Silveria met with D Bailey, NCC Forster in regards to the thinning of the conifer trees on the old pit yard to encourage the red squirrels. There will be some disruption.
- f) Councillor Mrs J Wrigley attended the opening of the new restaurant at the Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham. She felt this was a great boost for the school and the work being done by the virtual college and all the courses they have are very encouraging.

7/2006 Acomb in Bloom

The Council agreed to go ahead with an Acomb in Bloom 2006 competition for the whole village run by the Council. It was agreed certificates would be awarded in the Autumn. Judges would visit the village but no-one would know when. Leaflets and Posters will be printed and circulated by Council Members.

8/2006 Good Citizens Award

Four nomination forms have been received and all the nominations are good. Therefore the Council fully agreed to award certificates to all the nominees. Hopefully the awards can be presented when we host the re-opening of the Village Hall.

Rather than re-print the 2006 leaflet it was proposed that we include a note on the website launch leaflet informing residents the 2006 form is on the website or they can ring for a hard copy.

9/2006 Any Urgent Business Allowed by the Chairman

a) Acomb Youth Hostel

The news has just been released that Acomb Youth Hostel is to close as with others in the Tynedale area.

Councillor W Rutherford who attended the opening of the Youth Hostel in 1920 gave the Council the history of the Youth Hostel.

The Council were very disturbed at the news as the Hostel is well used; it does need updating but it is busy and a large number of visitors use the centre. It will affect local businesses.

The YHA Area Manager is to be asked what the plans are, and what if any covenants etc are placed on the building.

b) New Bus Stops

The new bus stop signs are now in place. There are problems with parked cars on the green causing problems for the buses. Northumbria Police are to be asked to monitor this matter and if necessary take the necessary action.

c) New Seat - Play Area

It was agreed to purchase a new seat for the play area hopefully to be in place in the summer.

10/2006 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 8th March 2006 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.