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ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 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

2 residents of the Parish
Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillor C Enderby
County Councillor T Flaws

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Discussion with Local Residents

The Council discussed with two local residents the upgrading of the play area in the recreation area. It was proposed that a certain amount of upgrading was necessary to make it more safe for children and more equipment was needed and the repair/upgrading of other equipment was required. Also to make access more possible a walkway was proposed.

Residents were prepared to research costings of equipment and also kindly volunteered to raise funds for new equipment.

It was agreed to ask Tynedale Council's Playground Officer to visit the site and prepare a report for the Council; when the Council have the report we will discuss the matter with local residents to take the proposals further as soon as possible.

69/2006 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 4th October 2006

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 4th October 2006 were signed as a correct record.

70/2006 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 4th October 2006

Ref. 67/2006 (b) Garden Waste Recycling Centre

This issue was now resolved and the problem of the lorries going in the wrong

direction was an error caused by agency staff not understanding the routes. The Council have been invited to visit the centre in the Spring of 2007.

71/2006 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Ref. 20061170

A Coulson, Barnfield House, Middle Farm, Acomb.

Outline construction of one dwelling at Barnfield House, Middle Farm, Acomb.

The Council agreed to object to this application with the following reasons being given:-

The loss of the rural character of the area and the impact on the increased traffic due to a difficult access.

b) Other Planning Matters

i) A letter and notes have been received from a resident living in The Orchard, Acomb, in regards to conditions of a planning application some time ago. It was decided to ask Tynedale Council Planning Dept for more details on this issue.

ii) Tynedale Local Development Framework Core Strategy Formal Submission

The Council noted the formal submission documents. Councillor Mrs J Wrigley reported that Comments would be most welcome in support or against the submission.

72/2006 Financial Matters

a) Payments

24/10/06	P Stewart (Handyman's Fees)	£ 252.00
24/10/06	W C Grigg (fee)	£ 509.90
24/10/06	W C Grigg (postages)	£ 10.00
01/11/06	Cuthbertson & McQueen (advert)	£ 41.12
01/11/06	Cornhill (DD) Insurance	£ 97.18
30/10/06	Acomb Village Hall	£ 1,037.00

b) Council Balances

Due to the high expenditure on grants to the Village Hall to complete improvements and help with running costs, the Council is going to run into a deficit situation by the middle of December 2006.

It was agreed to request from Tynedale Council an advance on the 2007/2008 precept. The Council acknowledge this is a very difficult position to be in, which is being caused by assisting the Village Hall firstly with the increased improvement costs earlier in the year and the present running costs which are

higher than income. It is hoped to produce a leaflet for local residents.

73/2006 Correspondence

- a) Notice from CCN re. the AGM of the CCN to be held on the 7th November 2006. The Council noted the contents.
- b) Notice from Tynedale Council re. dog/litter bin collection charge 2006/2007 informing the Council charges will be increasing for this year to £242.90 plus VAT.

**74/2006 District Councillor's Report
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been previously circulated with the minutes and thanks were expressed to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley for her informative report.

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley updated members on the Rural Twin Bin Kerbside Recycling Scheme.

Also the new pavement/street cleaner machine would be in Acomb on 2nd November 2006. Members are more than welcome to visit the machine during its round and see the machine working and speak to staff.

75/2006 Any urgent business allowed by the Chairman

- a) Councillor W Rutherford reported on the two notices issued by Northumbrian Water indicating water supplies would be switched off on Monday 30th October and Monday 6th November for a period of time. The Parish Council were not informed of this.
- b) The verges on Garden House Lane (recently adopted by NCC) are still not cut. Clerk will try to follow this matter up.

76/2006 The Date of the Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 6th December 2006.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.