

## **ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Acomb.

### **Present**

Councillor J Wilkinson (Chairman of the Council in the Chair)  
Councillors C Enderby, W Rutherford, K Laidlow, G Scorer

### **Also Present**

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council  
Helen Compton, Hexham Courant Reporter

### **Apologies**

Councillors Mrs J Wrigley, Mrs A Earnshaw  
County Councillor T Flaws

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **39/2007 The Minutes of the Council's AGM held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

The minutes of the Council's AGM held on the 6th June 2007 were signed as a correct record.

### **40/2007 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

#### **a) Ref 28/2007 Watersmeet**

The Land Agent is in discussions with the landowner and he has asked if he could meet with the Council Chairman, the District Councillor and Council Clerk to discuss the landowner's comments and to create a plan to take this matter forward. Following this meeting it is hoped the Land Agent will attend the September meeting of the Council to discuss the matter further. The Clerk is trying to organise the meeting a.s.a.p. with those involved. It was therefore agreed this was the best way forward.

#### **b) Ref 30/2007 Fastflow - Footways**

There are still problems with Fastflow; the Council is still monitoring this matter. NCC have agreed to carry out a footway survey. They cannot agree to carry out any works, but any works that require attention will be placed on the 2008-2009 request list for consideration.

c) Ref 23/2007 Parish Spring Clean

Not fully carried out as expected due to the severe weather conditions. The Council noted the unauthorised use of the skip by residents as soon as the skip was left.

**41/2007 Planning Matters**a) Planning Applications

- (i) Ref. 20070697  
P Plunkett, 5 Bishop Hill, Acomb.

Construction of single storey rear extension at above location.

Fully support the application.

- (ii) Refs. 20070694/20070697  
(including Listed Building Consent)  
L Sewell, The Spinney, Riding Home Farm, St. John Lee, Acomb.

Insertion of two conservation rooflights at above location.

Fully support the application.

**42/2007 Financial Matters**a) Income

20/06/07	Acomb Angling Club (50% of fishing fees)	£ 250.00
05/07/07	Advance on Precept	£1000.00

b) Payments

24/06/07	P Stewart (Handyman)	£ 260.00
24/06/07	W C Grigg (fee & admin) (fee £550 postage £14)	£ 564.00
24/06/07	Village Hall (grant)	£ 300.00
01/07/07	G Caldwell (Audit fees)	£ 190.00

c) Annual Accounts 2006 - 2007

Following the internal audit with no queries raised, the Council fully agreed the accounts for 2006 - 2007 and therefore resolved to approve the accounts and agreed to the Chairman and Clerk signing the necessary forms.

The Council fully agreed to the Governance Statement and resolved that the necessary Governance forms be signed also.

d) Advance on Precept

It was agreed to request an advance on the September payment of the precept (2nd ½ year) of £1000 to keep balances in credit.

e) Monday Club Grant

The Council agreed to pay the Coach account for the July outing of the Monday Club. The cost should be in the region of £160.00.

**43/2007 Correspondence**a) Tynedale Council L D F Site Allocations

The Council received the options documents, and will circulate around Council Members. A consultation meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th August 2007 at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall, Acomb. This will be a joint meeting with Sandhoe Parish Council.

b) Standards Committee

There is a Parish Council representative vacancy on the Tynedale Standards Board. NALC are seeking applications by the 16th July 2007. The Council fully agreed to nominate Councillor K Laidlow.

c) Code of Conduct Briefing

A briefing for Parish/Town Councillors on the new Code of Conduct will be held on Monday 16th July 2007 in Tynedale Council's Chamber at Prospect House, Hexham. Anyone interested must book a place via the Clerk.

d) State of the Area Debate

This is a reminder that the Area Debate takes place on Thursday 5th July 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Beaumont Hotel, Hexham.

**44/2007 District Councillor's Report  
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been previously circulated with the Council papers. The Council accepted Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report with thanks expressed for always keeping the Parish Council fully informed and up to date with Tynedale Council matters.

**45/2007 Any urgent business allowed by the Chairman**a) Community Parish Magazine

St. John Lee Church are publishing a Community Parish Magazine in September to go to every household in the Parish. They have asked for an article from the Council (200 words). It was agreed the Chairman and Clerk would work out what was best on behalf of the Council.

b) Local Bus Services

Residents are strongly complaining about the local bus services in regards to the way they are operating at the present time i.e. not keeping to the timetable, not following the correct routes etc. It was agreed a letter be sent to the bus operators outlining residents' concerns; copy letter to NCC.

c) The Green

Local resident has complained about overgrowth on the Green. Council handyman to be asked to trim the area. Councillor K Laidlow agreed to identify the site for the handyman.

d) Orchard Terrace Sign

A direction sign is required for Orchard Terrace. Tynedale Council are to be asked to provide a sign.

e) Damage to Seat

A memorial seat within the Parish has been severely damaged which is very upsetting for the family. The Council will carefully monitor this matter and any similar incidents. The Police were informed of the incident.

f) Visit to Composting Scheme, Codlaw Hill

Hopefully this will take place in September. It may be possible to join the visit being organised by Tynedale Council.

**46/2007 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.