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ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th October 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, K Laidlow, C Enderby, W Rutherford

Also Present

County Councillor T Flaws
Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillors Mrs A Earnshaw, G Scorer

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Acomb in Bloom Awards

The Chairman of the Council presented the first Acomb in Bloom Awards to the winners (list as attached & filed with the September 2006 minutes). Councillor J Wilkinson expressed the thanks of the Council and himself for all the hard work, constant attention and all the watering this year, which made all the gardens and hanging baskets so attractive. It made it a village you wanted to live in and visit. It is hoped the scheme will grow and improve, and in time more classes added.

60/2006 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 6th September 2006

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6th September 2006 were signed as a correct record.

61/2006 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 6th September 2006

Ref. 58/2006

a) Closure of Oakwood Bank

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley reported that some of the diverted traffic caused by work being carried out by Fastflow was now coming into the village. This was thought to be caused by a re-direction by NCC because of Sandhoe Parish residents complaining about the problems being caused with the traffic diversions through the Parish.

b) Water Meet Area

Land Factor are to employ a handyman one morning per week to try and keep the area clean and tidy.

c) Website

The Webmaster has adjusted the website so all messages left should come into the Clerk's e-mail box.

d) School Buses

No official reply to date from NCC. County Councillor T Flaws informed the Council he had received a call from a parent in regards the foul language being used by a driver.

Councillor K Laidlow reported Tyne Valley Coaches are going to have problems with one of their contracts due to the timings of another contract.

e) Highways Matters

All the highways issues taken up with NCC in September have been done very quickly. Thanks were expressed to NCC for their prompt action.

62/2006 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Ref. 20061169

Youth Hostel Association Ltd, Trevelyan House, Dimple Road, Matlock, Derbyshire.

Re: Acomb Youth Hostel.

Change of use from Youth Hostel to dwelling house.

Object.

The Policy TMI in Tynedale Local Plan should be maintained as agreed at the September 2006 Council meeting, minute ref. 53/2006 (A).

The property should be advertised for a minimum of 12 months for a similar tourism/community use before an application for change of use is considered.

b) Planning Decisions

Ref 20060922

Mr & Mrs Trinder, 26 Orchard Avenue, Acomb.

Construction of two storey side extension and enlargement of rear extension at above location.

Granted permission under delegated powers, 13/09/06.

c) Other Planning Matters

i) Notice from Tynedale Council re. Local Development Framework Core Strategy Formal Submission. The Council noted the contents of the notice.

ii) Receipt from Tynedale Council re. Local Development Framework Site Allocations Development Plan document. The Council acknowledge receipt of this Council's requests in regards the site allocation plan.

- iii) Notice and documents from NCC re. Northumberland Minerals and Waste Development Framework Preferred Options. The Council received these documents and noted NCC would support a small waste transfer scheme from the Acomb Industrial Estate if an application should be made. This Council would be consulted.

63/2006 Financial Matters

a) Income

23/09/06	Bank Interest	£	.53
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b) Payments

19/09/06	Village Hall	£	1019.00
25/09/06	Handyman's Fees	£	300.00
25/09/06	W C Grigg (fee)	£	509.90
25/09/06	W C Grigg (postages)	£	12.00
21/09/06	Tyne Valley Coaches (Monday Club)	£	149.50
21/09/06	J Robinson & Son (adjustments)	£	6.05
01/08/06	Cornhill (DD)	£	97.18
04/10/06	Tynedale Council (litter collection)	£	52.88
01/09/06	Cornhill (DD) Insurance	£	97.18
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**64/2006 District Councillor's Report
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been previously circulated with the minutes. The Chairman and Council members expressed their thanks to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley for her informative report.

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley gave an update on the extension of the Twin Bin Recycling Scheme to the rural areas.

Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw who was unable to attend the meeting but had e-mailed the Clerk in regards the Tynedale Community Plan mentioned in Councillor Mrs. J Wrigley's report in regards public consultation and if Tynedale Council have plans for consultation with the wider community or should this Council host an event to gather the views of the wider community. It was felt that Tynedale Council would carry out a full consultation in regards the Tynedale Community Plan.

65/2006 County Councillor T Flaws' Comments

The Chairman of the Council welcomed County Councillor T Flaws to the meeting and asked if there were any matters he wished to report.

Councillor T Flaws' main concerns were the proposals for re-organisation of Education in Northumberland and the delays from 3 tier system to a 2 tier system.

Also the re-organisation or closure of schools is not because they are poor schools but to provide the best education possible.

Councillor C Enderby, with the Chairman's consent, wished to report and thank NCC and

the Community Education Department at Hexham for their excellent language courses for foreign students and their organisation of integration.

66/2006 Correspondence

- a) E-mail from NCC. Garden House Drive has now been adopted by NCC. There are a few decisions to be made in regards to who cuts the two verges at the entrance, but NCC and Tynedale Council are sorting out this matter.
- b) Notice from NCC re. Northumberland Local Transport Plan Five Year Delivery Report 2001 - 2006. The Council noted the contents of the report.
- c) Letter from Northumberland Strategic Partnership re. Belonging Communities. The Council noted the contents.
- d) A list of proposals for improvement to Acomb Playground was handed to the Council by a resident. The Council noted the contents and agreed a new gate was required and would be replaced when finance was available. Otherwise we will follow the advice of our Playground Inspectors.

67/2006 Urgent Matters Allowed by the Council Chairman

- a) It was fully agreed to ask Tynedale Council to add all the footways in Acomb to the schedule for the new footpath sweeper.
- b) A resident was concerned at the large wagons travelling up to Codlaw Hill (Garden Waste Recycling Centre). NCC to be contacted in regards this matter.
- c) The hedges at Tynedale House/Briardene require cutting back. NCC to be asked to follow this matter up.
- d) Councillor Mrs J Wrigley reported on the meeting of the Pavilion Working Group held on Monday 2nd October 2006 mentioning the problems of finance and non-payment by users to date and action taken. The co-operation expected between the Football Club and Youth Club is not happening and the future feasibility of the building will have to be looked at in the near future due to finance needed to keep it in operation.
- e) The Council accepted and agreed the memo sent out by the Clerk in regards to the damage to the toilet windows in the Village Hall. Also the Hexham Courant are going to do an article asking residents to keep a look out for vandals. If the windows are broken again it was agreed they would be replaced with wood and painted white. It is hoped NTA contractors may be able to put mesh around the windows.

68/2006 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 1st November 2006 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.