

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2008 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Acomb.

Present

Councillors Mrs J Wrigley, G Scorer, W Rutherford, K Laidlow

Also Present

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council
Councillor T Robson, Tynedale Council and Hexham Town Council
1 Resident of the Parish
Chris Brinton, Tynedale Council
Chris Scott, Milecastle Housing

Apologies

Councillors J Wilkinson, C Enderby, Mrs A Earnshaw
County Councillor T Flaws

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to declare.

Part 1 of the Council Meeting

The Chairman of the Council was unable to attend the meeting at the last minute due to work commitments and the Vice Chairman was on her way from another meeting at Tynedale Council to attend this meeting. Therefore it was decided Councillor G Scorer would chair the meeting until Councillor Mrs J Wrigley arrived; this was fully agreed.

Councillor G Scorer welcomed Chris Brinton, Tynedale Council and Chris Scott, Milecastle Housing to the meeting to speak about the proposals to build nine affordable homes (to rent) on the garage site at Millersfield/Chapel House Close.

Chris Brinton explained the housing needs and the housing register and how it is managed by Tynedale Council.

There are 185 on the active Acomb housing list who would like to live in Acomb. The number with local connections to Acomb is 58.

Chris Scott, Milecastle Housing, explained the scheme and the consultations that would be carried out with residents, garage owners and the Parish Council, explaining the proposals to create 50 parking bays within the estates. Some form of compensation may have to be given to garage tenants. Also a local Tenancy Agreement should be in place. This is all in the early stages and if agreed hopefully the development will take place in 2009.

Councillor G Scorer thanked C Brinton and C Scott for attending and talking to the Council.

The Council discussed the proposals in detail and fully supported the scheme as there is a need for affordable housing in the village but would like to see full consultation with residents, garage tenants, Parish Council. Also a local Tenancy Agreement should be in place to ensure local people are given the opportunity to rent this accommodation.

Part 2 of the Council Meeting

11/2008 The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6th February 2008

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6th February 2008 were signed as a correct record.

12/2008 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6th February 2008

a) Ref 3/2008 Planning Matters (2007128)

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley had spoken to the Planning Dept in regards to work starting without permission, but on a visit from the Enforcement Officer it was found that no breaches had been broken of planning regulations.

b) Ref 10/2008 The Pavilion

This item was discussed in camera at the previous meeting.

Since the meeting information and further details have been forwarded to the Council. The Council Chairman agreed to suspend the necessary letters going out and a special meeting of users has been called for Wednesday 26 March 2008 to discuss the current situation and the Council's decisions. It was agreed the Council does not wish to change its decisions made at the February council meeting.

c) The Village Hall

Fund raising will be starting shortly with monthly table top sales. Bookings are increasing slightly.

13/2008 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Ref. 20080103, 5 Orchard Avenue, Acomb.

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

Fully support the application.

b) Planning Decisions

Ref. 20080065, Acomb Youth Hostel, Acomb.
Change of use from Youth Hostel to dwelling house including demolition of part building, and construction of ground floor and two storey extensions and extension into roofspace, and garage with link at the Youth Hostel, Acomb.

Granted permission under delegated powers 25/2/08.

14/2008 Financial Mattersa) Correction to December 07 Minutes

The Precept requested for 2008/09 should read £24,000 (twenty four thousand pounds) not £2400 (two thousand four hundred). A letter of correction has been sent and agreed with the Precept Officer at Tynedale Council.

b) Income

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| Advanced precept | £2000.00 |
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c) Payments

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| 15/02/08 | P Stewart (Handyman) | 260.00 |
| 15/02/08 | W C Grigg (clerk's fee & admin) | 570.00 |
| 06/03/08 | W C Grigg (telephone charge 3 mths) | 55.00 |
| 28/01/08 | Phone Bank (Broadband hall, DD) | 34.67 |
| 01/02/08 | Alliance (Insurance DD) | 104.15 |

d) Payment of fees to staff

The Council pay the Council staff fees around the 15th of each month in advance as agreed. To allow the Clerk time to consolidate the accounts and statements for audit which will be earlier this year and to allow all payments to clear it was agreed payments could be made earlier in the month of March.

15/2008 Correspondence

a) NCC Notice of the Bridleway (22) Modification Notice.

b) Notice from Tynedale Council in regards to the new garden recycling bins.

c) Notice from Tynedale Council that the first Consultation on Belonging Communities meeting is to be held 7pm - 9pm on the 12th March in the Mart at Hexham. All members of the Parish Council are welcome to attend.

d) Notice from Tynedale Council re. the Council's resolution regarding the Post Office Network consultation in Tynedale, and requesting this period be extended, and also to change the period of consultation to outside the school holidays and to have a 12 week consultation period. The Council agreed to write to Post Office Ltd on this issue.

16/2008 District Councillor's Report

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been previously circulated and thanks were expressed for her informative report. The Council fully accepted the report.

17/2008 Any urgent business allowed by the Chairman

The Council agreed to write to NCC requesting they ask the owners of Tynedale House, Main Street, Acomb to cut the hedges back as they are causing problems.

18/2008 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 2nd April 2008 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.