

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT until approved by Council

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5th December 2007 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, C Enderby

Also Present

County Councillor T Flaws
Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillors G Scorer, K Laidlow

Declarations of Interest

Councillor J Wilkinson re. planning decision ref. 2007712 (being a relative of the applicant).

The Late Councillor B Pickering

The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor B Pickering's work and his efforts on behalf of Acomb. The Council stood for a minute's silence in respect for the late Councillor B Pickering.

72/2007 The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7th November 2007

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7th November 2007 were signed as a correct record.

73/2007 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7th November 2007

a) Ref 48/2007 Visit to Codlaw Hill

This will hopefully take place in the early Spring 2008.

b) Ref 67/2007 D. The Pavilion

There has been no response to the Council's letter to Youth Services and no payments. There are now no funds to pay accounts and unless the NPower account is paid the supply will be cut off. The Clerk proposed paying the account from the Hall account and the Council proposed another letter be sent to Youth Services urgently requesting a payment be made.

It was also confirmed the Council would not take on responsibility for the Pavilion, or continue making payments.

c) Ref 70/2007 B. Parking Problems Millersfield

The Clerk had met with Milecastle Housing Ltd and they walked the site to try

and see the problems.

Milecastle Housing Ltd agreed to write to all householders on this matter. (A copy was sent to the Council and is filed with Council papers) but residents inform the Council they have not received this letter. The Clerk will follow this up with Milecastle Housing Ltd. The problem is not improving and residents are becoming more concerned.

Northumbria Police are to be asked to comment on the current problems.

74/2007 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

- (i) Ref. 20071282
Mr Hiler re. Change of use from youth hostel to dwelling house including demolition of part of building and construction of ground floor extension into roofspace and garage with link at Acomb Youth Hostel, Main Street, Acomb.

Support in principle providing materials are in keeping with the surrounding area and the style of development is in keeping with this part of the village.

b) Planning Decisions

- (i) Ref. 2007712
D R Wilkinson, High Salmons Well, Salmons Well, Acomb.

Conversion and change of use of redundant barn to ancilliary residential accommodation and construction of link extension, and construction of porch to main dwelling at above location.

Granted permission dated 23/11/07 under delegated powers.

- (ii) Ref. 20070995
Mrs L Summers, 13 Garden House Drive, Acomb.

Construction of single storey extension to rear to form sunroom (amended description) at above location.

Granted permission dated 15/11/07 under delegated powers.

75/2007 Financial Mattersa) Income

15/12/07	Advance Precept	£4000.00
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b) Payments

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15/11/07	P Stewart (Handyman's Fees)	260.00
15/11/07	W C Grigg (fee & admin)	565.00
06/12/07	Village Hall	1200.00
25/10/07	Phone Co-op (Hall I.T)	34.67
03/09/07	Alliance (Ins) (DD)	100.27
03/11/07	Alliance (Ins) (DD)	108.05
15/12/07	Tynedale Council (Dog Bins)	293.97
05/12/07	Hexham Courant (advert)	17.63

c) Advance on Precept 2008/2009

An advance on the 2008/2009 Precept of £4000 was agreed to help Council balances.

d) Precept 2008/2009

The Council after discussion fully agreed a Precept of £2400.00. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the necessary documents in regards to the Precept for 2008/2009.

76/2007 Correspondencea) Belonging Communities in Tynedale

Following the meeting on this subject on the 26th November 2007 the notes of the meeting were noted by the Council.

A letter was received by Councillors from Hexham Town Council inviting them to attend a presentation by Alan Wann of NCC who is dealing with this matter on behalf of NCC to try and clarify the subject as the subject is causing concern to many Parish Councils.

The Council noted the contents and some members would try to attend.

**77/2007 District Councillor's Report
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been previously circulated and thanks were expressed to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley once again for a very informative report.

The Council discussed the Garden Recycling Scheme due to be implemented in the early Spring 2008, and Councillor Mrs J Wrigley advised the Council on the routes proposed etc.

**78/2007 County Councillor's Report
Councillor T Flaws**

Councillor T Flaws reported on the following matters: -

- a) NCC proposal to double the number of Councillors in the new Unitary Council. This would make 2 elected member wards in each ward and allow the workload to be shared and more representation for residents. This proposal has been sent to Central Government.
- b) The Priory School Hexham - A project has been given the go ahead which will be a great asset to Tynedale and surrounding areas.
- c) Councillor T Flaws explained the Waste Management at NCC and the increased percentages in recycling. The Government has set a target of 40% by 2010 but NCC hope to have a 45% recycling rate by 2010.

The Chairman thanked Councillor T Flaws for his report.

79/2007 Any urgent business allowed by the Chairman

- a) Concerns were expressed at the length of time scaffolding was being left around the Queens Hotel. It appears workmen are not always on site. The Council will monitor this matter.

80/2007 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be the 6th February 2008.

The Chairman wished everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.