

**ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft until approved by Council**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008 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, K Laidlow, G Scorer

**Also Present**

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council  
Councillor T Robson, Hexham Town Council and Tynedale Council

**Apologies**

Councillor C Enderby  
County Councillor T Flaws

**Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley, K Laidlow as Governors of Hexham Middle School (Re. consultation in regards to the proposed federating of the two schools). It was agreed they could take part in the discussions as their expertise as Governors were required to explain some of the issues.

**County Councillor T Flaws**

The Council was sorry to hear of the recent accident Councillor T Flaws had recently and hoped he would have a speedy recovery and back to normal as soon as possible. The Council sent their good wishes to Councillor T Flaws.

**Councillor C Enderby**

The Chairman of the Council and Council members were greatly impressed with Councillor C Enderby's recent appearance on the BBC Songs of Praise programme, seen on TV from Hexham Abbey.

**1/2008    The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 5th December 2007 were signed as a correct record.

**2/2008    Matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

a) Ref c. 70/2007 Parking Problems, Millersfield

No further comments to Parish Council. Milecastle Housing Ltd has written to all households in the area in regards to this ongoing problem.

b) Ref.d. 67/2007 The Pavilion

The Council decided to discuss this matter in camera later in the meeting.

**3/2008 Planning Matters**a) Ref. 20071282

The Council were notified this application had been withdrawn, but members were concerned that work was being carried out. Councillor Mrs J Wrigley agreed to speak to the Planning Dept at Tynedale Council to see if they had any information on this issue.

b) Planning Applications

- (i) Ref. 20080065  
K F Hillier, Fairfield House, Oakwood, Hexham.  
Re. Acomb Youth Hostel, Main Street, Acomb.

Change of use from youth hostel to dwelling house including demolition of part of building and construction of ground floor extension and extension into roofspace and garage with link.

The Council agreed to make the same comments as in the previous application.

Support the application 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.

c) Planning Decisions

- (i) Ref. 20071349  
Ms J Foster, Tynedale House, Alnmouth Tce, Acomb.

Construction of single storey timber framed conservatory at above location.

Granted permission conditionally under delegated powers.

**4/2008 Financial Matters**a) Income

27/12/07	Bank Interest D/A	£ 11.29
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b) Payments

		£
06/12/07	J Robinson (copying)	5.60
12/12/07	W C Grigg (fee & admin)	565.00
12/12/07	W C Grigg (telephone 3 months)	60.00

06/02/08	J Robinson (copying)	4.80
12/12/07	P Stewart (Handyman)	260.00
12/01/08	P Stewart (Handyman)	260.00
12/01/08	W C Grigg (fee & Administration)	565.00
28/11/07	Phone Bank (Broadband etc)	34.67
03/12/07	Alliances (Insurance)	104.15
14/12/07	Bank Charges	8.15
01/02/08	Village Hall	120.00
31/01/08	Village Hall	896.00
28/01/07	Phone Bank (Broadband etc)	34.67
03/01/08	Alliance (Insurance)	104.15
13/01/08	Bank Charges	.40
13/01/08	Bank Charges	56.00
06/02/08	P Rodger (Webmaster fees 2 years)	120.00

c) Advance Precept 2008/2009

It was agreed to ask for a further £2000 advance on the precept from Tynedale Council.

**5/2009 Correspondence**

- a) Letter from NHS (North of Tyne) in regards to an open meeting to be held on the 28th February 2008 2pm - 4pm at Hexham Mart. The Council noted the contents.
- b) Copies of the LDF documents received from Tynedale Council placed in the Council's library of information should Councillors wish to obtain them.
- c) Consultation documents from Hexham Middle School and Queen Elizabeth High School re. Federation Consultation. Councillor Mrs J Wrigley fully explained what a Federation means and how it works and the various options etc.

The Council discussed this in detail and felt at this stage they did not wish to comment but in principle supported the proposals and asked the two Governors who are members of the Council to keep the Council updated on progress.

**6/2008 Inspector's Report re. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53 Parish of Acomb Modification Order (no. 22) 2005**

The Inspector's report informs the Council that this area is now a Bridleway. This is the Inspector's final decision.

**7/2008 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 for a very informative report. The Council fully accepts the report.

**8/2008 Any urgent business allowed by the Chairman**

The Council Chairman reported on recent reports in regards to Belonging Communities, and recent meetings that have been held to discuss this issue. Acomb Parish Council will be going in with the Hexham Belonging Communities. Councillor G Scorer requested more detail of what Belonging Communities means and the way it will operate.

At this stage the Council Chairman allowed Councillor T Robson (Hexham Town Council & Tynedale Council) to speak on this issue who explained his understanding of the proposals.

**9/2008 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 5th March 2008 at 7.00 pm.

This part of the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.