

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6th April 2005 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, W Rutherford

Also Present

County Councillor B Pickering
Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillors Mrs A Earnshaw, C Enderby, G Scorer

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs. J Wrigley - Pavilion Committee
Councillor K Laidlow - Pavilion Committee

18/2005 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 2nd March 2005

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 2nd March 2005 were signed as a correct record.

19/2005 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 2nd March 2005

Ref. 12/2005 District Councillor's Report - Councillor Mrs. J Wrigley

Councillor Mrs. J Wrigley informed the Council that there had been a meeting of the Pavilion Committee and Youth Club on the 3rd March 2005 and headway had been made with some income coming from the Youth Club and football teams.

All the main service accounts have been put on direct debit and the Council agreed that the village hall handyman could clean for 1 hour per fortnight at the Pavilion to keep the Pavilion clean and tidy as best he could.

The AGM will be held on Monday 9th May 2005 and hopefully more people will come forward to help.

The Tennis Club are having the courts re-surfaced and this will be a vast improvement to the courts and for the players.

A junior football team at present playing in Hexham but with several Acomb boys on the team

have asked if it would be possible to play on the Acomb football fields. With the co-operation of the two present teams, the Council could see no problems and agreed fully to them using the football pitch should they make the official application.

Ref. 12/2005 C. Council Tax NCC/Tynedale Council

Councillor G Scorer sent his thanks to everyone who had supplied the information to help him obtain the data he required.

Ref. 15/2005 H. The Pant/Green

C Earnshaw had met with R Dickinson, NCC Design Team, on the 30 March 2005 who have agreed to produce a drawing and estimate over the next few weeks; also required is an estimate for recasting the two water troughs and permission to recover the cross base from Acomb House. Also required is an estimate for an information panel and it will be necessary to consider how to reconnect the water supply.

A meeting has been organized with Sandra Robinson conservation officer Tynedale council on site on Friday 15th April 2005 at 10 am. Councillors Mrs. J Wrigley and J Wilkinson will attend this meeting.

The Clerk informed the Council of the progress messages from C Earnshaw and thanks were expressed to C Earnshaw for his hard work.

It was felt and fully agreed that more than one design should be considered by the Council, and a full consultation should take place with residents.

The Clerk was requested to try and seek further designs.

It was also agreed to check on the legal status of parking on the Green.

It was also noted and concerns raised that any maintenance works and future care of the Pant/Green after renovation work would be the responsibility of this Council.

20/2005 Financial Matters

a) Income

02/04/05	Precept (½ year)	£10,000.00
	Acomb Tennis Club	£ 3,000.00
23/03/05	Bank Interest (C/A)	.09p
04/03/05	Bank Interest (D/A)	£ 55.04

b) Payments

02/04/05	Election Costs (deducted from Precept Before direct payment)	£ 85.00
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	GPH Lillico (Acomb Tennis Club)	£ 3,000.00
01/04/05	W C Grigg (fee)	£ 369.90
01/04/05	W C Grigg (postages)	£ 10.00
01/04/05	Crawford & Oliver (repairs)	£ 1,026.32
01/03/05	Cornhill DD (insurance)	£ 65.42

c) Bank balances as at 31/03/05

1) Deposit account	£7631.79
2) Current account	£795.56

d) Playing Field Grass Cutting 2005/2006

The Council accepted the tender from NCC of £622.94 plus VAT for the grass cutting of the playing field for 2005/2006.

21/2005 Correspondence

- a) A letter from a local resident in regards to dog fouling. This letter with a request for a visit from the dog warden at Tynedale Council was forwarded to Tynedale Council. There has been no response to date.
- b) Letter from Tynedale Council re. Tynedale Local Development Framework Core Strategy. The Council noted the contents of these reports.
- c) Notice from NCC re. Northumberland Minerals and Waste Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement (i) Pre-Submission Proposals (ii) Monitoring and Enforcement Strategy. The Council noted the contents.
- d) Notice from NCC re. provisional Local Transport Plan 2006 - 2011. The Council noted the contents. Councillor K Laidlow took the report to read and forward to other Council members in due course.
- e) Letter received in regards Trafalgar Weekend 21st - 23rd October 2005, and asking Parishes with a Church in their Parish to encourage the Church to work with the Parish and hold a Service of Commemoration. The Clerk was requested to contact the Rev. R Cutler, Rector of St. John Lee Church to ask him if he would be prepared to hold a service.

22/2005 Planning Matters

Planning Decisions

Ref. 20050075

J M Seaton & M A Armstrong, 4 the Orchard, Acomb.

Construction of single storey rear extension at above location.

Granted permission under delegated powers dated 18/3/05.

23/2005 District Councillor's Report

Councillor Mrs. J Wrigley

Councillor Mrs. J Wrigley's report had been previously circulated with the minutes; the report was fully agreed with thanks expressed to Councillor Mrs. J Wrigley for a very comprehensive report.

Councillor Mrs. J Wrigley added to her report by expressing her thanks to Councillor B Pickering for his help, co-operation and kindness over the past four years.

She also mentioned the new licensing laws affecting all licensed premises and Village Halls etc.

Tynedale Council are hosting a roadshow for village halls and hopefully all the necessary advertisements for applications may be done jointly to save costs. Village Halls will not be charged for the applications but all the necessary paper work, plans etc, will have to be submitted.

24/2005 County Councillor's Report
Councillor B Pickering

Councillor B Pickering reported on the following issues.

- a) Highway budget
- b) Education
- c) NCC Financial position
- d) New building work - Acomb First School.

As this was Councillor Pickering's last meeting attending the Parish Council as County Councillor he expressed his thanks to Councillor Mrs. J Wrigley for her co-operation as District Councillor. He also expressed his thanks to the Parish Council for all their kindness and co-operation and for allowing him to take part in the Council business. He felt he would miss his monthly visits to Acomb and wished the Council well in the future.

25/2005 Any Urgent Matters Allowed by the Chairman

- a) Odour problems with drains

Northumbrian Water are to be asked to investigate the problem.

- b) The Green/Pant

The bus drivers are complaining of problems turning the buses because of the parking on the Green.

- c) Northumbrian Water - Old Road to Hexham

A local resident has complained in regards to works carried out by Northumbrian Water on the Old Hexham Road beside the Hermitage, and making it difficult for people walking the road with raised valves. This is work that is necessary due to the repairs that are necessary following the storm damage and loss of water to the

Hexham area in January 2005. Northumbrian Water have statutory rights and do not require permission.

d) Northumbria in Bloom

Judging for the spring will take place on Tuesday 26th April 2005 at 10.30 am. Councillors J Wilkinson and W Rutherford agreed to show the judges around the village. The Clerk agreed to provide refreshments at the village hall following the judges' tour of the village.

26/2005 Councillor B Pickering

The Chairman of the Council Councillor J Wilkinson thanked Councillor B Pickering for all his help, kindness, friendship and efforts on behalf of Acomb during his time as County Councillor and wished him well for the future. Councillor J Wilkinson presented Councillor B Pickering with a small gift on behalf of the Council.

27/2005 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 1st June 2005 at 7.00 pm. This will be the APM & AGM of the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.