

## **ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **Also Present**

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

### **Apologies**

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

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley – Acomb Tennis Club

### **38/2005 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2005**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 1st June 2005 were signed as a correct record.

### **39/2005 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 1st June 2005**

Ref. 32/2005 a. Pant/Green, Acomb

There has been no further communication or details on this matter from anyone except for two sets of drawings which were distributed to Council members. The Conservation Officer has to date not provided any contact details of anyone who may consider drawing a further scheme for consideration. Councillor G Scorer was concerned that there may be time limits on any funding applications etc.

At the present time no applications can be made until we know what the costings will be and it will be necessary for the Council to consult residents fully.

Ref. Annual Parish Meeting

It was discussed at the APM that the Council may consider preparing a village design statement as discussed some time ago, with the preparation of the new Tynedale Local Development Framework to replace the existing Tynedale Local Plan, and the public and community involvement being sought with the new framework. The community have the opportunity to have as much input as they want. There is now an Officer in post helping with community involvement, and in-house training for Parish/Town Councillors will be starting in September on the planning system.

It was therefore agreed to defer this matter until next year, monitoring the progress of the Tynedale Local Development Framework.

It was proposed that the Council could produce a Vision Statement of what the Council and residents of the village would like to see their village look like in future years. This would involve full community consultation in some form.

#### **40/2005 Planning Matters**

##### a) Planning Applications

- (i) Ref. 20050671/20050672  
Riding Farm, The Riding, Acomb.

Conversion of farm buildings into four dwellings with associated access, gardens, parking and provision of bin store at above location.

Support the application.  
(This includes listed building consent for this application)

- (ii) Ref. 20050650  
1 Redburn Villas, Acomb.

Construction of detached single garage at above location.

Support the application.

- (iii) Ref. 20050684  
Willow Cottage, Main Street, Acomb.

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

Support the application.

##### b) Planning Decisions

Ref. 20050515  
Mr & Mrs McIlvenny, 30 Redburn Crescent, Acomb.  
Construction of conservatory at above location.  
Granted permission dated 6/7/2005 under delegated powers.

#### **41/2005 Financial Matters**

##### a) Income

VAT repayment	£	886.99
Refund on wrong payment during 03/05	£	0.50
Bank Interest (C/A)	£	.41
Bank Interest (D/A)	£	44.47

b) Payments

01/07/05	Village Hall (grant)	£ 700.00
10/06/05	Plants/pots etc (Bloom)	£ 166.42
01/07/05	W C Grigg (fees)	£ 369.90
01/07/05	W C Grigg (administration)	£ 10.00
06/07/05	Tynedale Council (dog bins fee)	£ 277.23
06/07/05	NALC (fee 2005/2006)	£ 136.40
06/07/05	Tynedale Council (litter collection)	£ 52.88
06/07/05	Lewis Smith (drawing plans)	£ 453.84
06/07/05	Acomb Tennis Club (grant)	£ 200.00

c) Bank Balances

D/A	£7676.26
C/A	£5016.52

d) Statement of Accounts 2004-2005

The Council agreed the Statement of Accounts for 2004-2005 and were duly signed.

**42/2005 Correspondence**

- a) Notice from NCC re. Northumberland Minerals and Waste Development Framework Submission Proposals. The Council noted the contents of this communication.
- b) Notice from Northumberland National Park re. Local Development Framework. The Council noted the contents of this letter.
- c) Letter from Defra re. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 informing the Council of the proposed act and proposed implementation dates for guidance etc.
- d) Notice from NCC re. the first publication of the Putting the Learner First re-organisation newsletter no. 1. The Council noted the contents.
- e) Letter from Milecastle Housing informing the Council that arrangements have been made to repair the stone wall beside the Methodist Church. To the date of the meeting no work has been carried out. Milecastle Housing are to be contacted again on this matter.
- f) Notice from Acomb Tennis Club asking the Council if they will agree to the gate being moved to the far side of the courts to make a formal access which has been created by vandalism in the past. Tynedale Council have been contacted and they suggest the Council agree to this proposal. The Council fully agreed to the proposals. The Clerk informed the Council that the vandalism and small amounts of damage to the play area is costing more and more, and the litter nuisance is getting no better. Each time we clear up more appears. The Police have been

asked to monitor this matter more closely if possible.

**43/2005 District Councillor's Report  
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had previously been circulated with the Council papers and thanks were expressed to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley for her report and all the detail contained in the report.

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley gave an overview of the meeting held on the 9th June 2005 with Senior Citizens. The results of the discussion and the flow chart were briefly discussed and proposals for the way forward were briefly discussed.

It was agreed to await a further discussion with Jane Hart (Community Council of Northumberland), Councillor Mrs J Wrigley and Bill Grigg to discuss the possible ways forward.

Thanks were expressed by the Chairman to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley, Jane Hart and Bill Grigg.

**44/2005 Any Urgent Business Allowed by the Council Chairman**

a) Roadworks

Several small roadworks repairs requests have been carried out by NCC in the last few days.

b) Problems at Water Meets

Land Factor to be asked to organise the litter/rubbish etc to be collected from water meet left by campers.

c) Blue Line Bus Service

Councillor K Laidlow brought to the attention of the Council certain concerns in regards to the service provided by Blue Line bus service. These concerns included problems with staff and their attitude to local residents. Buses are leaving too early, not always going to the Pant and not always coming through the village, and also refusal to take return tickets issued by Tyne Valley Bus Service as previously arranged by NCC.

It was decided the Clerk would speak urgently to NCC and a follow up letter sent to NCC with a copy to Blue Line.

**45/2005 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 7th September 2005 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.