

## **ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT MINUTES UNTIL AGREED BY COUNCIL**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2006 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

#### **Apologies**

Councillor C Enderby  
County Councillor T Flaws

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **52/2006 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5th July 2006**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 5th July 2006 were signed as a correct record.

#### **53/2006 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5th July 2006**

##### a) Youth Hostel Association

Tynedale Council have advised the agents acting on behalf of the YHA should the YHA apply for planning permission for a change of use from hostel to dwelling house under the requirement of the Local Plan Policy TMI, the property would need to be advertised for a minimum of 12 months for a similar tourism/community use before an application for a change of use to residential would be considered by Tynedale Council.

The Parish Council views under Policy TMI have been sought on this matter and this Council fully agreed with Tynedale Council.

#### **54/2006 Planning Matters**

##### a) Local Development Framework Site Allocations

The Council's views, together with other Community Groups, Landowners, Land Agents etc are being sought in regards land allocation for housing or other schemes.

After a long discussion on the matter it was fully agreed that Tynedale Council be asked to remove the two designated sites for housing on Garden House Lane. The Council at this stage did not wish to suggest any other sites.

Also they would like Tynedale Council to note they would like to see the farming land in and around the Parish remain and none of it used for development.

b) Planning Decisions

(i) Ref 20060847

Eskdale Cottage, Main Street, Acomb.

Construction of first floor extension together with dormers to front and rear of above location.

Granted permission under delegated powers, 16/8/06.

(ii) Ref 20060887

2 Redburn Villas, Acomb.

Construction of single storey rear extension and front porch extension (as amended) at above location.

Granted permission under delegated powers, 17/8/06.

(iii) Ref 20060887

4 Redburn Villas, Acomb.

Construction of single storey rear extension and front porch extension.

Granted permission under delegated powers, 28/8/06.

**55/2006 Financial Matters**

a) Income

19/07/06	Acomb Fishing Club (fee)	£ 250.00
31/08/06	Tynedale Council (W C Grigg Grant for computers)	£ 1000.00
01/09/06	Precept (less advance)	£ 5000.00
23/08/06	Bank Interest	£ 1.86

b) Payments

03/07/06	Cornhill (insurance)	£ 97.18
12/07/06	Ms J Bentley (Acomb First School)	£ 24.99
12/07/06	Sports & Leisure (advert)	£ 69.33
26/07/06	W C Grigg (fee)	£ 509.90
26/07/06	W C Grigg (tel £40 postage £10)	£ 50.00
26/07/06	Sports & Leisure (advert)	£ 81.08
26/07/06	P Stewart (Handyman fees)	£ 252.00

26/07/06	Village Hall account	£ 50.00
29/08/06	W C Grigg (fee)	£ 509.90
29/08/06	W C Grigg (administration)	£ 18.00
29/08/06	Handyman (fees)	£ 310.00
29/08/06	Village Hall	£ 400.00
06/09/06	Tynedale Council (litter)	£ 52.88
06/09/06	Hexham Courant (advert)	£ 72.26
06/09/06	G Cauldwell (audit fees)	£ 160.00

c) Handyman's Fees

The Council agreed to pay the handyman's fees as part of its grant to the Village Hall. This will be on a self employed basis.

d) Accounts 2005 - 2006

The accounts for 2005 - 2006 were fully approved by the Council following the internal auditor's inspection.

The Council fully approved the Statement of Assurance with the account.

Both documents were signed by the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk, with the fully approval of the Council.

**56/2006 Correspondence**

a) Village Spring Clean 2007

Following a letter from Tynedale Council it was agreed that this Council hold a Village Spring Clean in the Spring of 2007. Tynedale Council will supply the skip sacks etc.

b) Notice from Tynedale Council re. Kerbside Twin Bin Recycling Scheme.

c) Notice from NSP re. The Boundaries of Belonging Communities Consultation.

d) Notice of consultation re. Tyne Catchment Flood Management Plan. Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw agreed to read the document and forward any responses.

**57/2006 District Councillor's Report  
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been previously circulated and the Council thanked Councillor Mrs J Wrigley for her report and informative content.

**58/2006 Urgent Matters Allowed by the Chairman**

a) Councillor Mrs J Wrigley informed the Council of the recent Policy Seminar held by Tynedale Council when three priorities were agreed, Affordable Housing, New Tourist Strategies and Working with the New Tourists Organisation and Recycling.

- b) Councillor Mrs J Wrigley informed the Council she had received a notice re. closure of Oakwood Bank to allow work by Fast Flow to install a new water main. The work is expected to begin on the 11th September 2006.
- c) Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw reported a comment in regards to the condition and untidy state of the area of Water Meet, which was in the comments box on the web page. This had not been forwarded to the Clerk's box. The webmaster is to be contacted on this issue. In the meantime Land Factor are to be contacted about the state of the area at Water Meet.
- d) Councillor Mrs J Wrigley had been contacted by a local parent concerned about the school bus service, overcrowding of the buses etc. Contact had been made with the school and NCC and it was agreed this Council write expressing their concerns.
- e) Councillor W Rutherford reported the condition of the road from Garden House Farm to St. John Lee is in need of repair. NCC to be asked to carry out this work.
- f) Councillor K Laidlow had been given a list of certain concerns by local residents:-
  - i) Request that the Village Hall extend or apply to expend the opening times in the late evening. The Council decided to take no action as they have already agreed the times and extra hours would only mean a short period of time which would cost the user and the Village Hall in costs.
  - ii) Drug needles had been found near the Burn during the holidays. The Council will monitor this matter and report any problems if they are directed to the Clerk as soon as seen.
  - iii) Problem with dog fouling and overfull litter bins. Tynedale Council to be contacted.
  - iv) Request for a more regular refuse collection. This is not possible as Acomb is part of the district's twin bin system.
  - v) Broken railings at Chapel Close. Milecastle Housing to be contacted.
  - vi) Large farm vehicles coming through the estates. This is one of the only accesses to farmland. Police to be asked to monitor.

**59/2006 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 4th October 2006 at 7.00 pm. Acomb in Bloom awards would be presented at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.