

DRAFT MINUTES UNTIL AGREED BY FULL COUNCIL

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 6th December 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, W Rutherford, K Laidlow

Also Present

County Councillor T Flaws
Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council
1 resident of the village for part of the meeting

Apologies

Councillors Mrs A Earnshaw, C Enderby, G Scorer

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Discussion with Residents

Garden House Lane

The Council discussed with a local resident his concerns in regards to safety issues on Garden House Lane.

Concerns included signage, verges, traffic calming measures and reduced speed. The Council agreed certain matters need to be done, as they are safety issues. It was agreed the resident would provide the Clerk with a list of his concerns and these would be added to the Council's and sent to NCC for their views.

77/2006 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 1st November 2006

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 1st November 2006 were signed as a correct record.

78/2006 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 1st November 2006

Discussion with local residents re. play area

Tynedale Council's Playground Inspector has inspected the site (report circulated at the meeting). It was agreed the work would be carried out as soon as finance becomes available as a matter of priority. A meeting hopefully will take place in January 2007 with Playday (they supplied and designed the previous scheme) in regards to seeking their views on further improvements to the play area. This will allow further discussions with local residents who have kindly agreed to help finance the providing of more equipment subject to the Council's approval.

79/2006 Planning Mattersa) General Matters

- i) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53 NCC Parish of Acomb Modification Order (no. 22) 2005.

Notice from the Planning Inspectorate in regards the above matter and asking if the Council wishes to remove its objections.

It was agreed we needed further advice on this matter and the Clerk would ask Land Factor (Acomb Estates Agents) for advice.

It was agreed this matter be decided if possible by the Council Chairman and Clerk.

b) Planning Decisions

- i) Ref. 20061169
Acomb Youth Hostel, Main Street, Acomb.

Change of use from Youth Hostel to dwelling house.

Granted permission dated 17/11/06.

80/2006 Financial Mattersa) Income

01/12/06	Advance Precept	£ 5000.00
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b) Payments

15/11/06	Royal British Legion (wreath)	£ 25.00
30/11/06	W C Grigg (fees)	£ 509.90
30/11/06	W C Grigg (postages)	£ 10.00
30/11/06	P Stewart (Handyman's Fees)	£ 250.00
06/12/06	BDO Hayward (audit fees)	£ 293.75
06/12/06	Tynedale Council (dog bins)	£ 285.41
06/12/06	Tynedale Council (litter bins)	£ 52.88

c) Audit 2005-2006

The Audit for 2005/2006 is now complete and signed off by HDO Auditors with no queries or matters raised. The Council agreed and accepted the Auditors' report.

d) Precept 2007-2008

After careful consideration the Council agreed a precept of £23,000 for 2007-2008.

81/2006 Correspondence

- a) Letter from the leader of NCC Councillor B Brooks re. We'd like to hear your views on NCC budget proposals 2007/2008. The Council noted the contents of the letter and decided not to comment.

- b) Councillor Mrs J Wrigley reported on the consultations being done at the present time in regards to the Tynedale Community Plan and provided leaflet/forms for Council members should they wish to comment.

**82/2006 District Councillor's Report
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been previously circulated with the Council's papers and was accepted with thanks expressed to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley for the informative report.

**83/2006 County Councillor's Report
County Councillor T Flaws**

County Councillor T Flaws reported on the following issues:

- a) Children's services.
- b) Ofsted Inspection of NCC Education Dept which was a much improved service following the previous report.
- c) PFI Waste Project which will affect the whole county's waste management.
- d) Review of Library Services reporting that NCC had more libraries per 1000 population than any other county.
- e) Reorganisation of Education Phase 1 in Cramlington to two tier.

84/2006 Any urgent business allowed by the Council's Chairman

There were no urgent matters to be discussed.

85/2006 The Date of the Next Meeting

It was agreed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 7th February 2007.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm with the Council Chairman wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year and thanking everyone for their help and support during the year.