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ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7th February 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Acomb.

Present

Councillor J Wilkinson (Chairman of the Council in the chair)
Councillors Mrs J Wrigley, A Earnshaw, W Rutherford, K Laidlow

Also Present

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillors C Enderby, G Scorer
County Councillor T Flaws

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley & A Earnshaw (Personal known to the applicants)
Planning Application Ref. 20070141

1/2007 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 6th December 2006

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6th December 2006 were signed as a correct record.

2/2007 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 6th December 2006

a) Garden House Lane

Following the submission of concerns to NCC from the local resident and the Council, NCC have replied informing the Council they have carried out a site inspection on the 9th of January 2007. The report informs the Council it does not have funding to carry out schemes requested but some minor signage and road markings will be implemented. The area office of NCC has been asked to inspect the condition of the existing signs. The area office have telephoned the Council to inform them they will be looking into the existing signs from the 6th February 2007 when possible new legislation in regards to signage comes into force. They will keep the Council updated.

b) Play Area

The Clerk had been asked to meet with local residents and Jane Hart, Community Development Officer (Tynedale) Community Action Northumberland as they were wishing to expand the proposed scheme previously discussed with

the Council. They are carrying out a survey and leaflet drop to seek the views of residents on their proposals and are meeting with various play equipment/design firms to obtain proposed schemes. They would like to expand the size of the play area. Fund raising is starting at the end of February and when a scheme is agreed funding applications will be made with the help of Jane Hart.

The Council and the Community must agree any scheme, and once the scheme is completed the maintenance will be the responsibility of the Council.

A proposal from the Council was the formation of a group i.e. "The Friends of the Play Area" who would oversee the play area and help with costs as does the Tennis Club, with no costs to the Council.

It was also agreed the Youth Club would have to be consulted.

The Clerk agreed with the group that when they have more information a full report would be brought to the Council by the group. Jane Hart agreed to attend the meeting with the group.

An update would be given to the Clerk on the 28th February 2007.

3/2007 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Ref. 20070141

Mr & Mrs P Hearn, 3 Garden House Drive, Acomb.

Loft conversion to create two extra bedrooms and en-suite at above location.

Due to lack of information from the Planning Department the Council felt they were unable to comment. The Clerk would request more information from the Planning Department and circulate the new information to Council members.

4/2007 Financial Matters

a) Income

11/09/06	Bank Interest D/A	£	5.10
01/12/06	Bank Interest D/A	£	.03

b) Payments

20/12/06	P Stewart (handyman's fees)	£	252.00
20/12/06	W C Grigg (fees)	£	509.90
20/12/06	W C Grigg (postages)	£	10.00
20/12/06	W C Grigg (travelling costs)	£	50.00
01/11/06	Cornhill (insurance DD)	£	97.18
03/01/07	Village Hall (Grant)	£	902.00
04/01/07	Village Hall (Grant)	£	70.00
04/01/07	Village Hall (Grant)	£	1000.00
01/12/06	Cornhill (insurance DD)	£	97.18
24/01/07	P Stewart (handyman's fees)	£	252.00

24/01/07	W C Grigg (fees)	£	509.90
24/01/07	W C Grigg (administration)	£	12.00
24/01/07	W C Grigg (travelling costs)	£	50.00
03/01/07	Cornhill (insurance DD)	£	97.18
07/02/07	ISOS (Land Rent Millersfield)	£	.38

5/2007 Correspondence

a) School Transport

A letter received from NCC apologising for the delay in replying to the Council's concerns at the start of the school year (2006) and that hopefully the problems with the contractors and their drivers have now been resolved and they will monitor the matter.

b) Tynedale Council Local Development Scheme Revision

The Council accepted and noted the documents from Tynedale Council.

c) Agreed Boundaries for Belonging Communities

Notice from NSP that they have now identified the Boundaries for Belonging Communities and they are now preparing area profiles. The Council noted the contents of the notice.

d) One Northumberland/Two Councils

Various communications received on the proposals to Central Government by NCC and the District Authorities for the proposals to create one or two unitary authorities. The Council noted the contents.

6/2007 District Councillor's Report Councillor Mrs J Wrigley

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

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley added to her report that the Economy Scrutiny Committee at Tynedale Council of which she is Chairman had and are discussing and reviewing the rural post office situation. An Officer from Post Office Ltd had decided not to attend one of Councillor Mrs Wrigley's meetings as he thought the issue was too sensitive to discuss.

A questionnaire is going to all rural Post Offices and Tynedale Council will be making a response to the consultation.

Age Concern are holding a meeting on the 23rd February 2007 in Wark Town Hall (10.30 am - 12.30 pm) to discuss this issue. P Atkinson MP will be attending.

7/2007 NCC Rights of Way Consultation 2006

Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw agreed to prepare the Council's responses to NCC Rights

of Way Consultation 2006.

8/2007 any urgent business allowed by the Council's Chairman

a) Fastflow (replacement of water pipes)

The Council will monitor the reinstatement programme as some concerns have been expressed by residents.

b) Poppy Appeal

Councillor K Laidlow has been appointed Poppy Day organiser for Acomb and Sandhoe by the Royal British Legion.

9/2007 Date of Next Meetings

The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7th March 2007 at 7.00 pm.

The APM will be held on Wednesday 11th April 2007 at 7.00 pm.

There will be no meeting in May due to the local elections.

The AGM of the Council will take place on Wednesday 6th June 2007.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.