

DRAFT UNTIL AGREED BY COUNCIL

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 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

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley, Acomb Tennis Club, Acomb Pavilion
Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw, Acomb Tennis Club
Councillor K Laidlow, Acomb Pavilion

35/2006 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 3rd May 2006

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3rd May 2006 were signed as a correct record.

36/2006 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 3rd May 2006

a) Ref. 27/2006 Acomb Pavilion

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley gave a report to the Council following the AGM of the Pavilion Working Group on Monday 5th June 2006.

This had been a poorly attended meeting but worthwhile with the Youth Club Leaders and one football team attending and meeting and all views taken into consideration.

The general feeling of the meeting was things should work better together in the future between users. The Youth Club Leaders did suggest some updating of the Pavilion and a suggestion made was a feasibility study might be carried out. If this were to happen more public participation would be needed before any funding could be applied for. The AGM this year and last year was well advertised and it did not attract any new volunteers.

The Council Chairman Councillor J Wilkinson thanked Councillor Mrs J Wrigley and the Clerk Bill Grigg for their involvement in the Pavilion. Councillor K Laidlow apologized; he had missed the meeting due to family commitments.

b) Ref 29/2006 Pant/Green, Acomb

The Council is still awaiting more costings and detailed drawings. A further request to NCC will be made to try and bring this project forward to allow for some funding applications to be made.

c) Ref 24/2006 Cuts in Bus Services

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley informed the meeting this matter had been discussed at the Economy Scrutiny Committee at Tynedale Council and a letter would be coming to the Council on this matter.

37/2006 Planning Matters

(1) Applications

Ref. 20060723

4 Redburn Crescent, Acomb.

Construction of single storey rear extension and front porch extension at above location.

Support the application.

(2) Decisions

(a) Ref. 20060562

Riding Farm, Acomb.

This application has been withdrawn.

(b) Ref. 20060186

Outline construction of residential development of 1.8 hectares of land west of Garden House Lane, Hexham.

This application was refused dated 22/5/06.

(3) Other Planning Matters

(a) Notice from Tynedale Council re. Public Speaking at Development Control Meetings. The Council noted the contents of the report.

(b) Notice from Tynedale Council re. Tynedale Local Development Framework Core Strategy Identifying Smaller Villages. The Council noted the contents of this report.

- (c) Notice from NCC re. Local Transport Plan, Integrated Transport Programme 2007/2008. The Council agreed to resubmit the Council's request list asking that ref. 03313 0/9/05 Footway, Garden House Lane, Acomb be given priority on the list of schemes.

38/2006 Financial Matters

a) Income

20/05/06	Fishing Club	£	250.00
23/05/06	Bank Interest	£	.62

b) Payments

10/05/06	A Aikman (concert fees)	£	75.00
10/05/06	P Stewart (Village Hall)	£	745.40
10/05/06	J Robinson (Notices)	£	47.00
10/05/06	J Robinson (copying etc)	£	12.96
18/05/06	M Swanson (seat - play area)	£	120.00
24/05/06	C Hutchinson (catering)	£	265.22
24/05/06	W C Grigg (fees)	£	509.90
24/05/06	W C Grigg (administration)	£	15.00
24/05/06	B Grey (painting hall)	£	967.95
01/06/06	W C Grigg (quarterly telephone charges)	£	50.00
07/06/06	NALC (subscription)	£	139.52

c) Balances of Accounts

Balances at 23/5/06

Current a/c	£5942.25
Deposit a/c	£3745.99

d) VAT Inspection

The Council's VAT inspection is now complete and the VAT Inspector has decided not to repay some of the claim, which will mean that the Council will have a shortfall of its precept to complete all payments. (The exact amount is not to hand as the Clerk is awaiting a written response from the VAT Inspector.)

The Council therefore agreed to request an advance of the September precept payment from Tynedale Council. The Chairman and the Clerk were authorised to apply for an amount to carry the Council into September 06.

It was agreed any non-payment of VAT would be recorded as grant aid in the 2005/2006 accounts, as this would not be minuted in the 2005/2006 as grant aid.

e) Pavilion Insurance

The Council fully agreed to pay the insurance fee for this financial year as part of its own insurance premium to help the Pavilion Working Group. This is for this financial year only and will be reviewed in 2007.

f) Insurance Cover - Acomb Common Action Group

To enable the adults to be covered while carrying out work on the common, the Council is required to appoint a sub-group. Therefore it was fully agreed the Council appoint a sub group of the Council to be led by Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw and Councillor Mrs J Wrigley to carry out work on the common. The Council's Insurers will not cover children.

While working during school time the children would be covered by the Education Department/School insurers.

39/2006 Correspondence

- a) Letter from Charter 88 in regards to Community Decline and Charter 88's campaign for a modern democracy empowering citizens and local Councils. The Council noted the contents of the letter.
- b) Notice from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister re. Local Authority Bylaws in England (a discussion paper) April 2006 in regards procedures for making, confirming and enforcing Bylaws. The Council noted the contents of the document.
- c) Letter from Northumberland Strategic Partnership re. the Boundaries of "Belonging" Communities and future suggestions for Parish Councils' placements to partnership in the local areas. The Council did not object to the proposals and await further details before making any decisions on this matter.
- d) County Councillor T Flaws sent a full and comprehensive County Councillor's report for each Councillor with his regrets for not attending the meeting. The Council fully accepted County Councillor T Flaws' report and expressed their thanks for his report.

**40/2006 District Councillor's Report
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been previously circulated and the Council expressed thanks to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley for a full and comprehensive report.

A small discussion took place on the future of our rural Post Offices and the way Post Office services are trying to keep and maintain services, and the way they can do this.

41/2006 Lamis Mapping System

Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw had with her work attended a conference recently when a demonstration of the Lamis Mapping System took place and they had sent her some details which would benefit the Council and local groups.

It was agreed to ask our Webmaster P Rodger to look into this and let the Council have his views so it can be re-discussed in a few months time.

Thanks were expressed to Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw for bringing this to the Council's attention.

42/2006 Any Business Allowed by the Chairman

a) Village Hall Re-Opening

Councillors thanked the Council Chairman for his compering and handling in such a professional way the opening evening held to celebrate the re-opening of the village hall. Thanks were also expressed to the Clerk Bill Grigg for organising the event on behalf of the Council.

It was fully agreed it was a worthwhile evening enjoyed by all the community.

b) Town Foot Cottage, Acomb

The new residents have replaced the gate into the playing field with a fence. The Council does have legal rights of way into the playfield via Town Foot Cottage. It is a number of years since the Council walked the boundaries and used the gate. Before taking the matter any further it was fully agreed to seek the advice of Tim Fish, Rights of Way Officer at NCC.

c) Common Land/Outside of School

A local resident has volunteered to do some tidying of plants overgrown within the common land and outside school. It was agreed to write to the resident to ask which area is involved to avoid any confusion in the future.

43/2006 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 5th July 2006 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.