

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7th September 2005 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Acomb.

Present

Councillor J Wilkinson (Chairman of the Council in the chair)
Councillors W Rutherford, G Scorer, K Laidlow

Also Present

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillor's Mrs J Wrigley, C Enderby, Mrs A Earnshaw
County Councillor T Flaws

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

46/2005 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 6th July 2005

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6th July 2005 were signed as a correct record.

47/2005 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 6th July 2005

Ref. 39/2005, 32/2005 Pant/Green, Acomb

There is still no progress on the matter. The Clerk would contact NCC to see if they have prepared any costs on plans provided by C Earnshaw or if any contact has been made with C Earnshaw in regards this project.

Wall opposite Methodist Church

A letter has been received from Milecastle Housing informing the Council the work would be carried out by 5th August 2005. It was felt the standard of the work is not satisfactory and this is going on too long. The Clerk would speak to Milecastle Housing in regards this matter.

39/2005 Local Development Framework

It was agreed to try and join up with another Parish Council to do the planning training. This would be a weekday and during the day. Clerk to organise the arrangements when possible.

Blue Line Bus Service

NCC have replied to the Council's letter of complaint stating they find it difficult to accept the comments following a full investigation. They will continue to monitor this matter.

NCC have decided following a review of the service presently provided by the two bus providers, that they were reducing the services from early September. A full review has been carried out. Timetables were available at the Council meeting.

48/2005 Financial Mattersa) Income

23/07/05	Bank Interest (C/A)	£	.32
01/09/05	Precept	£10,000.00	
23/08/05	Bank Interest (C/A)	£	.16

b) Payments

01/06/05	Cornhill (DD)	£	72.69
30/07/05	W C Grigg (fee)	£	369.90
30/07/05	W C Grigg (postages)	£	10.00
30/07/05	G Caldwell (auditors fees)	£	100.00
01/07/05	Cornhill (DD)	£	72.72
18/08/05	Village Hall (grant)	£	223.00
05/08/05	Village Hall (grant)	£	868.03
01/09/05	Hexham Courant (advert)	£	69.33
01/09/05	J P Westall (repairs)	£	123.38
01/09/05	W C Grigg (fee)	£	369.90
01/09/05	W C Grigg (telephone £45, admin £15)	£	60.00
01/09/05	Village Hall (grant)	£	700.00
01/09/05	NCC (fishing rights)	£	587.50
01/09/05	Tynedale Council (litter)	£	52.88
07/09/05	Kantara (website)	£	122.20
07/09/05	St. John Lee PCC (grant)	£	200.00
07/09/05	NCC (youth grant)	£	500.00
07/09/05	CAB (grant)	£	50.00

c) Accounts 2004-2005

The Council agreed the accounts for 2004-2005 as audited by the Council's internal auditors and agreed fully they be signed by the Council's Chairman and Clerk.

The Council fully agreed the Certificate of Assurance for the accounts for 2004 - 2005 and agreed that the Council's Chairman and Clerk signed the Certificate)

d) Balance of Accounts 01/09/05

Current account	£1273.38	Deposit account	£7676.26
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e) Village Hall Accounts 2004 - 2005

The Council agreed the Accounts for the Village Hall 2004 - 2005 and agreed that they could be signed as a correct record.

49/2005 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Ref. 20050453

Eggar UK Ltd, Anick Grange Road, Hexham

Reconsultation

Extension to chipboard manufacturing plant comprising of 9.7 hectares of land to east of existing site, upgrading of existing plant to include construction of new building footprints totaling 3.07 hectares and demolition of 0.44 hectares of buildings and chimney. Works to include construction of new 53 metre chimney with pollution abatement system, the construction of new storage silos, the restructuring of existing site, realignment of access track to sewage treatment works, construction of new vehicular and pedestrian access from Anick Grange Road and associated landscaping to the site (Environmental Impact Assessment submitted) (REVISED DETAILS).

Support the application

b) Planning Decisions

Ref. 20050400

J A Hammersley, Cherry Trees, Main Street, Acomb.

Construction of single storey porch at above location.

Granted permission 08/08/05.

Ref. 20050650

J Wright, 1 Redburn Villas, Acomb.

Construction of detached single garage at above location.

Granted permission 18/07/05.

Ref. 20050487

Mrs G Tirrell, 42 Bishop Hill, Acomb.

Tree preservation order, crown cleaning of dead wood and re-balance of up to a maximum of 10%, at above location.

Granted permission 15/07/05

50/2005 Correspondence

- a) Letter from NCC re. Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme 2006/2007.

The NCC yearly request to be considered by the NCC Area Committee was agreed that the requests would be the same as 2004/2005, requesting the footway on Garden House Lane, Acomb, be given priority.

- b) Letter from British Telecom proposing to re-align payphone provision to meet the consumers demand, and they intend to make the payphone on the end of Tynedale Terrace, Acomb, cashless. The Council had no objections providing the Post Office stock a supply of phone cards.

51/2005 District Councillor's Report Councillor Mrs J Wrigley

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been circulated with the Council's minutes earlier. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley for a very informative report.

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley was not present at the meeting but the Council did briefly discuss the meeting held between Councillor Mrs J Wrigley, Mrs J Hart (Community Council of Northumberland) and Bill Grigg in regards to services for Senior Citizens. The Council fully supports the comments and would give as much support as possible. It would help finance the Clerk providing extra hours if help could be given to organise an afternoon club or if preferred would help finance someone else if it was wished to appoint someone from outside. Volunteers will be still needed to help the project.

52/2005 Any Urgent Business Allowed by the Chairman

- a) Odour - Drains

Northumbrian Water are to be asked to flush the drains as there is odour once again throughout the village.

- b) Holes in road - Main Street and throughout the village

NCC to be asked to investigate all the holes in the roads throughout the village. It was thought at first these were being dug because of the building works at school, but it would appear they have nothing to do with school.

- c) Change of date of Council Meetings

The Council fully agreed to change the November Council meeting to the second Wednesday in November, and the March Meeting 2006 to the second Wednesday in March to help the Clerk. The Council felt there was no problems with these changes.

53/2005 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the date of the next Council meeting would be Wednesday 5th October 2005 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.