

**ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL**  
Draft until approved by Council

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 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, W Rutherford, G Scorer, K Laidlow

**Also Present**

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

**Apologies**

Councillors Mrs A Earnshaw, C Enderby, County Councillor T Flaws

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Presentation of Acomb in Bloom Awards**

The Chairman of the Council presented the Acomb in Bloom Awards for 2007 thanking everyone for all their hard work and efforts to make Acomb look so attractive. Congratulations were extended to all the prizewinners.

**64/2007 The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**65/2007 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007**

a) Ref 48/2007 Visit to Codlaw Hill

The District visit has been delayed; a separate visit to the site will be organised for our Parish Council.

b) Planning Application Ref. 20071017

The applicant has no access rights onto the Gaps. The applicant owns the land and access around the property and the proposed application.

c) Ref 62/2007 (d) Bus Timetables

Timetables will be displayed on bus stop noticeboards in due course and NCC will supply copies of these to the council but they will not be printing leaflet form timetables due to budget restrictions.

**66/2007 Planning Matters**a) Planning Applications

- (i) Ref. 20071196  
Jennifer Gilroy & Lee Ritchie, 2 Orchard Tce, Hexham.  
Creation of new access to driveway at Meadowlands, Garden House Road, Acomb.

Support in principle, but would request NCC Highways Dept visit the site and stipulate safety measures.

b) Planning Decisions

- (i) Ref. 20070940  
G Scorer, New Rift House, Acomb.  
Construction of garage at above location.

Refused permission dated 17/10/07.

(This information is enclosed within the minutes as information only; it was not discussed at the meeting by the applicant or Council members).

- (ii) Ref. 20071017  
A. Coulson, Barnfield House, Acomb.

(Reserved matters). Construction of one dwelling at above location. Consideration of scale appearance and landscaping.

Granted permission dated 06/11/07.

- (iii) Ref. 20071053  
Mr J McGee, 60 Millersfield, Acomb.  
Construction of two storey side extension and first floor balcony to rear (as amended) at above location.

Granted permission (conditionally) under delegated powers dated 8/11/07.

**67/2007 Financial Matters**a) Income

27/06/07	Bank Interest D/A	£6.05
27/09/07	Bank Interest D/A	£2.84

b) Payments

		£
15/10/07	P Stewart	260.00
15/10/07	W C Grigg (fee & admin)	570.00
15/10/07	J Robinson (certificates etc)	22.42
15/10/07	Hexham Courant (Community Guide)	76.38

28/09/07	Phone Costs (Broadband etc)	34.67
07/11/07	PCC Systems (repairs computers)	176.25
07/11/07	BDO (audit fees)	334.88
16/10/07	Village Hall	1012.00
07/11/07	Royal British Legion	25.00
01/10/07	Alliance Insurance	108.05

c) Audit 2006/2007

The audit by BDO Chartered Accountants is now complete for the year 2006/2007 with no matters being brought to the Council's attention.

The Council fully agreed and accepted the audit carried out by BDO and the notice of conclusion of audit is now displayed.

d) The Pavilion, Acomb

It was brought to the attention of the Council the tight budget of the Pavilion Working Group.

The Youth Service section have not yet paid any contribution towards running costs and the account would be going into an overdraft position.

The Council who are not responsible for the pavilion were alarmed and decided to write to Youth Services asking them to make a payment, and to seriously consider increasing their payment.

**68/2007 Correspondence**

- a) Notice from NCC in regards to their budget meeting based on the three Characteristic Communities will be held in the Beaumont Hotel, Hexham on Monday 26 November 2007 at 7.00 pm.
- b) A letter from Tynedale Council and Community Action Northumberland in regards to Belonging Communities and a special meeting to discuss this will be held on Monday 26 November at 6.30 pm at the Mart, Hexham. The Council Chairman hopes to attend with the Clerk.

The Council discussed the review being held in regards to the best area that the Parish would work best with and it was decided the Hexham Partnership proposal would be the best for Acomb Parish.

**69/2007 District Councillor's Report  
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been circulated with the Council papers and thanks were once again expressed to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley for a very informative report.

Following the report Councillors discussed future proposals by Tynedale Council for Garden Waste Collection starting in the Spring 2008, and the implications on residents.

Residents will only have to accept garden waste bins if they wish to; residents will not have to take part in the scheme if they feel they have other arrangements or don't wish to participate.

Also discussed were possible mini recycling centres which could be used at the Village Hall.

**70/2007 Any urgent business allowed by the Chairman**

- a) Act of Remembrance 11<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Councillor Mrs J Wrigley would lay the wreath on behalf of the Council.
- b) Parking problems, top of Millersfield Estate, Acomb - A local resident has complained to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley that there are problems with residents parking at the top of the Millersfield Estate. The Council discussed the problems and the fact families have more than one car these days as part of modern life and this does put a huge strain on parking.

As the estate is managed by Milecastle Housing Ltd the Clerk would request a site meeting with the District Housing Officer to discuss the problems and to see if Milecastle Housing Ltd would write to all tenants and owner-occupiers asking for co-operation with the parking of cars. Also the Clerk would speak to NCC Area Engineer to see if he could give any advice.

**71/2007 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007.