

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillor J Wilkinson (Chairman of the Council in the chair)
Councillors Mrs A Earnshaw, K Laidlow, C Enderby, G Scorer

Also Present

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley
Councillor W Rutherford
County Councillor T Flaws

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

71/2005 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 9th November 2005

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 9th November 2005 were signed as a correct record.

72/2005 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 9th November 2005

a) Ref. 63/2005 Pant/Green, Acomb

NCC have still made no progress on this matter; they hope to have a report for the next Council meeting.

b) Ref. 47/2005 Wall opposite Methodist Church

Milecastle Housing has decided to demolish the wall; the works order was placed on the 10th November 2005. The Council would have preferred to have the wall repaired but the matter is not in the control of the Council.

c) Ref 60/2005 Acomb Estates

We are still awaiting to hear from Land Factor and Mr & Mrs Pellew in regards to this monument before any further action can be taken with the Museum of Antiquities.

73/2005 Financial Mattersa) Income

30/11/05	Bank Interest	£	.49
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b) Payments

01/11/05	Cornhill (Insurance)	£	115.03
01/12/05	J Robinson (printing)	£	15.00
01/12/05	W C Grigg (fee)	£	369.90
01/12/05	W C Grigg (admin/telephone)	£	60.00
07/12/05	St. John Lee PCC	£	47.50
01/12/05	Village Hall (grant)	£	500.00
07/12/05	Tynedale Council (litter)	£	52.88

c) Balances of Accounts

23/11/05	Current account	£5,302.91
23/11/05	Deposit account	£7,721.81

d) Precept 2006/2007

The Council fully agreed following a full discussion on the budget a precept of £21,000 (twenty one thousand pounds). The Council requested that it be noted it is several years since any increase in the precept, and felt a small increase of £1000 was necessary to help keep up with inflation and to try and build up a small reserve for projects in the future.

The Chairman and Clerk were given the authority to sign the forms requesting the precept from Tynedale Council.

e) Clerk's Fees for January 2006

The Council agreed to increase the Clerk's salary by £35.00 per week from the 1st January 2006 to cover the running of the proposed new Monday Club for Senior Citizens.

74/2005 Correspondence

- Notice from Tynedale Council re. Draft Tynedale Council Homelessness Strategy. The Council noted the contents of the report and did not wish to comment.
- Notice from NCC Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way Modification Order (no. 6 & 6A) 2005. The Council noted the contents of this statement.

**75/2005 District Councillor's Report
Councillor Mrs J Wrigley**

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley's report had been circulated with the Council's minutes earlier. The report was fully agreed and accepted with thanks expressed to Councillor Mrs J Wrigley for the report which is very much appreciated by members.

76/2005 Any Other Business Allowed by the Chairman

Senior Citizens Project

Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw suggested the Senior Citizens Project and other village groups and schools become involved in creating a village collage for the back of the stage in the main hall when the work is complete on updating the hall. She agreed to prepare a memo on this matter in due course.

77/2005 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 1st February 2006 at 7.00 pm.

The Chairman wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.