

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL
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The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th April 2007 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Acomb.

Present

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

Also Present

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw

The Chairman of the Council informed the Council that Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw had been unwell recently and was recovering. All the Council members and staff sent their good wishes for a quick and speedy recovery.

17/2007 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7th March 2007

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7th March 2007 were signed as a correct record.

18/2007 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7th March 2007

a) 11/2007 (a), 2/2007 Garden House Lane

NCC have agreed to place this request onto its request lists for weight restrictions and will carry out a survey on Garden House Lane, and will report back to the Council in due course.

b) 11/2007 (c) Fastflow

There are still serious concerns in regards the reinstatement works. This will have to be watched very carefully.

19/2007 Planning MattersPlanning Decisions

- (i) Ref. 20070034
C. Dougall, 5 Craneshaugh, Eastwood Grange, Hexham.
Re: Oakwood Bank Cottage, Oakwood Bank, Hexham.

Construction of first floor rear extension and minor alterations to ground floor rear elevation at above location.

Granted permission under delegated powers dated 6/3/07.

- (ii) Ref. 20070056
Mrs R Straker, Oaktree Cottage, Main Street, Acomb.

Construction of conservatory at above location.

Granted permission under delegated powers dated 13/3/07.

20/2007 Financial Mattersa) Income

20/03/07	VAT refund	£ 147.64
02/04/07	Tynedale Council Precept (less direct repayments)	£11500.00

Please note: 50% loan £2500. Election costs £85 deducted at source.
Paid into bank £8,915.00

b) Payments

11/04/07	Hexham Courant (advert APM)	£ 42.65
01/04/07	W C Grigg (March fee & admin)	£ 521.90 (509.90 + 12.00)
01/04/07	W C Grigg (April fee & admin)	£ 521.90 (509.90 + 12.00)
01/04/07	P Stewart (Handyman fee Mar/Apr)	£ 512.00
01/04/07	Tynedale Council (Grass cutting)	£ 1175.00
01/04/07	NCC (Grass cutting playing field)	£ 1008.71
01/04/07	Tynedale Council (Litter bins)	£ 52.88
01/04/07	Election Costs (T.C.)	£ 85.00
01/04/07	Loan repayment (50%)	£ 2500.00
01/04/07	Village Hall (Grant)	£ 1000.00
01/04/07	J Robinson (stationery)	£ 10.00
11/04/07	W C Grigg (fees adjustment)	£ 40.10

Please note: Clerk's March/April fees/expenses paid on one cheque £1043.80.

Clerk's fees: The Council fully agreed to increase the Clerk's fees to £550 per month plus the normal expenses as agreed in previous years. Administration, travel and normal expenses agreed with the Council. It was also re-confirmed that the Council will pay up to 50% of the Clerk's telephone costs, as in previous years.

21/2007 Correspondence

a) Watersmeet Enquiry

E-mail from Councillor A Earnshaw and a letter from a local resident which was discussed at the APM held before this meeting; both are noted and this meeting re-confirmed that once the Inspector's report is to hand and the Council have discussed the contents a meeting with Land Factor Agents for Acomb Estates, will be held with all interested parties to take the whole issue forward.

b) Northumberland Local Transport Plan Priorities 2007 - 2008

Notice from NCC that this Council's request for a footway on Garden House Lane has not been included in this year's request list due to budget limitations. It will remain on the list.

22/2007 Watersmeet Public Enquiry

This item was discussed fully at the APM held before this meeting.

23/2007 Any urgent business allowed by the Chairman

Parish Spring Clean

The Parish Spring Clean will be launched at the Council's AGM on the 6th June 2007 and will take over 10 days approx. Acomb First School and local groups and individuals are to be asked to help.

24/2007 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th June 2007 at 7.00 pm. This will be the Council's AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.