

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 3rd May 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Acomb.

Present

Councillors Mrs J Wrigley, Mrs A Earnshaw, J Wilkinson, K Laidlow, W Rutherford, G Scorer, C Enderby

Also Present

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

County Councillor T Flaws

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

26/2006 a) Election of the Council's Chairman for 2006/2007

It was fully agreed Councillor J Wilkinson be elected Chairman of the Council for 2006/2007.

b) Election of the Council's Vice Chairman for 2006/2007

It was fully agreed Councillor J Wrigley be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for 2006/2007.

The Council thanked Councillor J Wilkinson for all his work as Chairman of the Council. They also expressed thanks to the Council's Vice Chairman Councillor J Wrigley for supporting the Chairman and all the work she is involved with in the Parish.

27/2006 Appointment to Pavilion Committee

At the present time there is no formal committee and one trustee only. Following the Pavilion's AGM in 2005 a small working group agreed to try and work with the users and administrator to keep the Pavilion in use. To safeguard the Council it was decided not to appoint official representatives. Councillor Mrs J Wrigley and K Laidlow agreed to continue as members of the working group.

The Council agreed the Clerk could continue to act as administrator.

28/2006 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5th April 2006

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 5th April 2006 were signed as a correct record.

29/2006 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5th April 2006a) Ref. 63/2005 Pant/Green, Acomb

No more information to hand from NCC in regards costings for resurfacing the green in conjunction with the Pant project.

b) Ref 9/2006 Acomb Youth Hostel

Councillor Mrs J Wrigley reported she had attended a meeting on the 24th April 2006 with various bodies and representatives with the Area Manager from the YHA.

There is a large amount of distress throughout Tynedale at the closures. YHA intend to have their properties valued and will all be going to auction in the late summer, with closure proposed for the end of September. There did not seem to be the interest in Acomb for a community project, but it was hoped a local business may take it over and continue to run it on similar lines. The timescales are very short for anyone to get a business plan together. YHA would be keen for anyone taking over a hostel to run it on the present schemes to join their Enterprise Scheme which gives all the publicity help etc from YHA for bookings etc. Acomb YHA would take a large amount of upgrading.

c) Ref 24/2006 Cuts in Bus Services

NCC have replied to the Council's letter requesting some evening services on Friday and Saturday under the Train Meets Bus Scheme. NCC regret they do not feel the scheme would meet the criteria of the funding or would be supported enough to obtain the subsidising.

d) Ref 25/2006 (b) Tree Problems

NCC will carry out the Council's request on Morrison Terrace but cannot carry out this work until October 2006 under the Wildlife Act.

30/2006 Financial Mattersa) Income

23/04/06	Bank Interest	£	.53
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b) Payments

27/04/06	Valley Textiles (Hall curtains)	£ 874.34
01/05/06	W C Grigg (fee)	£ 509.90
01/05/06	W C Grigg (Administration)	£ 10.00
01/05/06	Neat Ideas (stationery)	£ 173.63
01/05/06	Village Hall (Grant)	£ 500.00
01/05/06	Acomb Estates (rent)	£ .40
03/04/06	Cornhill (DD)	£ 93.88
13/04/06	Bank Charges	£ .35
13/04/06	Bank Charges	£ 16.00
01/05/06	Hexham Courant	£ 40.19

31/2006 Planning Mattersa) Planning Applications

Ref 20060562

Bracken Hill Development Ltd, Richmond Hill Farm, Stamfordham.

Change of use and conversion of existing farm buildings to create one dwelling with associated garden access and detached double garage with store, Riding Farm, Acomb.

Support the application in principle, but are greatly concerned for future traffic problems, pedestrian access and horse riding and would ask these matters are taken into consideration.

32/2006 Correspondence

- a) Letter received from AMEC in regards to Ray Wind Farm planning application and kindly offering to give a presentation to the Council. The Council decided not to accept the offer at the present time.
- b) Notice from the Northumberland Strategic Partnership in regards to the Boundaries of "Belonging" Communities Consultation. The Council discussed and noted the contents of the consultation and did not wish to make any comments at this stage.
- c) The Council noted receipt of the minutes of the Bi-Annual Joint Tynedale Council/Parish Town Council's Discussion Forum.

33/2006 Any Urgent Business Allowed by the Chairman

There was no urgent business to discuss.

34/2006 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 7th June 2006 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.