

ACOMB PARISH COUNCIL (DRAFT)

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 29th May 2008 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, Acomb.

Present

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

Also Present

Bill Grigg, Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Councillor K Laidlow

County Councillor T Robson

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

27/2008 Election of the Council Chairman for 2008/2009

The Clerk asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Council for 2008/2009. Councillor Mrs A Earnshaw proposed Councillor J Wilkinson. This was seconded by Councillor W Rutherford. With no other nominations Councillor J Wilkinson was elected Council Chairman for 2008/2009.

At this point Councillor J Wilkinson took the chair.

28/2008 Election of the Council's Vice Chairman for 2008/2009

The chairman of the council asked for nominations for the council's vice chairman for 2008/2009 Councillor Mrs J Wrigley was nominated by Councillor J Wilkinson and seconded by Councillor G Scorer. With no other nominations Councillor Mrs J Wrigley was elected Vice Chairman of the Council for 2008/2009.

29/2008 The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 2nd April 2008

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 2nd April 2008 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

30/2008 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 2nd April 2008

a) Ref 25/2008 (b) The Green

NCC have carried out the repair works re-tarmac the damaged areas on The Green.

31/2008 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Ref. 20080373, Ms J Gillatt, Chapel Cottage, Main Street, Acomb.

Demolition of existing loft conversion and utility room; creation of full first floor and extension to create kitchen at above location.

Support the application.

Ref. 20080351, Mrs E Ballantyne, Woodbine Cottage, Main Street, Acomb.

Construction of porch to front of above location.

Object. The Council has great concerns about the porch coming onto the highway and not fitting in with the character of Main Street, Acomb.

b) Planning Decisions

Ref. 20080103, Mr M Dodd, 5 Orchard Avenue, Acomb.

Construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at above location.

Granted permission by delegated powers dated 11/04/08.

c) Local Development Framework Proposals Maps

The Council received the following documents from Tynedale Council:-

- a) The Tynedale Local Development Framework proposals map and map insets (Oct 2007).
- b) Tynedale District Local Plan (2000) Saved Policies.

The Council noted these documents.

32/2008 Financial Matters

a) Income

30/04/08	VAT refund	£ 468.12
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b) Payments

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28/03/08	Phone Co-op	34.67 (DD)
01/04/08	Allianz Insurance	104.15 (DD)
10/04/08	Village Hall	401.00 (Grant)
11/04/08	P Stewart (2 months)	520.00 (Handyman)
11/04/08	W C Grigg (2 months £550, £15 postages)	1115.00 (Clerk's Fees & admin)
11/04/08	Hexham Courant (advert)	78.14
29/04/08	Village Hall (grant)	229.00
28/04/08	Phone Co-op	34.67 (DD)
01/05/08	Allianz Insurance	104.15 (DD)

c) 2007-2008 Audit

i) The Statement of the Accounts

The Council fully agreed to the Statement of Accounts and agreed the Chairman and Clerk/RTO to sign them dated 29/05/2008.

ii) Annual Governance Statement

The Council fully agreed to the Annual Governance Statement and agreed to the statement being signed by the Chairman and Clerk dated 29/05/2008.

- d) The Council re-confirmed it would continue to pay up to 50% of the Clerk's telephone account, as it has done in previous years plus travelling costs. Also fees to staff will continue to be paid at the present rate (agreed with staff) and reviewed later in the year. Payment arrangements will be as already agreed by the Council and where possible, all staff payments will be made via bank transfer.

33/2008 Any business allowed by the Chairman

- a) It was agreed as already reported at the APM the Council would purchase a seat and plaque to commemorate Councillor W Rutherford's 50 years service to this Council. The seat would be ordered and hopefully in place by the late summer. We would organise publicity etc. Councillors each agreed to make a contribution towards a small reception to celebrate this event. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Rutherford for all his hard work, dedication and service to his village.
- b) Northumbria Police are to be asked what is happening to the speed camera recently damaged; also if it would be possible to have it moved towards the Wall road.
- c) The Council and residents are pleased with the way Northumbria Police dealt with the recent problems at Watersmeet during the holiday weekend.
- d) Residents contacted Councillor T Robson during his election campaign in regards to the constant security lighting at the Pavilion burning 24 hours per day. Only youth club staff can control this lighting; they have been contacted several times and have at last organised to turn the lights off. Also residents are complaining about the number of rabbits on the playing field. Northumbria Pest Control has been out to various sites in the village on behalf of the Council and there is nothing they can do due to the high amount of rabbits and health & safety reasons.

34/2008 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 2nd July 2008 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.