

ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday January 19th 2011
at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

Councillors present: Peter Palmer (Chair), Grahame Marsden, Judith Lowe (Vice Chair)
Melvyn Arkley
Also present Cllr Paul Richardson

MINUTES

11/001 Apologies: HBC Cllr Brown, PC Marie Scott

11/002 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on November 15th 2010 be accepted as true record and be signed by the chairman. Proposed by MA, seconded by GM

11/003 Declarations of Interest - NONE

11/004 MATTERS ARISING

- i) Cllr Richardson briefed the council on current issues:
 - a) NYCC has voted in favour of the incinerator. PR informed the council that he had voted against the proposal.
 - b) He informed the council that following the government's spending review cuts were going to be deep and as a consequence there was no prospect of the planned roundabout going ahead at the Crab & Lobster junction. He said that he had spoken with Donna Hodgson and the most that the council could expect would be to have the markings renewed. He encouraged the council to maintain pressure on Highways.
 - c) PR suggested that if it wished to apply for some funding towards a community project that he had a small pot to be used by 4 March. The council discussed the possibility of a village map with house names marked on it for the village notice board. IP to request form **Action: IP**
 - d) PR congratulated JL on the Topcliffe and Asenby Book Swap and suggested that she get in touch with Julie Blaisdale of NYCC as she may be able to help stock the bookshelves.
- ii) Protected trees – PP reported that the chestnut and the lime tree had both been made safe and the resulting wood stored between his garages. The council agreed that JL would put a notice up in the village advertising that parishioners could help themselves to wood but to please be reasonable. An honesty box will be used. **Action:JL**
- iii) PP reported that he had been to see Mr Goldberg to discuss the problem beech which lies on the boundary between Mr Goldberg's land and parish land. PP asked whether he could have sight of Mr Goldberg's deeds as this would establish who the tree belonged to. Mr Goldberg was unwilling to provide access to his deeds. The council agreed that PP should speak with HBC to establish whether it still believes the tree to be unsafe and whether rectification is required. He would also speak with YLCA to establish whether the owner of the tree would by default be liable for the cost of making the tree safe.

11/005 **PLANNING** - none

11/006 **PLAYING FIELD**

- i) MA agreed to visit playing field to see whether broken equipment had yet been mended. **MA**

11/007 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

- i) Guy Reed's tree at entrance to village – the council agreed that the fence around the fallen tree needs to be properly repaired and tidied up. The council agreed that the clerk should send an official letter requesting that the fence be mended and the area tidied up. **Action:IP**
- ii) Dog bins – Dave Burton has removed the bin.
- iii) Grit bins – the grit bins are in use. One is empty the other full. JL to move half from the full bin to the empty bin. **Action: JL**
- iv) Daffodil bulbs – the bad weather has prevented the bulbs from being planted The council agreed that GM and MA would plant bulbs around the bus stop and JL would plant in the other previously agreed locations as well as around the village signs. It was agreed that due to the need to plant the bulbs as soon as possible the council would not to approach the school a second time but plant the bulbs as soon as the weather allowed. **Action:JL/MA/GM**

- v) Litter pick- it was agreed that the village litter pick would be held on 10th April 2011. PP to speak with Steve hall regarding advertising. The litter pickers have been mislaid. JL to phone HBC to see whether some could be borrowed, otherwise buy. **Action JL/PP**
- 11/008 HIGHWAYS**
Crab and Lobster crossroads –following lengthy discussion with Cllr PR the council agreed to write to Donna Hodgson expressing its disappointment that no positive action is to be taken to address the dangerous nature of this junction. PP to draft letter, IP to complete and send. **Action IP/ PP**
- 11/009 FOOTPATHS**
i) The council are waiting for a quote from the contractor. No further action until this has been received.
- 11/010 FISHING/SWALE BANKSIDE**
i) PP and GM met with Ed Hall of the Asenby Syndicate and explained that other syndicates had expressed an interest in the fishing rights and that the council were looking for £1000pa plus inflation and a 3 year lease. Ed Hall has subsequently confirmed the Asenby Syndicate's acceptance of these terms. PP has sent a copy of the lease. IP to raise bill. **Action: IP**
- 11/011 FINANCES**
i) Commuted sums – PP has received correspondence from HBC detailing commuted sums available to be spent on the Asenby riverside walk of £745.29 and available until 2017 at the earliest. It was agreed that PP would approach HBC to find out whether removal of the dog bin would qualify. **Action:PP**
ii) HSBC community account –IP circulated the bank reconciliation showing funds available of £4,881.10.
iii) The council agreed to move funds from the savings account to the current account. It was resolved that IP be given the power to move funds between the current and savings account. PP to collect appropriate form from HSBC. **Action: PP**
iv) A cheque payable to D W A Burton for £120 was also approved and signed. It will be posted as soon as funds have been transferred into the current account. **Action:PP/IP**
- 10/063 CORRESPONDENCE**
i) Farm & Land Services have submitted a quote for 2011 grasscutting based on 6 cuts per year of £141 + VAT. The council resolved to accept this, prop PP sec GM.
ii) It was resolved that the clerk would display the notice received from CoBRA on the village notice board. **Action IP**
iii) The clerk raised the council's awareness of the 2011 census to be held 27 March 2011.

Next meeting: 16th March 2011

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