

ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday March 16th 2011
at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

Councillors present: Peter Palmer (Chair), Grahame Marsden, Melvyn Arkley
Also present: 17 parishioners and Garry Key (Chair of Topcliffe Parish Council)
Apologies: Judith Lowe (Vice Chair)

MINUTES

11/013 Apologies: Judith Lowe

11/014 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 19th 2011 be accepted as true record and be signed by the chairman. Proposed by MA, seconded by GM

11/015 Declarations of Interest - NONE

11/016 FOOTPATH

- i) Due to the number of parishioners present PP brought the footpath to the top of the agenda. He explained that Mr Goldberg had closed the footpath on 18th August 2010, NYCC protocol had not been followed and it was the parish council's view that the footpath should be reopened. The council had been in discussions with the Footpaths department of NYCC, who have jurisdiction over such issues and who were looking at the options of either reinstating the footpath where it had eroded into the river or seeking a deviation order, allowing the footpath to be rerouted. A lively debate ensued, many parishioners expressing disappointment at the closure of the footpath. Mr Goldberg laid out his position, which was that as the footpath had moved, it no longer existed and had therefore been reopened by NYCC in error. PP concluded the debate by reiterating that the parish council acted purely as a consultative body and that NYCC would determine the outcome. However it was unanimously agreed by the parish council that NYCC had its full support in reopening the footpath without delay. All parishioners were thanked for their attendance.

11/017 MATTERS ARISING

- i) Protected trees – As ownership of the problem beech is disputed the council have agreed in principle to cede ownership to Mr Goldberg. However, before any action is taken PP will speak with HBC to determine any ramifications of giving up ownership of the tree in view of its protected status.
- ii) NYCC incinerator – carry forward to next meeting as JL absent.

11/018 PLANNING

- i) It was noted that the erection of a single storey extension at Monie Veigh had been granted.

11/019 PLAYING FIELD

- i) It was resolved that an invoice received for play equipment for £511.20 would be paid on behalf of Asenby Institute And reimbursed in order that the VAT can be reclaimed.
- ii) MA confirmed that the broken equipment had been mended.

11/020 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- i) Guy Reed's tree at entrance to village – the farm manager has responded to the council's official letter explaining that she will mend the fence when she has sufficient manpower. JL to speak to Julie to ascertain likely timescale. **Action:JL**
- ii) Daffodil bulbs – JL/MA/GM have planted bulbs.
- iii) Litter pick- the village litter pick is scheduled for 10th April 2011.
- iv) Grit bin opposite Cheermeup Barn – the owner of Cheermeup Barn has requested that the grit bin be moved from opposite his house. GM and MA to walk around village to evaluate alternative sites. **Action GM/MA**

11/021 HIGHWAYS

- i) Crab and Lobster crossroads –the council has written to Donna Hodgson expressing its disappointment that no positive action is to be taken to address the dangerous nature of this junction.
- ii) Potholes – request that potholes on Jamesville Way and Main Street be repaired. **Action IP**

11/022 FISHING

- i) A new lease has been agreed with Asenby Fishing Syndicate to come into force for three years from 1st May 2011, commencing at £1,000 pa. Therefore the next fishing monies are not due until 1 May 2011.

11/023 FINANCES

- i) PP has the form allowing IP to move funds from the savings account to the current account.
Action: IP
- ii) A cheque payable to RSS Records Ltd for £511.20 (£426 + £85.20 VAT) was approved and signed. Prop PP, seconded MA.
- iii) A cheque payable to Isobel Peters (£346.16 salary + £22.89 expenses) was approved and signed. Prop PP, seconded MA.
- iv) A cheque payable to Topcliffe Village Hall for £60 was approved and signed. Prop PP, seconded GM.
- v) A cheque payable to Mel Arkley for £29.44 was approved and signed. Prop PP, sec GM.
- vi) The council has received guidance from HMRC that clerks may no longer be treated as being self-employed for the purposes of PAYE and NIC. As IP's total pay (from Topcliffe and Asenby parish councils) is less than her personal allowance and the Lower Earnings Limit for NIC she will write to HMRC requesting exemption. As the NIC limit is monthly she will redraft her contract to be paid monthly. **Action IP**
- vii) IP's membership of SLCC for £72 pa was approved.
- viii) IP's training for Working With Your Council Course (£72) was approved.
Yorkshire water – Quarterly payments of £7.21 by direct debit were approved.
£176.25 paid to NYCC for grit bins was approved.
£440 paid to DWA Burton was approved.

11/024 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Farm & Land Services have submitted a quote for 2011 grass cutting based on 6 cuts per year of £41 + VAT per cut. The council resolved to accept this, prop PP sec MA. **Action IP**
- ii) The telephone number provided by the Deer Shed Festival has been published in the Tattler.
- iii) A grounds maintenance grant of £198.17 has been claimed. PP confirmed that he had received an electronic remittance advice.

Next meeting: 18th May 2011

Sign:

Date: