

ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday January 21st 2009
at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

Councillors present: Peter Palmer (Chair), Judith Lowe (Vice Chair), Grahame Marsden,
Les Chapman, Melvyn Arkley

Parishioners present 1

MINUTES

09/001 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on November 19th, 2008 be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by JL, seconded by LC

09/002 MATTERS ARISING

- i) The allotments are a private charity, land owned by Rockcliffe. Parish Council have **no** responsibility towards allotments.
- ii) The FEOFFEES is a registered charity, referring to a group of parish council approved trustees, who decide the distribution of charitable monies. The two main funds are The Topcliffe Poor Fund (income is derived from land owned by the charity) and The Topcliffe Educational Fund (income derived from interest on capital investments).
- iii) Replies were received about possibility of placing of bus stop near Tesco. Letters are included with minutes. NYCC will raise this with traffic management.
- iv) A letter will be sent to Mr Longmire to answer his question about the footpath at Lane End.
- v) Prices of a replacement for the broken bench at the bus stop will be checked out. **JL**
- vi) Steve Hall is continuing to chase up the problem of the potholes in the village.
- vii) Review background to sources of Parish Council income. **PP**

09/003 PLAYING FIELD

- i) Sharon Furness will take over as chair of Asenby Institute. In future BBQ will be more about fun than fundraising. BBQ will be on Sat. 6th June and will be changed to 4-10pm. AI would like to help if any fundraising is needed in village.
- ii) It will be checked if it is stipulated in old minutes who is permitted to play on the playing field. **PP**
- iii) Asenby Institute have dealt with the repairs needed to the playing field equipment (as mentioned in the Harrogate safety inspection). Harrogate will be called to ask about the emergency sign they say is needed. **Clerk**
- iv) Quote was received from Farm & Land Services to cut the Playing Field including the area within the railings, carry out strimming around obstacles and the boundary and blow cuttings from safety surfaces etc. for £30.00 + VAT per cut based on 14 cuts. This is £100 less expensive than NYCC. GM will meet Farm & Land Services to discuss the grass cutting of the playing field and the riverbank. **GM**

09/004 PLANNING

Photocopies from 1998 were passed around re: planning for building conservatory at Crab Manor with condition of no music to be played.

09/005 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- i) There is a signed agreement saying the Parish Council will empty the bottom bin and take refuse up to the top bin. Harrogate can remove bottom bin at any time if requested. Top bin doesn't appear to have been emptied. Harrogate will be reminded to empty it and also asked to move the bottom bin and put it by the top bin. **Clerk**

09/006 FOOTPATHS

- i) Footpath by Avisons' house is dangerous right now.
- ii) The footpath at the side of the river has been widened. Steve Hall was thanked for steadfastly pushing to bring this about.

09/007 FISHING/SWALE BANKSIDE

- i) Quote received from Farm & Land Services to trim the Riverside Path including cutting the wider areas for £40.00 + VAT per cut based on 6 cuts. **GM**
- ii) There was a meeting with Robin Newton (spokesperson for Asenby Syndicate fishing). AS current member list and details have been provided and matters discussed at their AGM. Everything seems under control. Meeting for Asenby and AS fishermen planned for March 22nd to prune back trees. Four or five pegs will be provided. PP and GM will meet at riverbank this weekend to discuss this. **GM/PP**

09/008 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- i) Community Account - £1,496.17
- ii) Cheque for £155.10 was written to A. & A.M. Roe & Son for hedge and grass cutting. Proposed by MA, seconded by JL
- iii) Cheque for £381.18 (£337.72+£43.46 expenses) was written to clerk for salary from July-Dec 2008
Proposed by MA, seconded by JL
- iv) Received £185 grounds maintenance grant from HBC towards grass cutting
- v) Around £500 commuted sums money is available to be spent on Riverside Walk.
- vi) Notice will be made for notice board re Freedom of Information.
- vii) Cheque for £156 (30% of playing field grass cutting bill) was received from Asenby Institute.

09/009 CORRESPONDENCE

None

Next meeting: March 18th, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the village hall

Signed as true record:

Date:
