

## ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday July 23rd, 2008 at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

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

Parishioners present 3

### MINUTES

**08/085** It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on May 14th, 2008, be accepted as true record and be signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed by LC, seconded by GM

### **08/086 MATTERS ARISING**

- i) Jackie Avison presented an excellent report about Asenby Institute explaining commuted sums and the purchase of the playing field equipment. She was thanked for providing this much needed information.
- ii) The chairman expressed his concern at the lack of documents passed to the current parish council by the previous chairman. He doesn't think the new council can really discharge their responsibility without access to the necessary information.

### **08/087 PLANNING**

Planning permission was granted for the erection of a single storey extension to Scarford House for Mr & Mrs Addison

**NOTED**

### **08/088 PLAYING FIELD**

- i) Malcolm Morley has put a value of max. £50 on the lawnmower. GM will take a look at the mower. **GM**
- ii) As previously agreed by the last parish council, future annual inspections of the children's play areas will be changed to HBC, who will charge( £55 + VAT)

### **08/089 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

- i) A letter will be sent to the current hedge cutters, advising them the parish council would like to retain their services until May 2009, at which time their contract with the parish council will be reviewed.
- ii) A letter will be drafted to David Ottoway (Footpaths Ranger) about the footpath leading from the side of the Avisons' new house to the road. **PP**
- iii) A representative from Guy Reed Farms spoke about the upkeep of the lane that leads across from the farm to St. Mary's school and the Farms' wish to keep up a good relationship with the village.
- iv) The condition of the footpath between Asenby and Topcliffe bridge was discussed. A resolution was made to allow for 'grips' or small channels to be cut into the verge so the water can be removed down towards the river. Proposed by GM, seconded by MA

### **08/090 FISHING/SWALE BANKSIDE**

- i) Contact will be made with Asenby Syndicate to set up meeting with them. The parish council does not have a copy of the current fishing lease.  
A check will be made on the number of Asenby Syndicate fishing payments the council has received and banked so far.
- ii) HBC will be contacted to find out if commuted sums money can be used to fund the sport of fishing within the village since Asenby does not own a sports field as such.
- iii) A quality control check will be kept on the riverbank grass cutting. **MA, GM**

**08/091 FINANCES, CHEQUES AND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

- i) Cheque for £50 was written to Topcliffe and Asenby Times (Tattler) for 2008 donation (Proposed by MA, seconded by LC)
- ii) Cheque for £60 was written to Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall for July 2007/8 Village Hall hire. (Proposed by MA, seconded by LC)
- iii) Cheque for £3.75 was written to Melvyn Arkley for 5 photocopies of boundary map of Asenby Parish (Proposed by GM, seconded by LC)
- iv) Cheque for £141 (£120 + £21 VAT) was written to Farm & Land Services for Riverside Walk grass cutting (April, May, June 2008). (Proposed by MA, seconded by GM)
- v) Cheque for £341.57 (£263.50+£78.07 expenses) was written to clerk for salary from Jan-June 2008 (Proposed by GM, seconded by MA)
- vi) Clerk's future salary was discussed. A resolution was passed to increase the clerk's salary to NALC April 2007 indicated rate, from £263.50 every 6 months + expenses to £337.72 every 6 months + expenses. (Proposed by MA, seconded by LC)
- vii) Duncan Fothergill was chosen as independent auditor. (Proposed by JL, seconded by MA)
- viii) Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders were signed and dated

**08/092 CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) Distributed

**08/093 AOB**

- i) The footbridge *still* needs to be repaired. Peter Lowe will be contacted about fixing it. MA will help.
- ii) The bench by the bus stop will probably have to be replaced. Information on prices will be sought.

**Meeting was closed at 9:35pm**

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** September 24th, 2008 at 7:30 pm in the village hall