

ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2015
at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

Councillors present: Peter Palmer (chair), Judith Lowe (vice chair), Melvyn Arkley,
Peter Dale and Don Crompton

Also present: Jayne Molyneux (clerk)

MINUTES

14/72 Election of chairman: Peter Palmer was proposed by MA and seconded by JL. The elected chair declared his acceptance of office of chairman and signed his declaration.

14/73 Election of vice chair: Judith Lowe was proposed by PP and seconded by MA. The elected vice chair signed her declaration.

1474 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

14/75 Apologies: Cllr M Atkinson

14/76 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2015 be accepted as a true record and be signed by the chairman. Proposed by MA, seconded by JL.

14/77 **MATTERS ARISING**

Orchard Cottages – PP copied all councillors with the report received from HBC and PP is to contact Cllr Bateman to enquire why APC are not being kept informed of matters regarding Orchard Cottages. PP had spoken to the housing department and felt that it would be sometime before anything occurred. PD had been informed by a villager that during a conversation with a representative from the housing association they had been told that two bungalows were planned for this site. PP pointed out that they would have to apply for planning. PP was disappointed that APC had not been informed.

Topcliffe Weir – PP felt that HBC handling of this issue was poor. PP felt that the Topcliffe Mill residents were being treated appallingly. JL asked if we had written to HBC and PP explained that we had replied to the original planning. JL asked if it was worth writing a letter – PP felt that he should discuss this with the residents first. PP and PD had visited the Mickley archemedes screw site which appeared messy and considerably noisy.

14/78 **PLANNING** - No planning applications

14/79 **PLAYING FIELD** – DC asked if it was well used, MA reported that weekends see more use. JL felt that it looked tired compared to other playgrounds in the area. PD asked if it was because the equipment was old – JL it could be as it is the original equipment that was installed. Please see Chair of Asenby Institute report.

14/80 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

PP and MA met with Alisdair Downie from Land and Farm Services to discuss grass cutting. Mr Downie has now cleared the overgrown pavement between Asenby and Topcliffe. Mr Downie has provided a quote for grass cutting. PP was then approached by Simon Powell who provided grass cutting services, MA met with him and explained what APC required however he could not match Mr Downies quote. PP proposed giving the contract to Mr Downie, JL seconded. PP now needs to give him guidance on what to cut. JL and PP to go over the map provided to establish cutting areas and will then inform Mr Downie. PP to approach Mr Blair to establish if he cuts any.

JL rang the council regarding the steps corrosion and hand rail collapse on the foot path leading from the road up into the field. JL was requested to call again to see when it would be repaired.

14/81 **HIGHWAYS**

14/82 **FOOTPATH**

On going

14/83 **FISHING**

MA had not collected the passes in but provided the meeting with a list of who held them and where they were. PP asked if someone wants a day fishing and approaches APC what the procedure was. MA – we just have to get hold of one of the tickets and ensure that the person requesting it has a licence. PP to copy the list of holders and distribute to all councillors.

14/84 **FINANCE**

- i) Approval of accounts for year ended 31.3.2015
- ii) JM reported a balance of £2400.01 in HSBC community account at 31.3.14 and a balance of £2531.61 in the HSBC deposit account.
- iii) A cheque payable to Jayne Molyneux for £123.76 was approved and signed. Prop PP, seconded JL.
- iv) A direct debit to Yorkshire Water of £8.27 was approved.
- v) Precept received from HBC for £675.00

14/85 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Transparency Code – PP explained the code. PP is going to read the code in detail and email to all councillors.

Next meeting: 15th July 2015

Sign:

Date: