

ASENBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday November 17th 2010
at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

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

MINUTES

10/053 Apologies: HBC Cllr Brown, NYCC Cllr Richardson, PC Marie Scott

10/054 It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on September 17th 2010 be accepted as true record and be signed by the chairman. Proposed by PP, seconded by GM

10/055 Declarations of Interest - NONE

10/056 MATTERS ARISING

GM raised a concern over the bad smell that had been reported in the previous minutes and that had reoccurred in the village since September. JL reported that she had spoken to Yorkshire Water on a number of occasions and had been advised that it should be resolved by the installation of the new pumping station, which is expected to be installed by the end of January 2011.

- i) Protected trees – The chestnut has been addressed, the lime tree is due to be cut back on Friday, weather permitting. PP has spoken with YLCA regarding the problem beech tree. YLCA agree that the parish council has taken a sensible approach with regard to resolving the dispute with Mr Goldberg, but also acknowledged that no headway had yet been made. It was agreed that PP would go and knock on Mr Goldberg's door in order to discuss the ownership of the tree and the work that needs to be done in order to make it safe. The pc agreed that it would relinquish any claim to ownership as the tree straddles the boundary between Mr Goldberg's land and land belonging to the parish. If no progress is made by discussion with Mr Goldberg the pcl will write to HBC expressing concern over the safety of the tree and the need for some remedial work to be undertaken. **PP**

- ii) NYCC incinerator –JL informed the council that the petition against the incinerator is still gathering signatures. A vote will be held on 15 December 2010 and a demonstration is planned in Northallerton. **JL**

10/057 PLANNING - none

10/058 PLAYING FIELD

- i) The area around the broken equipment is still cordoned off. JL will speak to Nicky Fox or Sharon Hutchinson and ask when the repairs are expected to be completed. **JL**

10/059 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. JL agreed to go and see Guy Reed's manager, Julie, to ask that the repairs be undertaken while it is quiet at the farm. She will also raise the issue of the barriers along the road to Queen Mary's as they have been there some time and nothing has happened. A complaint had been received from a parishioner regarding the narrowing of the road as a result of the barriers being placed along its side.
- ii) Dog bins – as HBC refuse to collect from the dog bin near the Topcliffe bridge, regardless of whether or not it is moved, the council agreed to have the bin removed. GM will ring Dave Burton to ask him to take the bin away. **GM**
- iii) Rubbish bin on river bank – also ask Dave Burton to remove. **GM**
- iv) Grit bins – the grit bins have been delivered. A complaint has been received from the owner of Cheermeup Barn, concerned that positioning the grit bin opposite his house could devalue his property. The pc proposes to take no action.
- v) Daffodil bulbs – JL has a sack of several hundred bulbs to be planted around the village. The council agreed on the following sites:
- Around the bus shelter;
 - By the side of Peter's paddock;
 - Under Les Parker's hedge;

- Around the stones coming into the village;
- Opposite the Crab and Lobster by the steps up the bank.

JL will speak to Topcliffe School to see whether the children would like to help.

HIGHWAYS

- 10/060** Crab and Lobster crossroads – PP has received a letter from Diane Hodgson that explained that the maximum that could be done to alleviate the problem of vehicles inadvertently travelling the wrong way down the A168 sliproad, was to renew the white lines. This would, however, only be possible if the budget allows and this is as yet unknown. The pc agreed that PP would make a direct request for large ‘No entry’ signs to be placed at the end of the sliproad. PP will also ask that the pole left remaining from the 30mph sign be removed. **PP**

FOOTPATHS

- 10/061** Bank top footpath - Aiden Rayner of NYCC Footpaths has inspected the footpath and has advised that there are two options open to Mr Goldberg:

1. to leave the footpath where it is but fence it off as it is on his land;
2. shore up and reinstate the original footpath.

AR is awaiting quotes for the second option and he is uncertain at present whether any funds will be available for the work required. JL will keep in contact with AR. **JL**

FISHING/SWALE BANKSIDE

- 10/062** JL asked when the current lease expired for the fishing rights and PP informed the pc that the lease is due to be renewed in May 2011. The pc agreed that it should seek an increase in the revenue generated from the fishing rights, but that this should be balanced against the desire to deal with a syndicate that would maintain the riverbank, as is currently the case. It was agreed that a 5 year lease was too long and that a 3 year lease may be more desirable.

GM will get hold of a copy of the Angling Times to establish the likely cost of placing an advert. He would also invite Ed Hall to meet with the pc to discuss renewing the contract, with a view to gaining a response from the Asenby Syndicate by end of January 2011. **GM**

Clerk to speak with Ange and review records to establish what monies are owing. **Clerk**

FINANCES

- 10/063** HSBC community account – request signed for all statements and correspondence to be sent to the new clerk.

- i)** The pc discussed the budget and noted that the RoSPA bill should be paid by Asenby Institute and therefore removed from the budget. Clerk to amend. **Clerk**

ii) It was agreed that no increase would be sought in the precept but that the pc would seek to increase its income from fishing rights. Clerk to inform HBC **Clerk**

A cheque for £82.25 (£70 + £17.25 VAT) payable to Mazars LLP was approved and written – proposed GM seconded MA. **Clerk**

- iii)** A cheque for £115.38 payable to Angela Hook was approved and written – proposed by GM, seconded by MA.

A cheque for £141 (£120 + £21 VAT) payable to Farm & Land Services Ltd was approved – proposed by GM and seconded by MA.

A cheque for £480 payable to D W A Burton was also approved. The latter two will be written as soon as the new cheque book is received.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 10/064** HBC wishes to know the potential impact of proposed changes to its travel concession scheme. No comments to be forwarded.

The other correspondence was circulated and distributed.

Next meeting: 19th January 2011

Sign:

Date: