

Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th November 2007

Present: Councillors Sayce, Pete Barrass, John Davison, Steve Gleadhill, Melna Martin, Dave Porter, Ian Hall, Norman Hook, Mrs M Senior, Temporary Clerk.

Also present: District Councillors Argent and Dale

Apologies: Councillors Tracy Warhurst-Walker, Barbara Gravenor, Diane Hinchcliffe, County Councillor Ray Thompson.

Mrs Sayce opened proceedings by welcoming Mrs Mandy Senior as the temporary clerk while Mrs Williams is away. Mrs Senior will also be attending the December meeting.

07/56 Declarations of Interest – None

07/57 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2007 were agreed.

07/58 Matters Arising –

Meeting with Richard Powell (Tynedale Community Partnership) re Belonging Communities - A meeting has been arranged by Tynedale Council on Monday 26th November 2007 at 6.30pm to seek the views of each Parish Council and Town Council in Tynedale on the proposed boundaries of Belonging Communities.

Mount View Terrace surface – SICA have received no response to their letter regarding the state of the road. Parish Council to write requesting outline plans and timescales for the repair work. Clerk to write to NCC.

Recycling – The back cover of 'Your County' magazine has an article about recycling. The information given in this article differs to the information Broomley and Stocksfield Parish have regarding what can and cannot be recycled. Phillip Hindmarsh will explain in details when he attends the meeting on 3rd December.

07/59 Public Participation

Flooding on New Ridley Road – Tynedale Council has looked at the situation. There is a known problem of flash flooding on the road. There has been a significant increase during the year. Tynedale are monitoring the situation to see if this will require attention. This is a civil matter with the land owner if residents feel this causes a risk. The landowner has not infringed any planning rules. The change of texture on the Gallops from woodchips to sand/soil should improve the situation. It may be that regular maintenance of the gulleys around Tynedale Gardens could improve the situation.

Shooting in Broomley Woods – There were concerns over alleged shooting near to the public footpaths around Hindley Road. Clerk to contact the police to establish the legislation around shooting laws.

The play areas around Birkdene and Ayton Close were discussed. The play areas are becoming dangerous with rubbish left piled up, and a wall which appears to be unstable. There are also cars parking on the play area at Welton Close. Mrs Dale is to investigate to clarify who is responsible for this area.

07/60 Branch End Play Area Regeneration –

Deed of Dedication and Contract received. Ratified, signed and endorsed by Mrs Sayce.

07/61 Correspondence

The Correspondence received had been listed on the agenda.

Branch End Surgery – A letter has been received from Dr Maguire regarding setting up a local patient's forum. The new Practice Manager, Sue Shone is keen to do this. Mrs Sayce will contact Dr Maguire to discuss further.

Standards Board – A letter received from the Standards Board requesting confirmation that the Code of Conduct has been adopted including clause 12(2). Clerk to write to the Standards Board to confirm acceptance of Code on 3 September, including clause 12(2).

Tynedale – A letter had been received regarding the provision of additional bottle bank facilities in the parish. Deferred until December meeting.

Tynedale – Acknowledgement of letter for the Provision of Public Toilets had been received. They advise the demand that the Parish Council identified does not fall within the policy criteria agreed by the Council for providing public conveniences. It was discussed that the garage does have toilet facilities' which can be used by the public. Mrs Sayce has agreed to contact the garage to obtain their views on users of the play area using their toilet facilities.

07/62 Youth Service Provision and Funding – see precept

SICA have been advised that the youth club has been temporarily suspended due to the lack of children attending since September. A new youth leader has been appointed and it is hopeful that the youth club will resume in due course. It was decided that better communication with the youth service was required. Mrs Sayce and Mr Hooks have a meeting with Dr Shaw on Wednesday 7th November and will report back at December meeting.

07/63 Finance

The Accounts for October had been circulated and were approved.

Precept – Discussed and agreed that increase of 7.6% appeared to be too high. A 3% increase would bring the precept to £51,912.00. It was agreed to remove the Payroll administration costs of £250.00, the Sensory Garden of £200 and to reduce the figure for the New Football Pitch to £1,000 from £1,500. It was also agreed that the level of funding for the Youth Service should be reviewed and consideration be given to funding the setting up of a Youth Club for under 13s at SICA. It was agreed that the level of funding re Youth Services should be kept at a level of £9,000 however the way the funds were distributed should be reviewed.

07/64 Brief Reports from Advisory Groups and Council Representatives

a) Parish Plan – Nothing to report.

b) Planning – Nothing to report

As Mrs Warhurst-Walker did not attend the meeting there was no information available.

c) Transport & Highways

Vehicle Activated Calming Signs (VACS) -

Not all information was available at this time. 1 quote has been received. Mr Davison will provide detailed costs at the December meeting.

Proposals for a new River Crossing

Report attached

d) Footpaths & Environment Group

Report from Rights of Way & Environment Group attached.

e) Play Facilities Group

BEPA – Work started on Phase 2 of BEPA on Tuesday 30th October 2007. All levelling of the site has been completed and installation of the play equipment began on Friday 2nd November. A message from Kevin

Selwood of Kompan confirmed that everything is on schedule and with good weather the installation should be complete in about 3 weeks. As requested by the Big Lottery a sign will be put up at the play area advising of their involvement with the project.

f) Sensory Garden - nothing to report

g) Sports Facilities

h) Communication

Dave Porter is to put together the December edition of NE43 News. This will be published for distribution on 4th December. Mr Porter has contacted Robson Print and they are able to produce the edition in less than 1 week. This will be a colour edition and will include the latest photographs of Branch End Play Area and MUGA. If anyone has anything for the issue please contact Mr Porter to enable him to allocate space. Information to be given to Mr Porter by 26th November.

i) Council Representatives

Dave Porter is to attend the Eastern Tynedale and Western Castle Morpeth Forum tomorrow, 6th November 2007.

j) General Purposes

k) Policy Group

The Belonging Community boundaries are a major topic on the Eastern Tynedale and Western Castle Morpeth Forum agenda tomorrow. Dave Porter is to attend. It was discussed and decided that Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council favour a Belonging Community consisting of contiguous Parish Councils to the east of Hexham. It was felt that Prudhoe Town Council would stand on its own.

07/65 Other business

Mrs Sayce will lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

07/66 Date of Next Meeting - Parish Council 5th December 2007

The meeting closed at 10.00p.m.