

Timberland and Thorpe Tilney Parish Council

Minutes from the: Meeting of the Parish Council

August 4th 2009

Timberland Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr J Speirs
Cllr L Lerpiniere
Cllr D Holmes
Cllr H Clarke
Cllr J Speirs
Cllr J Slesser

In attendance

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman reminded those present that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of taking minutes and that the recording would be destroyed after the meetings had been compiled.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Ambridge and Cllr Bradwell.

3. Declarations

No declarations were received

4. Signing and approving of the previous meeting minutes

The minutes from the meeting July 7th were then taken and approved by the Council.

Proposed by: Cllr Clarke

Seconded by: Cllr Speirs

5. Planning Matters

The Clerk informed the Council that planning had been granted for the following applications:

A: 23 Station Road - Siting of residential caravan;

B: Priory Farm, Thorpe Tilney - Conversion of barn to one residential dwelling.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the planning offices and clarify whether planning permission should be applied for in all cases to site static a caravan.

ACTION

The Clerk to contact the planning department at NKDC to clarify regulations for the sitings of caravans.

BY WHOM

Clerk

Ongoing

The Chairman discussed the application that has been received for 10 Bayfield Road. He informed the Council that the Clerk had been advised that the work that has commenced

since building regulations were accepted should not continue until the planning had been granted. The Chairman asked the Council to look through the application and return it to the Clerk as soon as possible with their comments to enable the Clerk to pass these on to the planning department.

6. Dog waste bin

The Chairman informed the Council that the new dog waste bin was now in place on Main Street/Station Road and that the Council had been and inserted a new bag.

7. Timberland Footpath No.5

The Chairman informed the Council that the Clerk had received a letter from the Footpath officer Carl Abraham and that footpath no.5 (at the bottom of Hallam's Lane) would be cleared before December 30th 2009.

Cllr Slesser brought it to the attention of the Council that the footpath at the back of Bayfield required some attention and the Chairman asked the Clerk to Contact the footpath officer to have this cleared.

ACTION 1

Contact the planning department at NKDC to report the footpath at the back of Bayfield for clearing.

BY WHOM

Clerk

Ongoing

8. Bid for land

The Chairman informed the Council that they had not been successful in the purchase of the land. The Chairman expressed disappointment on behalf of himself and the Council. It was suggested by Cllr Slesser the Parish Council inform the Parish of this news and thank them for their on-going support.

A discussion took place as to whether or not the parish Council should apply to have the land of Hallam's Lane a designated 'open space' and it was agreed that this would be reviewed in one year's time.

A lengthy discussion followed as to other options of land to purchase in the village.

It was proposed by Cllr Speirs and Seconded by Cllr Clarke that Cllr Holmes should make approaches to discuss possible sale/rental of a piece of land in the village.

ACTION 1

Contact land owners about the possibility of renting/buying a piece of land.

BY WHOM

Cllr Holmes

Ongoing

ACTION 2

Write to Land registry to request details of land ownership in Timberland and Thorpe Tilney.

BY WHOM

Clerk

Ongoing

ACTION 3

Place a poster on the Parish notice board informing the Parish of the unsuccessful bid for the land but thanking them for their ongoing support in the Parish Councils 'quest' to find another piece of land for the community.

BY WHOM

Clerk

Ongoing

9. Public works loan application

The Chairman informed the Council were successful in the loan application and a loan for £18500 is in place if needed for the following 6 months and after which it can be renewed.

10. Cluster meeting feedback

The Clerk gave feedback from the most recent Cluster meeting with the following points:

- Billingham Swimming pool had benefited in the following ways through the 'Devolved fund' - inflatable toys, a range of sinkers, inflatable goal posts, training for pool staff and a new advertising leaflet.
- There is a parish partnership meeting on September 15th - all are welcome to attend.
- It has been requested by the cluster group that the SID be deployed over a period of 2 days to measure traffic speed at peak flow times
- The Billingham Skirth regeneration has begun and is making good progress
- NKDC has a grant from the government to support rural workspaces and the Council was asked if they were aware of any potential unused buildings they were aware of. The Chairman suggested that the old reading room in the village may be a potential building. This will be put on the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Devolved fund expenditure for this year. The Council has been asked for it's thoughts on the money being used to produce a booklet of local walks in the Cluster and for these ideas to be taken for discussion at the next meeting.

The next Cluster meeting is Monday 19th October. Venue to be confirmed.

11. Financial matters

The following cheques to be signed: Clerks wages £287.24
Litter picker wages £45.84
Timberland Jubilee (for Pizzaz donation) £50.00

The Clerk informed the Council that:

- Barclays Bank had confirmed that Cllr Elvidge was now a signatory on the account;
- The cheque from NKDC for the parish notice board had now been paid into the account.

12. Correspondence received

The Chairman informed the Council that a letter had been received from Mr Tolley and that this would be put on the agenda for the next meeting to be discussed by the Council.

Cllr Slessor discussed with the Council the project 'Village SOS, but as the deadline for applications was Friday 14th August it was agreed by the Council that unfortunately there would not be enough time.

13. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting has been set for Monday 14th September

Cllr Slesser gave her apologies in advance for this meeting.

Signed

Position Chairman

Date September 14th 2009