

Topcliffe Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Topcliffe Parish Council
held on Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.00pm in Topcliffe Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Moores, Chairman; Cllr R Beckwith; Cllr B Collard Cllr C Bumby and Cllr D Roberts.

Also Present: Two members of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

23/097 Apologies

All councillors were present.

23/098 No Declarations of Interest received

23/99 Public Participation

Signage on the way to Asenby for Dalton Industrial Estate has been put in the wrong place and Asenby Parish Council are progressing the change to this with NYC Area6.

East Lea potholes are becoming a problem, the Clerk will notify Broadacres of this.

A large pothole outside the farm - lined up - clerk to report on the portal.

23/100 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillor

Cllr Sladden had sent apologies for the meeting and advised he had nothing further to report to council currently.

23/101 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 15th February 2024 be approved

23/102 To Consider Issues Relating to Parish Open Spaces including:

1. To consider HGV Traffic Management

Traffic speeds will be monitored from Asenby into Topcliffe

Cllr Moores has been twice to Trading Standards regarding enforcement. 15 lorries out of 25 are at the point of being prosecuted. Councillors are still taking footage and submitting statements to support this process.

Trading Standards have applied for delegated authority to deal with these as a moving traffic offence, which is a positive step. Written data is being sent to the Chairman regularly and more regular information regarding progress is being received.

Speeding in the village is still an ongoing issue, the Police have advised that they will undertake some speed checks.

2. To note progress with the sewage issues on Front Street

The sewers are being dosed regularly and this seems to have alleviated the problem, a permanent solution will be proposed during April.

3. To note progress with the play area and bowling club

1st Topcliffe Scouts are happy to accept the use of the grounds and clubhouse, with responsibility for the maintenance of it, under a rolling legal agreement with at least a 10 year term (including a break clause)

It was resolved that the Scouts be permitted to use the outside space as soon as required

The Clerk will arrange someone to look at the boundary fence around the bowling club.

A question was asked regarding the height of the zipwire. As this has to be a certain height for legal compliance, the play area company will be contacted to check this.

Cllr Bumby noted how good the area looks given the recent grass cutting.

An attempted break in at the container was discussed. There had been a theft of petrol and this was reported to the police by the Clerk.

23/103 Finance

1. To approve payments
2. To note receipts

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It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments made

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

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It was noted that the Clerk had reclaimed the VAT for the financial year 2023/2024 from 1st August to 31st March to the value of £6,502.97.

23/104 Planning

ZB24/000564/LBC Replacement of wooden windows with new hardwood windows.

It was resolved that Topcliffe Parish Council wish to see this application approved

23/105 Correspondence

1. Cllr Moores gave a short update on the potential positioning of the Flagpole. Detail of planning and ownership has been looked into by a resident. It was agreed that this will be progressed further with a working group and brought back to a future meeting. A survey of the village will be arranged. Consideration will be given to the liability to this council for maintenance of the flagpole in the future.
2. The RSM at Alanbrooke Barracks had been in contact to ask if the Parish Council could influence a review of the speeding on the road outside of the barracks, given that it has a school within. It was agreed that this will be fed into NYC asking for the signage to be reviewed and NYP to monitor the speeding.
3. An email had been received requesting that a visit to the Control Tower be arranged for an elderly lady who worked there during the war. The Clerk has arranged with the RSM at Alanbrooke to support this visit.

23/106 Date and time of the next meeting and the closure of the meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 16th May at 19:00.

The meeting closed at 19:58

Signed:
Chairman
Date: