

Tow Law Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on **Tuesday 15th May 2012** in the Community Centre commencing at 6.51pm

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chairman), T. Batson, A. Blacker, L. Brown, P. Graham, A. Green, R. Grogan, C. Hayton. M. Hird, W. Railton, L. Rowland and L. Taylor

Also Present: County Councillor J. Bailey, G. F. Smith (Clerk) S. Robson (Lanchester) and Alison Hirst, Phil Hardy, David English (Crook Partnership)

Apologies: County Councillors P. Jopling.

075/12 Declaration of Interest

Councillor **Batson** declared an interest in agenda item 8a - Planning Matters

076/12 Police Report

No report

077/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th April 2012

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

078/12 Matters Arising

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Members Reports (035/11)

- Allotment Committee – Clerk to contact Chair (Councillor Blacker) to arrange a meeting.

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- Provision of dog bags – received
- McInerney Homes site – no response from KPMG
- Park Wall Opencast site – no further update

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Finance & General Purposes Committee – Clerk to contact Chair (Councillor Rowland) to arrange a meeting.

Power of General Competence – Clerk and Assistant Clerk have attended a training Course (3rd May) now have to submit a 200 word dissertation for CILCA portfolio to obtain a certificate.

079/12 County Councillors Report

County Councillor Bailey reported on the following:-

- I. New Bus Shelter in High Street (up to 6 weeks delivery period)
- II. AGM at County Council
- III. AGM at AAP Board
- IV. Alcohol reduction programmes (2 year funding of £90,000)

Alison Hirst, Phil Hardy and David English (Crook Partnership) were asked to attend the meeting to discuss the following matters:-

080/12 “Talk of the Towns” Community Circular

Phil Hardy updated the Members on a proposed Community Circular “Talk of the Towns” for Crook, surrounding areas and Tow Law. The circular will be a free publication; funds will be raised by the Crook Partnership and advertising space in the

circular. The hope is to involve residents of the area, supply interesting items, photos and support from the Area Action Partnership and Tow Law Town Council (Greater Willington Town Council may become involved at a later date).

A copy of the Business plan was available from the Clerk.

Members agreed to defer any decision on this matter until the Finance and General Purposes Committee had fully discussed the proposed project and made any recommendations for the Council to consider.

Alison Hirst, Phil Hardy and David English left the meeting

081/12 Representation by Residents

None present

082/12 Tillyfest 2012 (raising money for the give Tilly a hand appeal) by Steve Robinson

Mr Robinson (organiser of the Tillyfest 2012 event) addressed the meeting on an event at Tow Law Town's Ironworks Road Football Ground on 24/26th August 2012 to raise money for the "give Tilly a hand appeal" there will be a large selection of real ale and ciders, music will be provided by over 30 artists, including entertainment for children and families the Clerk read out a letter from Mr Robinson (undated) which was being sent to all prospective sponsors.

Members thanked Mr Robinson for his presentation and wished him every success with the event.

083/12 Planning Matters

Members considered the following applications:-

A) 3/2012/0151 by Mr R. Batson for a detached dwelling and integral garages at plot 3, land at Smith Street, Tow Law

DECISION – NO OBJECTIONS

B) CMA/3/38 by Empicia Investments Ltd to erect a 50 metre meteorological Mast at High West Moor Farm, Tow Law

DECISION – Member requested further information on this proposed development from the County Council Planning Office. Clerk to inform Members of the Planning Committee.

084/2 Accounts for payment

That approval be given for the payment of vouchers 11 to 17 in the sum of £2406.61

085/12 Tow Law Town Plan

Copies of the three Tow Law Walks leaflets were handed to all Councillors. Awaiting delivery of the Notice Board and Map inlay (due before 31st May). No further progress on the proposed Car Park.

086/12 TREX Gymnasium

Further meeting to arrange with Nigel Dodds (DCC) to discuss running costs etc. Councillor Grogan reported that the Junior Gym (schools) will start in September (subject to funding etc).

087/12 Area Action Partnership

The next AAP Board meeting is 24th May 2012 at the Civic Centre, Crook commencing at 6.00pm.

088/12 Millennium Green Trust

No further update

089/12 Chairman’s Report

Councillor Gale thanked Councillor Graham on his years as Chair of the Town Council and he was looking forward to progressing some of the outstanding projects and hoped that all Councillors would be just as motivated as himself.

090/12 Clerk’s Report

- a) “Talk of the Towns” Community Circular – see minute 080/12
- b) Tow Law Football Club – “Tillyfest” funds for give Tilly a hand appeal – see minute 082/12
- c) Beafont Wind Ltd – Wind Farm Fund £3177.12 received into the Council’s Bank Account on 27th April 2012
- d) Jenny Mountain – request for a bus to take young people to Spennymoor baths during the half term school holidays. Deferred to the Finance & General Purposes committee for further discussion.
- e) E-mail regarding the state of the Bee Hive coke ovens at Inkerman. Members agreed for the Chair and Clerk to visit the site and report to the next Town Council meeting (possible funding from DCC Parish Paths Partnership scheme)
- f) E-mail from Roy St Pierre, Skipton East Lancashire Railway Action Partnership reopening of the Skipton to Colne Rail Link
Members agreed not to support this request

091/12 Members Report

- a) Hilltop Villages (Councillor Hayton)
Councillor Hayton reported that some of the Hilltop villagers still wished to become joined up with the Tow Law Town Council but did not wish to pay any increased Precept.
- b) Footpath between Ironworks Road along to doctors surgery (Councillor Railton)
Councillor Railton was very disappointed that the Probation Service and Bonds Foundry have failed to carry out any improvements to this area. The Clerk reminded Councillors that this area was not owned by the Town Council or the County Council and ownership has been very difficult to prove. The best solution would be for the Clerk to chase up the Probation Service to try and get them to carry out regular tidying up to this area and to again contact John Forsyth (Bonds) to progress this with the Company. Clerk to report to the next Town Council meeting.

092/12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Tow Law Town Council will be held on Tuesday 19th June 2012 commences at 6.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting finished at 7.45pm