

Broomhaugh & Riding Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 2007 in the Supper room of the Parish Hall at 7.45pm

Present: Councillors Nitsch, Dunhill, Cairns and Heslop Also present were County Councillor Thompson and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Latham, Cllr Horton and Cllr Howey.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising:

a) *Pedestrian Crossing:* A traffic survey would be carried out in the Autumn when the schools were back. Letters of support had gone from the Parish Council and from Councillor Latham. Cllr Thomson indicated that if it goes ahead, some additional funding might be available from him.

b) *Lay-By:* The County had looked at costs associated with providing a lay-by in front of the village shop. This was likely to be a minimum of £40,000 and there was an inherent sighting danger so the prospect is unlikely. Concern was expressed, however, that a delivery driver to the shop had only recently been fined for unloading in front of the shop. This is the only shop in the village and there is no other suitable unloading area such as the rear of the premises. The Parish Council would write again to the County Council asking them to reconsider the removal of the double yellow line in front of the shop.

c) Cllrs Dunhill and Horton had cleaned the moss away from the Playpark surface as far as possible but it was presenting as an ongoing problem. The trees would be cut back to allow more sunlight and the Tennis Club would be approached about the high pressure system they have used on their courts. Cllr Dunhill was now doing the inspections. A short piece would be sent to the Parish News regarding the mud fights etc. which were damaging the equipment.

4. Planning: 2007/0460 9 Church Close Conditional permission

It was also noted that the house formerly known as 'The Croft' , Sandy Bank is now 'The Poppies'.

5. Correspondence:

a) General, for circulation

b) It was noted that there were three sites in Broomhaugh & Riding Mill that had been put forward for consideration to be built on in Tynedale's Local Development Framework. Consultation is open until 14th September.

c) Squirrel's Club: A letter had been received requesting some assistance. The Chairman is to meet with representatives from there and bring the matter to the next Parish Council meeting.

d) A letter had been received from Mrs Niven on behalf of the late Andrew Pusey's widow asking if the Parish Council would allow a memorial seat in the Playpark. This was agreed by the Council. The Clerk would inform Mrs Pusey of the likely costs involved.

6. Finance:

a) The financial statement and receipts were accepted by all councillors

b) The following payments were authorised by all councillors:-

M F Anderton/Salary/June	£352.42
M F Anderton/Expenses/June	£158.19
CWC/knotweed	£323.13
CWC/Ivy	£176.25
Transfer to D/Ac (VAT rebate)	£320.56
C Fenwick (emergency fence repair)	£1,045.75

7. Minor matters:

Cllr Dunhill reported on the walks and bike rides that would be going up on the website. Cllr Cairns reported on the brambles etc. at the bottom of Sandy Bank. Cllr Heslop asked that Mrs Niven be written to and complimented on the appearance of the Parish Hall. He also suggested that an apology might be forthcoming at the next APM regarding what was perceived by some as inappropriate behaviour at the last APM. Cllr Dunhill also mentioned that the falling trees in the Churchyard had been referred to the PCC and were being dealt with.

The meeting closed at 8.30