

Lothersdale Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th December 2011, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillor Stephen Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor John Brown
Councillor Catherine Gott
Councillor Peter Harrison
Councillor Julian White
Clerk Esther Barrows

In attendance: Councillor Patrick Mulligan

12/01 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

12/02 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Harrison declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 12/12 and took no part in the discussion. Cllr Gott declared a personal interest in item 12/03 (h).

12/03 Minutes

- i) Resolved: That the minutes of the council meeting held on 11th November 2011 be signed as a true record.
- ii) Clerk's and members' reports on updates and actions taken on matters discussed at the previous meeting:
 - a) Water leak at the former Chapel: Cllr White has had no reply from the Chapel owners, but declared that the pipe originates from the middle of the road. EB to find a contractor who has a license to dig up the pavement (quote only). EB to write to each individual household whose water is received via the leaky pipe.
 - b) Strimming of land opposite former chapel. Carried out by Chris Cowgill. Awaiting invoice.
 - c) The sign advising no dogs and cars in the recreation ground had been installed on the wrong gates. Chris Cowgill is still to move it and replace it with the old one. EB to contact.
 - d) The faulty street light bulbs have all been replaced, with the exception of no.2 (near the Church) which has a faulty junction box. SC to wait for report and follow up. EB to chase the report on handing over the lights to the county.

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| e) Play equipment: The clerk has been visiting the site with contractors and collecting quotes for the repair and replacement of worn and broken parts. To contact manufacturers for quote for supply of parts only. Then to contact M Parker for quote to fit parts. | EB |
| f) The MUGA construction is still not complete. Questions have been raised about Tennis Court markings (which are required), and the colour of all markings to be painted on site. The step rebuild is to be investigated for as yet it has not been carried out. The issue of the water problem in the corner of the MUGA is being investigated by PH, who is awaiting a response from Boyd Webster. | PH |
| g) The clerk has contacted NYCC who have been to assess the overgrown trees at Four Lane ends and the Brow. We have been informed that Four Lane ends will be cut back in spring. NYCC are not responsible for the problem of overhanging trees at the Brow, EB to investigate contacting landowners. | EB |
| h) Cllr Gott declared a personal interest in the discussion about a potentially dangerous tree on Quarry Road. The tree is growing into the wall, but it has been noted that the tree has been leaning for generations. EB to contact Craven District Council to ask Tree Officer to investigate. | EB |
| i) A quote has been received from M. Parker in relation to the repair of both sets of steps at the park. <u>It was agreed</u> to not pursue the repair until PH has investigated whether two step repair included in the MUGA contract. M. Parker has also requested a quote for a handrail from a colleague. To be informed when this arrives. | PH EB |
| j) Localism Bill: <u>It was agreed</u> that Lothersdale needs a neighborhood plan and that the Parish Council needs to set an agenda to cover this item. The Councillors are therefore to be sent a blank agenda, enabling items for discussion to be added ready for the January meeting. EB to research the effects of the Localism Bill above or below villages with 500 houses or less. EB also to ask for guidance on aspects of the localism bill. SC to draft an Inventory of Village Assets and Community Buildings. | EB SC |

12/04 Reports from invited guests

Cllr Mulligan said grants of £500 to £1,000 are still available until April (or earlier if the money ran out) from the Area Committee. The council discussed requesting a village subcommittee to apply for this grant in order to repair the park recreation ground. It was agreed that EB apply for an application form from the Toddler Group.

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12/05 Public Question Time

There was no adjournment for public questions.

12/06 Finances

(i) Resolved: That the accounts presented be paid:

Esther Barrows (Clerk) £ . Expenses

It was agreed to pay salary and expenses when an invoice was submitted.

Digley £48.00 Children's play area annual inspection
It was agreed to pay Digley upon confirmation of only invoice received.

(ii) November 2011

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| Opening balance | £ | | |
| Current account | | 9,868.39 | |
| Deposit account | | 6,966.42 | |
| Receipts | | | |
| HMRC | | 4,329.98 | |
| Interest | | 5.13 | |
| Groundworks MUGA Grant | | <u>19,231.80</u> | |
| | Sub-total | 40,401.72 | 40,401.72 |
| Payments | | | |
| Vision ICT | | 174.00 | |
| Marmax Products | | 405.00 | |
| Lothersdale Village Trust | | 14.00 | |
| J.C. Cowgill | | 229.60 | |
| K Beasley | | 24.68 | |
| Landscape Engineering | | <u>23,078.16</u> | |
| | Sub-total | 23,925.44 | <u>-23,925.44</u> |
| | | | 16,476.28 |
| Closing balance | | | |
| Current account | | 9,868.39 | |
| Deposit account | | 6,971.55 | |
| Uncleared cheques | | -23,925.44 | |
| Lodgements/petty cash | | <u>23,561.78</u> | |
| | | 16,476.28 | 16,476.28 |

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(ii) **Precept 2012-2013.** Consideration has been given to an estimated precept for 2012/13. All Councillors to receive draft copies for discussion and agreement at the next meeting.

12/08 Donation Requests

It was agreed to donate £40.00 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

It was agreed to not donate to Vitalise.

12/09 Transportation Survey

It was agreed for all Councillors to complete and return the online Transportation Survey 2011.

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It was agreed to forward the information regarding the Queens Jubilee Beacons to The Social Club.

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It was agreed that EB Contact British Telecom to report trees leaning on the telephone poles near the recreation ground.

12/12 Planning Application Number 22/2011/12072, Mr Brian Wareing Skythornes Farm, Cowling. BD22 OJ

Cllr Peter Harrison declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 11/11 and took no part in the discussion. Two Cllrs abstained to vote, two voted against. Therefore the council have decided to object to the planning application received due to its significant visual impact on the Parish of Lothersdale.

**12/13 Members' Community Reports
Date of the next meeting January 13th 2012**

Signed..... Date

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