

Lothersdale Parish Council

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer:

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th October 2011, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillor Stephen Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor John Brown
Councillor Peter Harrison
Councillor Catherine Gott

In attendance: Mr. K Beasley- Clerk

10/01 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Patrick Mulligan and Pat Fairbank for being unable to attend the meeting.

10/02 Declaration of Interest

No declarations made at the commencement of the meeting.

10/03 Minutes

- i) Resolved: That the minutes of the council meeting held on 15th September, and the Extraordinary meeting of 22nd September 2011 be signed as true records.
- ii) Clerk's and members' reports on updates and actions taken on matters discussed at the previous meetings:

Cllr Julian White was provided with the contact details for the Chairman of the West Yorkshire Methodist Circuit in order for contact to be made over the water problem at the Methodist Chapel.

The sign advising that cars, dogs etc are not allowed has been installed on the park gate.

Dale End Rubbish: no update had been received concerning enforcement of planning processes on this matter.

Digleys' report on the play equipment had been received, and an estimate for repairs is required.

Johnny's Croft. A bid was made by the Council in partnership with two other parties, but this was exceeded by another bidder. The margin of the difference is not known.

10/04 Reports from invited guests

There were no guests in attendance.

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10/05 Public Question Time

There was no adjournment for public questions.

10/06 Finances

Resolved: That the accounts presented be paid and the receipts and account balances be noted.

Resolved: That the Parish Council purchase a bench in memory of the late Michael Gover, past Chairman of the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr S Cohen, seconded by Cllr C M Gott. A donation for the cost of the bench and installation is to be received.

Concern was expressed at the copy first invoice received for the MUGA, having received no information from Quantum Arbiter, who are appointed to act for and advise the Parish Council on the scheme. Quantum Arbiter to be contacted over this matter for comment and advice.

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HSBC Community Account				Opening Balance	£5262.55
<i>Date</i>	<i>Cheque Reference</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>
13.10.2011	100676	NYCC	Street light Cleaning		1089.38
13.10.2011	100677	J C Cowgill	Recreation cutting		289.50
13.10.2011	100678	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreath		30.00
	100679	K Beasley	Clerk's Salary & Expenses		308.33
7.10.2011		Craven DC	Precept	6977.50	
				Closing Balance	£10522.84

Standard Life Account				Opening Balance	£6961.12
<i>Date</i>	<i>Cheque Reference</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>
15.9.2011			Interest	5.30	
				Closing Balance	£6966.42

10/07 Correspondence (for information and to inform future agenda items)

The Diamond Jubilee for HM The Queen Elizabeth II is to be celebrated by a series of bonfires. The Council agreed to pass the details on to the village Social Club.

10/08 Planning

The plans for Bethel Chapel had been submitted too late for July's meeting and were to be considered by Planning in August. The Parish Council's request for delay until the September meeting was declined by Craven as the planning decision was to be made by

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6th September. The clerk had checked the planning department website the day of the meeting, and no decision had been made.

10/09 Appointment of Parish Clerk

There has been one application received, and Cllrs Cohen and Gott made declarations of personal and prejudicial interest as they are friends of the applicant.

The applicant is to be invited to interview before the members of Council who do not know the applicant.

JB/PH

10/09 Members' Community Reports

The Brow is causing concern with overgrown trees. North Yorkshire CC to be contacted to resolve this, and also an associated problem at Four Lane Ends crossroad.

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Michelle Pickles is to be invited to join the NYCC snow project. The clerk to contact her.

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A triangle of land opposite the Chapel needs strimming and possibly planting. J C Cowgill to be contacted to add to his programme.

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Signed..... Date