

Lothersdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 12th April 2012, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillor Stephen Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor Catherine Gott
Councillor Peter Harrison (Vice Chair)
Councillor Julian White
Councillor Patrick Mulligan
Clerk Esther Barrows

4/01 Apologies were received and accepted from:

Councillor John Brown
Councillor Pat Fairbanks

4/02 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4/03 Minutes

- i) Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th March 2012 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: Stephen Cohen met with Tim Sharp, the Bethel Chapel representative. Will be hearing within the month about possible support for water leak repair. The council is to contact village organisations to arrange meeting to discuss uses for redundant chapel.
 - b) Street Lights: Investigation into the financial viability of spreading the cost over a number of years is ongoing. Repairs to additional lights are still being carried out. EB to investigate the removal of old concrete light columns.
 - c) Update on MUGA construction: M. Parker met with the original contractor who on behalf of the previous council undertook drainage work in the adjoining field and football pitch. Suggestions about possible new culvert behind the MUGA retaining wall and connection to existing pipe have been discussed. Emergency work has been carried out at the stream near the Millennium Walk to cut back and repair the headwall with the addition of stock proof fencing. The council is to wait and see if repairs ease the water leak on the MUGA before initiating further work by original contractor.

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<p>d) Localism Bill: EB attended the Parish clerks forum where it was suggested the council look at their existing Parish Plan and Action Plan with a view to updating this ready for possible inclusion into a neighbourhood plan. The council amended the Action Plan and will be posting this on the notice boards and website for residents to comment on for a period of two months.</p>	<p>Action EB</p>
<p>e) Leaning tree on Millennium Walk: PH visited the park to assess the leaning tree and low lying limb over the trim trail. EB to meet with tree officer to gain advice on pruning/removal in relation to conservation status. EB to ask officer to look at leaning tree on Quarry Road also.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>f) Stone Steps update. The council is not to carry out this work at present.</p>	
<p>g) Tender update: The clerk is to write to contractors for further details regarding tenders, with agreements in place for the coming year.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>h) Funding possibilities for the recreation ground: Patrick Mulligan has reported that unfortunately no further funding possibilities are available at present to support the maintenance of the children's play area in the recreation ground.</p>	
<p>i) Speed Gun and mobile camera update: The clerk has met with Sue Marklew, the Safer Neighbourhood Officer from North Yorkshire Police. EB was informed that the council would be notified when the Speed Gun would be in the village. The council is to request further clarification of dates and times for identification of speeding problems.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>j) Jubilee Village Events Funding: The council agreed to support the Queens Jubilee Event in the village and has paid for the public liability insurance.</p>	
<p>k) Landscape Engineering: clarification has been received about the release of retention once the work has been completed. The retention release period will be twelve months from the date the ROSPA inspection was carried out. (November 2011).</p>	
<p>l) YLCA membership. The council is to renew its YLCA (Yorkshire Local Councils Association) membership.</p>	
<p>m) Working with your councils; course decision. The council has agreed to pay for the clerk to take this short course through home study.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>n) MUGA sign update: EB has met with the village events committee and school head teacher to assist in collating the sign specifications and children's drawings. The clerk is now to work with the VEC to complete the sign design and organise the production ready for the official MUGA launch, taking place during the Queens Jubilee Celebrations on 4th June.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>o) June meeting date alteration: to be finalised at the next meeting.</p>	<p>EB</p>

p) School conservation work: Mark Barnes is supporting children from Lothersdale Primary who are working towards the John Muir Award for conservation. They have identified areas for improvement within the park and will be carrying out conservation work over the summer term. EB to liaise with Victoria Reid (local conservationist) and Mark to support their work, in addition to meeting tree officer for further advice about conservation status within Lothersdale.

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4/04 Reports from invited guests

Councillor Patrick Mulligan reported that the Little Red Bus has gone into liquidation. Although this has been taken over and is running at the present, there is no further news about how long this will continue. The council will keep residents informed as news is released.

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The district council has exceeded its target of saving £37 million. It has saved an additional £2 million which will now be carried forward to the coming year. It has successfully managed to retain its services for 2012-13.

4/05 Public Question Time

There was no adjournment for public questions.

4/06 Finances

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

Esther Barrows (Clerk)	193.24 Salary		
	<u>11.46</u> Expenses		
	204.70 Total		
 (ii) March 2012			
Opening balance	£		
Current account	8,860.42		
Deposit account	<u>6,987.31</u>		
	15,847.73		15,847.73
 Receipts			
Interest	5.35		
Toddler Group Donation	<u>150.00</u>		
	Sub-total	16,003.03	16,003.03
 Payments			
E. Barrows	<u>204.95</u>		<u>204.95</u>
	15,798.08		15,798.08
 Closing balance			
Represented by:			
Cleared cheques	-204.95		
Lodgements/petty cash	150.00		
Current Account HSBC	8,860.42		
Deposit Account Standard Life	<u>6,992.61</u>		
	15,798.08		15,798.08

4/07 Correspondence:

- a) Planning Application no: 22/2011/12072: Erection of 3 No. 11 KW Wind turbines on 18m Towers. Skythorns Farm, Cowling. (October 2011) The application has been withdrawn by the applicant.
- b) CDC Art features: the council is to consider areas for art /public features /installations at the next meeting.
- c) Relate: the council have agreed to donate £20.00 to relate.
- d) Kirkwells free neighbourhood planning session: to be taken up by the council. EB to arrange.
- e) Erection of tennis net at MUGA: As the multi-use games area is available for a wide variety of uses, the council is to erect the tennis net to coincide with Wimbledon. EB to investigate storing the net at a convenient location (in order for public to access if so wish) and give feedback at the next meeting.
- f) MUGA: opening ceremony invites: EB to clarify official MUGA launch times and write invitations to celebrities/dignitaries. EB to also gain details of budget for MUGA launch, to cost invites, mail shots, drinks, ribbons etc. EB and JB to work alongside VEC to organise the launch.
- g) Low lying limb behind kids trim trail: EB to meet with tree officer to gain advice about possible limb removal. To then gain quotes to carry out the work.
- h) Armed Forces Day Flag: to be discussed further at the next meeting. EB to research purchasing flags.

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4 /08 Planning Application Number 53/2012/1249

Proposal: Two storey side extension & single storey rear extension to existing house.

The council has approved the planning application detailed above. It was felt that the proposed designs would greatly enhance the appearance of the property.

3/09 Members' Community Reports

Date of the next meeting May 10th 2012

Signed..... Date