

Lothersdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9th February 2012, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillor Stephen Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor John Brown
Councillor Peter Harrison
Clerk Esther Barrows

2/01 Apologies were received and accepted from:

Councillor Catherine Gott
Councillor Julian White
Councillor Patrick Mulligan
Councillor Pat Fairbanks
Councillor Mark Wheeler

2/02 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Harrison declared a personal interest in item 2/03 (i).

2/03 Minutes

- i) Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th January 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 and Esther Barrows have met with Highways in order to identify correct procedure for putting stop cock on faulty water pipe. EB has obtained three quotes to carry out the work. Contractors need to be authorised by Highways. Correspondence is still ongoing. EB has sent quotes to Tim Sharp, Bethel Chapel consultant architect. SC has informed TS of original procedure for identifying locality of pipes at the fold. EB to contact water diviner to repeat confirmation of locality of pipes.
 - b) Recreation Ground Sign: EB to confirm the signs have been swapped correctly.
 - c) Street Lights: The infill inspection which the council has authorised should be carried out the week commencing 13th February. A report will then be sent to the council highlighting any additional work needed in the village to bring all lights up to adoption standard. Repairs to additional lights are ongoing. Lights no 3, 16 and 18 have recently been repaired. EB to inform council when inspection report complete.

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- d) Quotes for repairs of playground equipment: EB sent ROSPA inspection to Playdale, obtained amended quote. Also received additional quotes. To wait until new financial year to carry out work.
- e) Update on MUGA construction: the water leak on the MUGA is ongoing. EB to obtain original drainage plans from contractor who built drains into football pitch and above MUGA. EB to also get original contractor to visit site.
- f) Tree at Quarry Road update: EB has met with Countryside Ranger on site. The tree is not in imminent danger. The responsibility lies with the owner. The council will pursue this no further.
- g) Localism Bill: EB to produce list of key points for discussion, to send out to councillors before the next meeting. To then add to agenda for March and start the meeting thirty minutes early to discuss the issues and set goals for the council.
- h) Maintenance work in Recreation Ground: General maintenance work has been carried out by CC recently. Council to arrange site visit at millennium walk to assess leaning tree.

Stone steps: EB to gain additional information regarding building of stone steps with tubular handrail.
- i) The concern about emergency vehicle access into the Mill Yard has been researched by EB. Skipton Fire Department has reassured the council that it has the authority to gain access to properties in an emergency, and even if access is difficult, they have measures in place to ensure they can reach the emergency from the pub car park or main road.
- j) Planning Application number: 53/2011/11857. Conversion and Minor Extension of Vacant Former Methodist Chapel to Form Two Dwellings. Craven District Council have refused the proposed development as the proximity of the gardens to the graves and ashes plots are such that the proposal would have a distressing and harmful impact upon visitors to the graveyard.
- k) Received two tender quotes. To wait until tender closing date in March before decision on tender is made.

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2/05 Reports from invited guests

There were no reports from invited guests.

2/06 Public Question Time

There was no adjournment for public questions.

2/07 Finances

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

Esther Barrows (Clerk)	193.24 Salary	
	29.04 Expenses	
	222.28 Total	
Landscape Engineering	18,529.20	
Michael Parker	24.00	
 (ii) January 2012		
Opening balance	£	
Current account	9,206.90	
Deposit account	<u>6,976.86</u>	
	16,183.76	16,183.76
Receipts		
Book of walks	35.00	
Dog bag monies	59.10	
Interest	5.14	
Groundwork	<u>16,141.00</u>	
	Sub-total	32,424.00
Payments		
E. Barrows	206.30	
Quantum Arbiter	<u>840.00</u>	
	1,046.30	<u>-1,046.30</u>
		31,377.70
Closing balance		
Represented by:		
Uncleared cheques	-1,046.30	
Lodgements/petty cash	16,235.10	
Current Account HSBC	9,206.90	
Deposit Account Standard Life	<u>6,982.00</u>	
	31,377.70	31,377.70

2/08 Correspondence:

- a) Jubilee Village Events funding: The Parish Council would like to inform the Jubilee Events Committee that they are amenable to support a Jubilee event, and would welcome a request.
- b) Annual Parish Meeting: to be discussed in April.
- c) Emergency Planning invite: passed on to all councillors.
- d) Parish Liaison Group Meeting: SC and EB to attend next meeting.
- e) MUGA Launch: J Brown and E Barrows would be happy to represent the Council and attend a meeting between representatives of the school, LVE and the PC.

- f) Millennium walk: queries from members of the village regarding the deterioration of the millennium walk. Lothersdale Community Primary School are already planning to work with children in this area.

2/09 Planning Application Number 22/2011/12115

Proposal: Wind Turbine at Mire Close Farm

The Council will oppose the proposed planning application with reference to these key points:

- It is close to a national long distance footpath, (the Pennine Way) with users being in close proximity of the turbines
- It would pose a prominent view from The Brow towards Mire Head
- There are no other vertical structures along the horizon
- It would be detrimental to our visual amenity and local landscape character
- It would impact on the settings of listed buildings in close proximity

2/10 Members' Community Reports

Date of the next meeting March 8th 2012

Signed..... Date