

Lothersdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th March 2012, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

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

3/01 Apologies were received and accepted from:
Councillor Stephen Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor John Brown

3/02 Declaration of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

3/03 Minutes

- i) Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th February 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: EB met with Bernal Smith and Tim Sharp, the Bethel Chapel representative. Bernal confirmed to Tim the location of the three water pipes from the Fold. Tim is to report findings back to the Bethel Chapel Trustees and inform EB of the outcome.
 - b) Recreation Ground Sign: EB confirmed the signs have been swapped correctly.
 - c) Street Lights: The infill report has been received highlighting additional work to bring the street lights in the village up to adoption standards. EB to investigate the financial viability of spreading the cost over a number of years. Immediate repairs to additional lights are ongoing.
 - d) Update on MUGA construction: Original drainage plans are not available, the clerk and M. Parker are to meet with original contractor to discuss possible new culvert behind the MUGA retaining wall and connection to existing pipe. Emergency work is to be carried out at the stream near the Millennium Walk to cut back and repair the headwall with the addition of stock proof fencing.

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- e) Localism Bill: The council is to hold a separate meeting to discuss the Localism Bill and its implications for the parish. EB to give each councillor a section of the bill to research and present at the meeting, the date to be confirmed.
- f) Leaning tree on Millennium Walk: PH to visit the park and give feedback at the next meeting.
- g) Stone Steps update: The work will be instructed and hopefully commence shortly.
- h) Tender update: As a full council was not present, this will be discussed and finalised at the next meeting.

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3/04 Reports from invited guests

Councillor Patrick Mulligan reported that the Community Grant Application put through by the Toddler Group (EB) will be unsuccessful due to the Parish owning the recreation Ground. PM to investigate further funding possibilities.

Speed Gun: referring to a visit from Sergeant Taylor in 2010, we have received apologies that the gun has not been used in the village since that time, with the reassurance that it will be used this coming year. EB to request update on calibration, training and scheduled deployment to Lothersdale with Sergeant Taylor

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EB to investigate use of mobile speed camera in the village.

3/05 Public Question Time

There was no adjournment for public questions.

3/06 Finances

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

Esther Barrows (Clerk)	193.24 Salary	
	11.71 Expenses	
	204.95 Total	
 (ii) February 2012		
Opening balance	£	
Current account	24,395.70	
Deposit account	<u>6,982.00</u>	
	31,377.70	31,377.70
Receipts		
Interest	5.31	
HMRC	<u>3,240.20</u>	
	Sub-total	34,623.21
Payments		
E. Barrows	222.28	
Michael Parker	24.00	
Landscape Engineering	<u>18,529.20</u>	
	18,775.48	<u>18,775.48</u>

15,847.73

Closing balance

Represented by:

Cleared cheques -18,775.48

Lodgements/petty cash 3,240.20

Current Account HSBC 24,395.70

Deposit Account Standard Life 6,987.31

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3/07 Correspondence:

- a) Jubilee Village Events funding: The Parish Council will consider a request from the Jubilee Events Committee when they receive a letter.
- b) Landscape Engineering: EB received letter detailing clarification of final amounts to be further invoiced at the end of May. EB to clarify defects liability period in relation to release of the final 50% of retention.
- c) Parish Clerks Forum: EB to attend meeting on Wednesday 14th March. Items for discussion: Budget implications for parishes, Planning application process, Parish and Neighbourhood Plans. Clerk to report back.
- d) YLCA Membership: To be discussed at the next meeting.
- e) Working with Your Council: Training course for new clerks. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- f) MUGA sign update: EB to confirm when the MUGA sign needs to be installed, what specifications it needs to follow, and how this is to be brought to completion. Councillors will then consider the options received from the children at Lothersdale School.
- g) Alteration of June meeting: EB will be away on 14th and 21st June. Council is to consider alteration of date for June meeting.
- h) Former Lothersdale children's home, request for information: A query has been received about knowledge of a possible historic permanent or temporary children's home in the village. EB to speak to residents and local council to gain more information.
- i) Toddler Group Jumble Sale Donation: The Parish Council would like to thank the Toddler Group for their very kind donation of £150 towards repairs of the recreation ground.
- j) School Conservation Work: Mark Barnes from Lothersdale Primary School has contacted the council with the request that they consider allowing a small corner of the playing field to be planted with wild flower seeds by the school children. It

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was also suggested that the habitat in school and at the park was not conducive to small birds, and that this was a priority for conservation in both areas.

The council would like to invite Mark to the Parish meeting on 12th April, where issues such as management, regime and safety can be discussed.

3/08 Planning Application Number NY/2012/0057/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension and entrance ramp on land at Lothersdale CP School.

In principle Lothersdale Parish Council supports the above planning application with the provision of facilities, security and accommodation. However, concern was raised over the extent of clear storey glazing in the western entrance elevation, and although it is acknowledged that the form and shape reflects the existing building, councillors felt that additional use of stone and a more sensitive colour finish would be preferable.

3/09 Members' Community Reports

Date of the next meeting April 12th 2012

Signed..... Date