

Lothersdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10th May 2012, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

- Councillor John Brown
- Councillor Stephen Cohen (Chairman)
- Councillor Pat Fairbanks
- Councillor Catherine Gott
- Councillor Peter Harrison (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Patrick Mulligan
- Councillor Mark Wheeler
- Clerk Esther Barrows

5/01 Apologies were received and accepted from:
Councillor Julian White

5/02 Declaration of Interest
Councillor Peter Harrison declared a personal interest in item 5/08.

5/03 Reports from invited guests:
Councillor Patrick Mulligan reported that on 15th November the first election for the new individual Police and Crime Commissioner (for a policing area) will take place. The new commissioner will directly replace North Yorkshire Police Authority from November 22nd, 2012. The new PCCCs' will determine local policing priorities, publish their police and crime plan, set a local precept, and set the annual force budget in consultation with the chief constable.

(Further information can be found at www.nypa.gov.uk or the Home Office Website. Alternatively email PCCInfo@nypa.gov.uk.)

Councillor Mark Wheeler forwarded information regarding the future of Skipton Town Hall. Local residents have shown a desire to retain the hall as a community space. At present there are four possible outcomes:

- 1 Let a new trust take over the running of the hall with a financial contribution over the next three years.
- 2 The Council to keep the hall and restore.
- 3 The Council to keep the hall and for it remain in its present condition.
- 4 The Council to sell the hall.

The outcome will be known within the next few days.

Councillor Pat Fairbank reported on the 'little red bus'. While it was known that the company had gone into liquidation, it has now been taken over by the Harrogate Bus Service. Pat queried the regularity and reliability of the service since the takeover and has been informed that as far as was known the service was running as normal. (If any alternative information is available, please forward to the clerk.)

A local resident had expressed concerns to Pat about the number of potholes in the village. The clerk is to research and report to NYCC highways department.

5/04 Minutes

- i) Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th April 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) The clerk is currently in contact with village organisations to arrange a meeting to discuss uses for the redundant chapel.

- b) Street Lights: The clerk reported that although the cost of NYCC adopting the village lights can be spread out, the repayments would have to be covered within two years. It was suggested that the council look at possible grants towards this work. The clerk is to research and report back to the council over the next few weeks.

- c) MUGA water problem: The councillors and clerk have visited the recreation ground to assess the volume of water flooding onto the MUGA from the adjoining field and football pitch. The clerk is to obtain quotes for investigative dig in the northern corner of the MUGA, to look at water flow and condition of drainage pipes. Weeds have been noted as emerging from the southern end of the MUGA. EB to contact original contractors for information relating to the MUGA construction and weed removal, and to request investigation.

- d) Localism Bill: EB has placed the original Parish Plan and updated Action Plan on the Parish Council website and noticeboards for a period of two months, ending in July 2012. EB met with Stephen Brown from planning at Craven District Council to gain further information, and obtained a current Parish Plan template for Lothersdale to follow.

- e) Leaning tree on Millennium Walk: the clerk met with the tree officer from CDC to gain advice about a low lying limb in the children's trim trail and a dangerous cherry tree by the millennium walk. The new conservation area was also inspected, which the schoolchildren will be working in and EB gained advice about preparation and planting. The tree officer looked at the leaning tree on Quarry Road, and gave recommendations for observation and possible report if deemed dangerous to the public.

- f) Stone Steps update: While the council gave approval for improvements to the stone steps near the new MUGA, recommendations will be given about using

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Receipts			
Precept	7,130.00		
Interest	5.31		
Cheque for Reflections book	<u>20.00</u>		
Sub-total	22,958.36		22,958.36
Payments			
YLCA	182.00		
E. Barrows	204.70		
Michael Parker	306.00		
Chris Cowgill	272.05		
E. Barrows: Jubilee Insurance Donation	142.20		
Relate Donation	20.00		
SLCC Training	<u>75.00</u>		<u>1,201.95</u>
	1,201.95		21,756.41
Closing balance			
Represented by:			
Cleared cheques	-924.95		
Uncleared cheques	-277.00		
Lodgements/petty cash	7,150.00		
Current Account HSBC	8,805.47		
Deposit Account Standard Life_	<u>7,002.89</u>		
	21,756.41		21,756.41

5/07 Correspondence:

- a) Jubilee Village Events funding: The council has received a request for additional support for the Queens Diamond Jubilee party in the park on Monday 4th June 2012. It was agreed to donate £200 from the Millennium Fund.
- b) 2011 – 2012 Audit/Risk Assessment: The council has carried out the annual review of the risk assessment record as part of the audit requirement. This has been updated to include the new MUGA. No action is to be taken as there were no risks with a medium or high rating. The risk assessment document is to be reviewed in October 2012. EB to arrange internal audit and collection of evidence for Annual Parish Meeting.
- c) Annual Parish Meeting: It was agreed to hold this meeting on Thursday 24th May at 7.30pm in the village hall. EB to post notices on the website and village noticeboards.
- d) Came and Company insurance renewal: EB informed the council of the raise in premium due to the MUGA asset. EB to query raised premium.
- e) Queens Jubilee Tree planting: The council agreed for the Jubilee Oak to be planted in the new conservation area. EB to liaise with stonemason for placement, and with Mark Baines and groundsman regarding clearing of area.

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- f) Standards committee: No volunteer for replacement Parish Representative was chosen at this time.
- g) YLCA, Craven Branch Meeting of 17.5.12: EB informed the councilors of the meeting, and their invite to attend.
- h) Clerk's correspondence: EB informed the council of her new PAYE system, and enrolment on the 'working with your council course'.

5/08 Planning Application Number 53/2012/12559

Proposal: Proposed Stable Block. Marl Hill Farm, Lothersdale, Keighley. BD20 8HJ

The council has approved the planning application detailed above.

5/09 Members' Community Reports

Date of the next meeting May 24th 2012

Signed..... Date