

Lothersdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th September 2012, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillor John Brown (Vice Chair)
Councillor Stephen Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor Pat Fairbanks
Councillor Catherine Gott
Councillor Peter Harrison
Clerk Esther Barrows

9/01 Apologies were received and accepted from:

Councillor Julian White
Councillor Mark Wheeler
Councillor Patrick Mulligan

9/02 Declaration of Interest:

Councillor Peter Harrison declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 9/03.

9/03 Reports from invited guests:

Councillor Pat Fairbank reported on her recent correspondence with Craven District Council regarding the blue bin collection in the Mill Yard. The Parish Council had requested Pat to assist them in answering residents' concerns over the recent removal of the blue bin service. (The residents had received notice of the removal by letter from CDC.)

On 22nd August Pat received the instruction to assist the Council. Since then discussions have been taking place between Paul Ellis (Deputy Chief Executive), Paul Florentine (Waste and Recycling Manager), Jim Hurst (Operational Manager, Engine Shed Lane) and Gill Cooper (Strategic Manager and Legal Democratic Officer).

Pat Fairbank and Stephen Cohen (PC Chairman) attended a meeting at CDC on 12th September with Gill Cooper and Paul Florentine. At the meeting it was decided that the blue bin collection was to be reinstated. The decision was approved by Waste Management.

At this point at the PC meeting the discussion became open to members of the public as residents of the Mill Yard were present. Questions were raised about where the bins at the entrance to the Mill yard had come from. Concerns were raised about the reduction of visibility due to the bins presence. Residents also raised concerns over the original

plans for the recycling point and questions over planning applications were raised. Residents were also concerned over issues of restricting access for vehicles in the Mill Yard, and of their rights of access in this area.

Residents requested confirmation in writing from CDC giving reassurance of the continued blue bin collection from the Mill Yard. Pat declared she would follow this through and request written confirmation as soon as possible. She will report back to the council and residents with any further developments as and if they arise.

Pat also reported on the bin site at Lothersdale Recreation Ground. Most commercial waste sites were being removed as these traditionally used to be on pub car parks, with Landlords paying for the removal of their waste. However, the site outside the recreation ground is on Craven Land, so it has been decided to retain this facility for the village.

9/04 Minutes

- i) Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on July 12th and August 2nd be signed as a true record.

Councillor Catherine Gott reported an omission in the previous minutes from **August 2nd 2012. Item 8/08 b:**

Application Number 53/2012/12750

Proposal: Single 20kw Micro Wind Turbine Mounted On A 18m Monopole, Height To Blade Tip Of 23.2m.

Location: Sunnyside Farm. Whitehill Lane, Lothersdale. Keighley. BD20 8HU.

Applicant: Mr. R Gibson

The Councillor would like to note that while the remaining council objected to the planning application above, she approved the application.

- ii) Clerk's and members' reports on updates and actions taken on matters discussed at the previous meeting:

As the reports from invited guests and public question time went over the time normally allocated, numerous items from the agenda were moved forward to the September meeting.

- a) Redundant Chapel update: The clerk reported to the Council that although the last planning application was approved, the Bethel Chapel was still for sale.
- b) Street Lights: This item was moved forward to the September agenda.
- c) Localism Bill (Parish Plan & Action Plan): The Parish Plan and Action Plan had been placed on the noticeboards from May – July 2012. The Council received no comments from residents on these plans. The Council is now to decide whether the new Neighborhood Plan may work for Lothersdale. The Council will be looking into this over the next few months.

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- d) Tennis net storage: The clerk had researched storage solutions for the MUGA tennis net. Peter Harrison is to research this further and report back to the council
- e) Update on MUGA water problem: The clerk has contacted numerous hydrologists in the hope to get professional advice about solving the water problem in the recreation ground, which is now causing the MUGA to flood. Unfortunately at this point the Council is unable to employ these services.
- f) Update on leaning tree in Millennium Walk: This item has been moved forward to September.
- g) Speed Gun update: The clerk has visited Crosshills Police Station. Unfortunately over the summer the clerk was due to meet with a PCSO to carry out speed checks, but this did not take place. PC Andy Woodhead has since visited the village and carried out speed checks with the clerk. Due to the nature of a PC's working hours it is not possible for the clerk to meet with the PC on a preset date every two weeks. However, the PC has reassured the Council that he will contact the clerk as and when he is available to carry out checks, either on his own, with the clerk or with Councillors.
- h) Craven District Council art features: The clerk reported on her meeting with the Arts and Exhibition Officer from CDC. Unfortunately the officer feels that the Millennium Walk would need further improvements before it can be chosen as a potential site. She has recommended various fundraising bodies for the clerk to research in order to bring funds in to the village, and has offered to support the clerk if she needs assistance.
- i) Kirkwells' Neighborhood Planning Session: The clerk has set the date for the session to take place on Thursday 27th September 2012, at the Village Hall.
- j) Overhanging bushes: This item has been moved forward to September.
- k) Dog Bag Prices: The clerk has informed the council of the price increase in dog bags. Originally the PC would pay £7.20 per thousand, supplied in a box of five thousand. Now the council will be paying £8.00 per thousand and they will be supplied in a box of three thousand. The council has decided to retain the cost of dog bags for residents to 50p per 50. Councillor Pat Fairbank is to research this increase.
- l) Adopting a code of conduct: The clerk has been in touch with CDC and been informed that the PC need to adopt its code of conduct as soon as possible. Lothersdale Parish Council has decided to adopt the NALC code of conduct, which will be placed on the noticeboards and website in due course.
- m) MUGA defects: The clerk has been in contact with Groundworks for advice regarding the defects in the MUGA within the defects liability period. However, as a gesture of goodwill Landscape Engineering have offered to return to site and remove the terram and replace the original stone from the land drains with

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<p>stone which the PC specifies. They have also offered to lower the fencing if necessary and apply one further coat of glyphosate to the MUGA. The council is happy to accept this offer and the clerk is to organise the works to be carried out.</p>	<p>Action EB</p>
<p>n) RSS feed request and website improvement: Stephen Cohen has contacted Vision ICT (our website hosts) as residents have requested an RSS feed be placed on the website. This would enable residents to gain notification to their email account whenever the website has been amended. Stephen Cohen has also requested an update to the facility to enable multiple uploading of images. (A facility which would be useful when wishing to add numerous photographs after village events, such as The Queens Diamond Jubilee.)</p>	
<p>The Clerk reported a reduced charge of £100 combined for both these services. The Council has agreed to this website improvement. The clerk is to follow up.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>o) Queen Elizabeth Field Challenge: The clerk informed the Council that in registering the recreation ground for the Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge they will then be able to apply for funds to maintain the recreation ground. The clerk is to research.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>p) SLCC membership: The clerk was happy to inform the Council that the cost for renewing the SLCC membership was not £140 as originally estimated, but £72. The clerk is to forward payment.</p>	<p>EB</p>
<p>q) Planning support letter: The clerk reported to the council that as requested she had written to residents in the Mill Yard, thanking them for their letter of support for Planning application number: 53/2012/12658 Proposal: Proposed Two Storey Extension To The Rear. Location: 2 Peel Terrace, Dale End. Lothersdale. Keighley. BD20 8EP. Applicant: Mr. M Pickard.</p>	
<p>r) Bethel Chapel Water leak: The clerk has been in contact with the Chapel Representative. While the Bethel Chapel Trustees had offered to place a stop tap on the faulty water pipe near the Chapel, the Council could not accept this proposal due to their not being liable for any extra costs incurred. The Trustee reported that at this point they are investigating other avenues in order to help solve the problem, and at the moment will not be coming back to the council with a renewed proposal. The clerk was reassured she would be contacted if any further developments arise.</p>	
<p>s) Declaration Of Acceptance Of Office: As no new Councillors were sworn in after June 2012, the new Declaration Of Office does not need to be signed and sent to CDC. The original declarations (any signed prior to June 2012) will be placed on the website in due course.</p>	
<p>t) Planning letter: As requested the clerk has written to Craven District Council and Pendle Borough Council. The Councillors feel that these Councils are not taking into account the cumulative impact wind turbines will have on the visual amenity</p>	

of the village. It was felt that consideration was only being given to the visual amenity within the valley of Lothersdale and not on higher grounds.

- u) Register of interests: The clerk queried if all Councillors had completed their register of interests. Craven District Council had impressed upon the clerk the necessity for their completion. They will be placed on the noticeboards and website when approved by CDC.
- v) MUGA correspondence: The clerk reported on her correspondence with Quantum Arbiter, Landscape Engineering, and with the previous clerks to try and find original contracts for the MUGA. A measure of success had been reached, with the reassurance that copies when available will be forwarded to the clerk.

9/05 Public Question Time:

Questions arising about the Mill Yard were discussed in item 9/03: Reports from invited guests (Pat Fairbank).

PC Andy Woodhead attended the PC meeting to discuss speeding concerns within the village. He gave valuable information to the Councillors about the measures the police use while carrying out speeding checks. He informed the councilors of his willingness to visit Lothersdale when available and carry out checks within the village. He also gave the council information regarding their ability to stop a breach of the peace if needed.

The Council is very pleased that PC Woodhead attended the meeting. The clerk is to write to the PC, thanking him for his attendance and desire to now build a lasting relationship with our local constabulary.

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9/06 Finances

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

Esther Barrows (Clerk)	498.94	
Salary plus expenses and training (July – September)		
Chris Cowgill August Invoice	396.00	
Craven District Council Street Lighting 2010 – 2011	1,337.22	
Dog Bags	72.00	
SLCC Membership	72.00	
Vision ICT Website upgrade	<u>100.00</u>	
	TOTAL	2,476.16

(ii) July 2012

Opening balance	£	
Current account	11,515.11	
Deposit account	<u>7,010.98</u>	
	18,526.09	18,526.09

Receipts

2.7.12 Interest	5.36
16.7.12 Groundwork UK	2,920.45
17.7.12 Cash Deposit (book of walks)	120.00

1.8.12 Interest		<u>5.19</u>	
		3,051.00	21,577.09
Payments			
Helen Ball (MUGA expenses)		268.12	
Omnis Print Services (MUGA sign)		142.00	
Esther Barrows June Salary		212.81	
Chris Cowgill June Fees		405.80	
Chris Cowgill Tree removal		360.00	
Chris Cowgill July Fees		<u>445.00</u>	
	TOTAL	1,833.73	<u>1,833.73</u>
			19,743.36
Closing balance (August)			
Represented by:			
Cleared cheques		-1,833.73	
Uncleared cheques			
Lodgements/petty cash		3,040.45	
Current Account Barclays		11,515.11	
Deposit Account Standard Life		<u>7,021.53</u>	
		19,743.36	19,743.36

9/07 Correspondence:

- a) Digley Inspection, September 2012: The clerk informed the Council that Digley was running behind schedule this year and the inspection of the recreation ground would not take place until December 2012. The clerk will be informed when they are due to inspect.
- b) Memorial bench at Four Lane Ends: A resident has requested the placement of a memorial bench at Four Lane Ends. The clerk has met with Highways to record the site. Utility plans will need to be sourced first, then a planning notice put up. Upon approval a license to place the bench at Four Lane Ends will be forwarded to the Council. This may take up to 6 weeks. The Council has approved the wording of the plaque for the bench.
- c) Village Map: The clerk has received comments relating to the map being very faded and difficult to read. EB is to research the cost of replacement and report to the Council.
- d) Post Office Box: The clerk had received queries as to why the village post box had not been painted gold in celebration of Danielle Browns' winning a gold medal at the UK Olympics. The clerk contacted Royal Mail who informed her that it is the choice of the Olympian which post box they wish to have painted in their honour. The Council has offered to donate a bouquet of flowers to be presented to Danielle Brown at the school if they are to hold a ceremony. EB to enquire.

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The clerk noted that the post office box at Stansfield Brow was yellow, and has reported this vandalism to Royal Mail. They will come out to repaint in due course.

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- e) Conservation in recreation ground: This item was moved forward to September.
- f) Craven District Council Budget Consultation: The Council is in the process of setting its budget for 2013/14. The budget consultation sets out some key issues for local residents and the council are asking the public to respond with their views. The clerk will place a copy of the budget consultation on the noticeboards and information on the website for those residents wishing to get involved.

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9/08 Planning:

Notice Of Grant Permission By Craven District Council To Carry Out Development:

Decision Number: 53/2012/12727

Proposal: Replacement of Windows, Frames and External Doors.

Location: Curlew Cottage, Springs. Lothersdale, Keighley. BD20 8HH

Decision Number: 53/2012/12620

Proposal: Full Erection Of One 20kw Wind Turbine on a 18m Monopole.

Location: Broom House Farm. Bleara Road, Earby. BB18 6LF

Decision Number: 53/2012/12699

Proposal: Replacement of Single Garage.

Location: 3 Old Granary Cottage. North View, Lothersdale. Keighley. BD20 8EX

Decision Number: 53/2012/12658

Proposal: Proposed Two Storey Extension To The Rear.

Location: 2 Peel Terrace, Dale End. Lothersdale, Keighley. BD20 8EP

Application Number 22/2012/12851

Proposal: 20KW Micro Wind Turbine On A 20M Monopole, For Business Use.
(re-submission of a previous application: 22/2011/12115)

Location: Mire Close Farm, Mire Close Lane. Cowling, Keighley. BD22 OLQ

Applicant: Mr. Norman Bell

The Council has objected to the planning application detailed above. It will affect the visual amenity of the village, and be visible from prominent viewpoints, such as the Pennine Way and Heritage Trail.

9/09 Members' Community Reports:

Date of the next meeting October 11thth 2012

Signed..... Date