

Lothersdale Parish Council

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

Present: Councillor Stephen Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor Catherine Gott
Councillor Julian White

Councillor Patrick Mulligan (NYCC)

Clerk Esther Barrows

12/01 Apologies were received and accepted from:

Councillor John Brown (Vice Chair)
Councillor Pat Fairbanks (CDC)
Councillor Mark Wheeler (CDC)

12/02 Declaration of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest to report.

12/03 Reports from invited guests:

Councillor Pat Fairbank had reported to the clerk on that day that the suggestion of CDC charging for the removal of the brown bins had been scrapped due to an overwhelming vote at CDC. The service is to be maintained as normal.

Councillor Patrick Mulligan informed the Councillors that the Budget Consultation will be coming to Skipton. There have been £69 million of cuts within the first two years, which is on track. In the next two years there is a further £22 million of cuts expected. The Budget Settlement is late out, and in trying to save money meetings at County Hall are being reduced. Overview and Scrutiny will examine the executive decisions, as more decisions are being made by executives than officers at present. Highways are stretched with their budget being frozen for two years. The clerk was requested to query with Highways the issue of water flooding highways from private land.

12/04 Minutes:

- i) Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on December 13th be signed as a true record.
- ii) Clerk's and members' reports on updates and actions taken on matters discussed at the previous meeting:

Action

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a) CDC letter to residents: Cllr Harrison agreed to post the remaining letters regarding the blue bin collection. Not all residents from the Mill Yard had received a copy. Cllr Harrison was not present to inform the Council.	Action PH
b) Street lights: The clerk informed the Council of the updated quote from NYCC regarding switching utilities provider. <u>It was agreed</u> for the clerk to proceed with the change of electricity supplier.	EB
c) Localism Bill: As all Councillors were not present this item has been moved forward to the January meeting.	All Cllrs
d) Tennis net storage: This item has been moved forward to the January meeting.	PH
e) Kirkwells Neighborhood Planning: This meeting and the possibility of creating a Neighborhood Plan have been moved forward to the January meeting.	All Cllrs
f) Overhanging bushes: The clerk has contacted Highways for advice. Highways are to contact residents and request for the overhanging bushes to be removed.	
g) MUGA defects: The clerk is to inform Landscape Engineering, Quantum Arbiter and Groundworks of the Councils dissatisfaction with the completed MUGA and inform them that at present retention will be maintained by the council.	EB
h) Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge: The clerk reported that the recreation ground is not registered with the Land Registry. (The QEFC and LR recommended its addition) It was agreed that the clerk is to research the cost and process of adding the details to the Land Registry database.	EB
i) Village Map: The clerk had researched the printing options and costs. <u>It was agreed</u> to use Briggs Printers in Cononley. The Council decided against advertising for sponsoring the map but agreed to consider adding illustrations of local flora and fauna. The clerk is to research illustrations from previous parish books and contact a local illustrator. The clerk is to also query the cost of producing smaller copies of the map which residents may purchase.	EB
j) Conservation in recreation ground: Lothersdale Community Primary had received over 60 trees and shrubs from the Woodland Trust and suggested holding a planting day where school children, parents and local residents were invited to help plant these in the Millenium walk. The date had been set for Sat 15 th December between 12-2pm. The clerk had contacted the CDC Tree Officer for advice, and is to contact the Craven Herald to suggest inclusion.	EB
k) Audit 2011/12: The public notice for the conclusion of the audit has ended. No residents requested a copy or queried the results.	
l) ROSPA/Digley: To be discussed at the January meeting.	

- m) Police and Crime Commissioners Election: The clerk informed those present of the election of Julia Rosemary Mulligan to the new post. She will work for four years in this role.
- n) Community Planning Workshops: The clerk queried the current size of the noticeboards and her inability to display some material that was sent to her. It was stated that it was not obligatory to display all material.
- o) CDC Dispensation: The clerk informed the Council that the new version of the NALC code of conduct was now here and passed a copy to those present. When a dispensation is to be requested, the Councillors need to now go through the clerk and not CDC. All copies of the register of interests must be completed and returned to CDC. The clerk reminded those with outstanding forms which needed returning.
- p) South Pennine Landscape Action Group: The clerk queried if the details of the new Landscape Action Group needed adding to the website. After discussion it was agreed to not add these details.

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12/05 Public Question Time:

There was no adjournment for public questions.

12/06 Finances:

Esther Barrows (Clerk) November -December invoice	208.84
Jill Hart – War Memorial flowers	<u>7.65</u>
TOTAL	216.49

(ii) November 2012

Opening balance	£	
Current account	16,823.33	
Deposit account	<u>7,032.09</u>	
	23,855.42	23,855.42
Receipts		
1.11.12 Interest	<u>5.38</u>	
	5.38	23,860.80
Payments		
Chris Cowgill Sept fees	345.00	
Chris Cowgill Oct fees	98.00	
Vision ICT upgrade	120.00	
Vision ICT annual fee	180.00	
Esther Barrows Oct-Nov fee	281.98	
Mazars spot check audit	<u>480.00</u>	
TOTAL	1,504.98	<u>1,504.98</u>
		22,355.82

Closing balance (November)

Represented by:

Cleared cheques -1,504.98

Uncleared cheques		
Lodgements/petty cash		
Current Account Barclays	16,823.33	
Deposit Account Standard Life	<u>7,037.41</u>	
	22,355.82	22,355.82

12/07 Correspondence:

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a) Street furniture license, Four Lane Ends: The license for the memorial bench has now arrived. The clerk clarified with the Council the procedure for ordering the bench and claiming payment. The clerk is to proceed with its organisation.	EB
b) New Private Water Supply Regulations: After the meeting at CDC regarding water supply regulations, the clerk queried if the details should be added to the website. It was agreed for the details to be added to the site.	EB
c) Citizens Advice Bureau, yearly request for donation: Two Cllrs agreed to donate £20, Cllr White objected. EB to forward payment.	EB
d) Current Account/Savings Account interest research: After researching interest rates it was discovered that the savings account with Barclays is one of the best on the high street. <u>The Council agreed</u> to keep this account but allow the clerk to set up internet banking in order to transfer money between accounts and therefore make more interest over the year.	EB
e) Playing Fields/MUGA License: The clerk reported on her visit to the school with Shaun Wilson from NYCC. Shaun wished to reduce the amount paid to the school (and therefore the Council) for grass cutting, but add the maintenance of the MUGA. The clerk is to contact the school and NYCC to request an increase in the charge but to include the sole use of the MUGA during school hours.	EB
f) Tree pruning and maintenance: The clerk has met with the groundsman to assess possible dead and dying trees/branches in the recreation ground. A missing lock and broken gate were also reported. <u>It was agreed</u> to wait until Spring to carry out maintenance work and the clerk is to contact the Woodland Trust for advice about tree maintenance in a conservation area.	EB
g) QDJ stone welcome sign, funding: The clerk had attended a meeting with the Social Club and had offered to source out stone for the welcome sign. A member of the village has generously offered to carve the stone, with the clerk offering to design. <u>The Council agreed</u> to match fund the purchase of the stone, using funds from the Millennium Fund. The clerk is to attend a meeting in January and keep the Council informed of updates.	EB
h) Precept consideration for 2013/14: The precept form has been running late this year and was not ready to complete at the meeting. The item was discussed in detail and will be concluded at the meeting in January. CDC stated they would extend the deadline in order for Councils to complete this form.	

- i) Repainting of telephone box and suggestions for use: This item was discussed and it was decided that the clerk is to initially research the cost of purchasing the telephone box.

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12/08 Planning:

Notice of Refusal Of Permission by Craven District Council To Carry Out Development:

One application to report:

Application number: 53/2012/12923

Proposal: Replacement Of Large Corrugated Iron Clad Barn With A Detached Double Garage And Workshop, With Ancillary Accommodation.

Location: Summers Gill, Lothersdale. BD20 8HQ

Planning applications received:

Application number: 22/2012/13129

Proposal: Erection Of 2 No. 11KW Wind Turbines On 18.3m Towers (25m To Tip Of Blades)

Location: Skythorns Farm, Cowling. Keighley. BD22 0LJ.

Applicant: Mr. Brian Wareing

The Council raised no objection to the above planning application

Application number: 53/2012/13093

Proposal: Installation Of A 15m High Wind Speed Anemometer Mast For A Temporary Period Of Four Months.

Location: Hawshaw Heights. Hawshaw Lodge Farm, Lothersdale. Keighley. BD208HP

Applicant: Mr. J Smith

The Council raised no objection to the above planning application

Application number: 53/2012/13111

Proposal: Felling Of 1 x Ash Tree

Location: Chapel Meadow – Adjacent To Kmance, Lothersdale. BD20 8HB

Applicant: Mr. Burnel Smith

The Council raised no objection to the above planning application but requested a replacement tree is planted.

12/09 Members' Community Reports:

Date of the next meeting January 10th 2013

Signed..... Date