

Lothersdale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 12th September 2013, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillor Stephen Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor Eddie Cullen (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Catherine Gott
Councillor Peter Harrison
Councillor Julian White
Councillor Patrick Mulligan (NYCC)

Clerk Esther Barrows

9/01 Apologies were received and accepted from:

Councillor Mark Wheeler (CDC)
Councillor Pat Fairbanks (CDC)

9/02 Declaration of Interest:

Cllr Got declared a personal interest in item 9/04, **Planning Application
Number: 53/2013/13811**

9/03 Reports from invited guests:

County and District Councillors:

Councillor Mulligan informed the Council the CDC had originally declared there were £69 million of cuts to implement, then it increased to £94 million, and now a further £5-6 million of cuts is to be implemented. This will directly affect frontline services such as bus subsidies and social care. Adult Social Care was discussed further: There should be fair access to care, with the Council having a duty to provide care. An individual is assessed first and then put into four categories. People used to be interviewed, with over 2,600 people being classed as moderately disabled, but now over 87% of applicants have substantial entry level for the care.

Broadband was discussed: Cllr Cullen had received comments from residents in the Fold about the lack of signal for three days. There had been no returned communication from LN Communications. Cllr Mulligan is to contact NYNET and report further to the Council.

9/04 Planning:

Notice of Grant Permission by Craven District Council to Carry Out Development:

Application: 53/2013/13625

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to form domestic garden and siting of new garage

Location: Winter Gap, Lothersdale. BD20 8HT

Craven District council has considered the application and GRANTS permission for the proposed development.

Notice of refusal of permission by Craven District Council To carry out development:

Application: Application Number: 53/2013/13691

Proposal: Installation of 1 x 50kw Wind Turbine With A Mass Height Of 36.6m And A Maximum Height Of 46.3m (I.E To Blade Tip). Re-Submission Of Previous Planning Application Ref 53/2012/13190

Location: Bent Laithe Farm, Lothersdale, Keighley. BD20 8HS

Applicant: Mr. Matthew Tidmarsh

Craven District council has considered the application and REFUSES permission for the proposed development

To review any planning applications received:

Application Number: 53/2013/13806

Proposal: Proposed Siting Of 1no. 23.6m High (Hub) Wind Turbine With A Tip Height Of 34.2m, Creation Of Access Track, Turbine Foundation And Installation Of Underground Cable

Location: Procter Heights Farm, Lothersdale, Keighley, BD20 8HN

Applicant: Dc21

Lothersdale Parish Council object to the planning application above. The turbine will be of prominent view within the village, be visible from Pinhaw Beacon, the National Trail and Pennine Way. The cumulative effect of numerous turbines on the landscape will have a detrimental impact to the visual amenity of the village. **Note:** Cllr Gott approved the planning application detailed above.

Application Number: 53/2013/13811

Proposal: Felling Of 1 x Elderberry, Felling Of 1 x Conifer And 1 x Conifer Hedge And Thinning Of 1 x Sycamore And 1 x Scots Pine By 10%

Location: Standsfield House, 12 Rook Street, Lothersdale, Keighley. BD20 8EH

Applicant: Mrs. J. Waddell

Lothersdale Parish council raises no objection to the above planning application.

9/05 Minutes:

- i) Resolved: That the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on July 25th be signed as a true record. Cllr Cohen commented that slight changes needed to be made on planning comments from the council, and the issue of common land on Sidegate Lane. The clerk is to implement these before display.

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

- a) Lengthsman discussion/Village tidy up: The clerk discussed with the Council the details of the tidy up. It was agreed to set a budget of £30 for refreshments, which Cllr Gott and the Clerk will organise. The clerk is to contact Craven Herald to request publicity for the event.
- b) Tennis net storage: The Clerk has now made contact with Skipton Sheet Metal and was reassured that the tennis net storage unit would be made over the next few weeks
- c) MUGA defects: The Clerk has completed the application for the final grant claim from Groundworks, with the final payment being received. The clerk is to forward final payment to Landscape engineering and Quantum Arbitrator.
- d) Land Registry: The Clerk reminded the Council that in order to proceed with registering the recreation ground, two Councillors need to visit the solicitors and give proof of identification. Cllr Cohen and Cllr Cullen agreed to do this.
- e) Village Map: The Clerk had no further updates to report at present, but ensured that the required changes will be made, with final invoices presented at the next meeting.
- f) Digley Risk Assessment: The Clerk has met with three contractors to research estimates for carrying out the work recommended by the risk assessment. At present only one estimate has come in, so the Council is to wait for further estimates before moving forward.
- g) Tree Pruning/Maintenance: The Clerk is to forward the tree report to the tree officer to go over the list, with the Council working in conjunction with the risk assessment.
- h) Telephone box: The clerk is to place notices around the village asking residents for suggestions as to a possible use for the telephone box, with the possibility of forming a working party to help clean and paint it for the winter. The clerk is to contact the landowner to request agreement for its adoption and possibly tree pruning around the area.

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- i) Conservation in Recreation Ground: The Clerk is to start the process of applying for funding towards the woodland management plan, and the Council agreed for the Clerk to work extra hours to apply for the necessary maps of the area.
- j) Drainage issue in recreation ground: The Cllrs are to keep the Council informed of any reports/visits around the MUGA.
- k) Village Sign: The Clerk is struggling to arrange a meeting with Highways regarding placement of two new signs in the village. It was agreed for the clerk to make one final attempt to speak to highways before the item is to be removed from the agenda for the time being.
- l) Nominations for Craven Community Champion Award: the deadline for submissions was fast approaching, and the council informed.
- m) Good Councillors Guide: the council had omitted to sign a cheque for the book, which has now been completed and will be sent off shortly.
- n) New Laptop for Clerk: the original laptop the clerk requested does not come with warranty and has increased in price. The Council agreed for the purchase and the clerk is to proceed with arrangements, ensuring a warranty is in place.

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9/06 Public Question Time:

There was no adjournment for public question time.

9/07 Finances:

Chris Cowgill July fees	495.00
Chris Cowgill August fees	445.00
Landscape Engineering	1,126.43
Quantum Arbiter	632.40
E Barrows expenses Jul & Aug	13.17
Esther Barrows Salary July fees	193.24
Esther Barrows Salary August	220.79
YLCA Goo Councillors Guide	3.50
Autela Payroll	31.50
Sugden Contractors	<u>420.00</u>
TOTAL	3,581.03

(ii) July 2013

Opening balance	£	
Current account	6,325.81	
Deposit account	<u>15,121.58</u>	
Total	21,447.39	21,447.39
Receipts		
1.7.13 Interest	10.24	
1.8.13 Interest	<u>11.57</u>	
	21.81	21,469.20
Payments		

Esther Barrows expenses	9.20	
Esther Barrows salary June	209.79	
Malcolm Willetts, map update	75.00	
Liz Pierson art materials	22.48	
Lothersdale Village Hall Trust Apr-Sep rent	90.00	
Chris Cowgill June fees	396.00	
SLCC membership	75.00	
CDC back payment	227.57	
BT phone box adoption	<u>1.00</u>	
	1,194.27	<u>1,194.27</u>
		20,274.93
Closing balance (August)		
Represented by:		
Cleared cheques	-1,118.27	
Uncleared cheques	-76.00	
Lodgements/petty cash	0.00	
Current Account Barclays	6,325.81	
Deposit Account Standard Life	<u>15,143.39</u>	
	20,274.93	20,274.93

9/08 Correspondence:

- (i) ROSPA/Digley: Came and Company insurers informed the council that they were no longer recommending the services of Digley. The Council knew of the extenuating circumstances surrounding the delay last year, and as they have never had problems in the past, agreed to continue to use their services for the present.
- (ii) North Yorkshire Youth: The clerk informed the Council of the new Volunteer Budy network being initiated in the Craven District by North Yorkshire Youth. The clerk is to place this on the noticeboards.
- (iii) Parish liaison Group meeting: the clerk informed the council of the upcoming meeting
- (iv) CDC Planning Application Process and code of conduct for elected members. The details of this meeting were announced, with the clerk agreeing to attend if she was able.
- (v) Dales Connect Offer: The department of transport has announced that under 19's are eligible to travel on certain routed for £1.
- (vi) CDC Dog walkers scheme: CDC are encouraging individuals and Parish Councils to get involved with the new Dog Walkers Scheme. The clerk is to request further details.
- (vii) SLCC/CDC Pay increase for clerk: YLCA/NALC have informed the council that clerks are to receive a small pay rise which is to be backdated to April.

(viii) NYCC venue procurement: NYCC are searching for suitable sites to hold meetings. It was decided that the clerk is to forward this information to the Village Hall Trust.

9/09 Members' Community Reports:

Date of the next meeting October 10th 2013

Signed..... Date