

Lothersdale Parish Council

Minutes of Lothersdale Parish Council held on Thursday 11th June 2015 at 7.30pm In the Clubhouse

Present: Councillors E Cullen (Chair), N Wilson, E Mitchell, E Barrows and C Cowgill

In Attendance: 1 member of the public, Cllr Fairbanks, Cllr Mulligan and A Mallinson clerk.

06/1 Apologies:

None

06/2 Declaration of Interest:

Cllr Cowgill declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 when discussing any quotations for work

06/3 Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May were approved with the date of signing corrected.

06/4 Reports from invited guests

Cllr Fairbanks remains on the Select, Standards and Licensing committees as well as being the older people's champion. A review of how Skipton bus station works is going to be undertaken shortly.

Cllr Mulligan reported on the leadership changes at NYCC since the elections and that budget constraints still apply.

06/5 policy for the recording of meetings

The clerk informed Councillors that a new government policy has been put in place so that members of the public may record meetings. The following wording has been suggested by NALC for councils to adopt- "Recording is allowed at Parish Council meetings which are open to the public, please give due regard to the Council's protocol on audio/visual recording and photography at public meetings, a copy of which is available to download from the web site. Anyone wishing to record is asked to contact, prior to the start of the meeting, the clerk whose details are at the top of the agenda. We ask that any recording is clearly visible to anyone at the meeting and that it is non-disruptive." The new policy will be put on the web site.

Resolved: The parish council adopts the wording to be included on agendas and the accompanying policy.

06/6 Review of standing orders

Resolved: That the item be deferred to the July meeting

06/7 Accounts for 2014/15

The clerk reported that balances for these accounts and previous ones were not correct and that further investigation was required

Resolved: That the clerk carries out further investigations as required to ensure that the accounts are up to date and that they are brought back to the council once completed.

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

Date – 9th July 2015

06/8 Review of insurance cover

The clerk had obtained quotes for the renewal of the insurance cover. Zurich were the cheapest comparable company, with a saving of £279 from the original quote.

Resolved: That Zurich insurance company are selected as the preferred insurers for a three year period at a cost of £652.99

06/9 Recreational ground improvements

The clerk reported that the barbeque had been repaired and that the plastic picnic benches had been secured to the ground using his delegated authority for safety reasons. Tenders were still being sort for other phases of the refurbishment. Cllr Cullen had investigated the cost of new plastic benches and picnic tables.

A quote had been obtained to clean and paint the shelter ahead of the party in the park.

Resolved: That the clerk investigates the purchasing of picnic tables and benches up to a value of £1,000 and reports back to the July meeting. That Chris Cowgill is authorised to clean and paint with suitable wood preserve the shelter at a cost of £260.

06/10 Street sweeping

Councillors considered various times and dates for the next session as this could be part of a community clean-up of the village. A survey would be carried out at the party in the park to seek volunteers.

Resolved: That the date and time of the next session be deferred to the July meeting.

06/11 Finance

The clerk reported that cheque 100874 has now been cancelled and that a replacement cheque had been drawn up. This was due to funds not being transferred across the accounts in time for the payment to be made.

Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Resolved: That a separate budget heading for “professional fees” be created with £2,000 allocated in it from reserves to cover legal costs to register the recreational field.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	100881	Clerks wages	£182.49
HMRC	100882	PAYE	£45.60
J C Cowgill	100883	Inv 819 Contract work for May	£495.00
Stubbs Haulage	100884	Hire of road sweeper and disposal of waste	£132.00
Theme Bins International	100885	Earth fixing kits for benches	£130.39
A Mallinson	100886	Postage costs	£15.01
Andrew Brookes	100887	Refurbishment of finger post sign	£980.00
YLCA	100888	Good Councillor Guides plus subscriptions	£198.80
CDC	100889	Cheque 100874 cancelled- replacement	£1,363.10
Zurich Municipal	100890	Insurance cover	£652.99
		Total	£4,195.38

06/12 Planning

Resolved: That the following comments from the Parish Council are sent to CDC

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
53/2015/15826	The Willows, Calf Wood Lane	Fell 1 Beech and 1 Horse Chestnut tree	No comment
53/2015/15763	Stansfield House, 12 Rook Street	Listed building consent to render front elevation	No comment

Signed –

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53/2015/15762	Stansfield House, 12 Rook Street	Listed building consent for replacement of windows to front elevation	No comment
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06/13 Correspondence

Noted

06/14 Members community reports

Cllr Wilson will be organizing a public meeting to gauge support for a First Responders team in the village and will conduct a survey at the party in the park. Quotations are required for replacement maps of the village.

06/15 To agree and note the time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

Resolved: That the next meeting is to be held on Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Club House.

Meeting closed at 9.47pm

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

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