

Lothersdale Parish Council

Minutes of Lothersdale Parish Council held on Thursday 12th February 2015 at 7.30pm In the Clubhouse

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

In Attendance: 2 members of the public, A Mallinson clerk, Cllr P Fairbanks and Cllr P Mulligan

02/1 Apologies:

None

02/2 Declaration of Interest:

None

02/3 Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the 15th January 2015 were approved.

02/4 Reports from invited guests

Cllr Fairbank has been investigating the dispute around the diverted public footpath in the village and a NYCC officer will carry out a site visit to check that nothing illegal has occurred. The select committee on CDC is looking at crime and disorder and working with the police to create a new structure to fight crime locally. As part of that work the police are likely to install more NPR cameras in rural areas to track vehicles. The current garden waste collection service is to be expanded as it is very popular. Roadside collection of rubbish is changing but unlikely to affect Lothersdale at this time.

Cllr Mulligan reported that the gritting of the main road through Lothersdale is to have its priority raised. The "Tour De Yorkshire" is taking place this year but will have less of an impact on rural roads. NYCC are intending to set a council tax increase of 1.9%.

02/5 Clerks emergency powers

The clerk outlined the request to have the authority to spend up to £200 per incident if an emergency situation arose. Any spend would only be done in consultation with the chair and reported to the next council meeting. Emergencies were described as those that would potentially bring the council in to disrepute or make the council liable for a greater expense in the long term.

Cllr Barrows abstained from the vote and Cllr Cowgill voted against, both wishing it to be recorded.

Resolved: That the clerk have authority to spend up to £200 per incident on matters deemed as an emergency and done in consultation with the chairman and reported to the next council meeting.

Signed –

Cllr E Barrows

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02/6 Village information signs

Cllr Wilson outlined the two quotations that had been obtained for the replacement of a village at Four Lane Ends. Despite searching the internet there were no other companies that could carry the work out as required. Designs were distributed for Councillors information. Installation costs were also considered as these appeared excessive. Two local residents at the meeting volunteered to carry out the installation free of charge. The refurbishment of another finger post sign was deferred pending further information.

Resolved: That Signs of the Times be appointed to manufacture a new finger post sign at a cost of £1,863 inclu vat.

02/7 MUGA

The clerk had met on site with the director of Pennine Playgrounds to discuss options to resolve the drainage problems around the MUGA and to look at cleaning it in the near future. A quote had been obtained of £700 to clean the tarmac area and £540 to investigate the drainage problem. The clerk would liaise with the company regarding the work. The situation has deteriorated with large pools now forming on the play area. Councillors deferred cleaning the MUGA until the drainage has been rectified.

Resolved: That the clerk liaise with Pennine Playgrounds to investigate the drainage problem at a cost of £540+ vat

02/8 Trees and woodland walk plan

After a site inspection it was found that 4 more trees require removing as they are leaning into the beck and may cause a blockage if they fall. There was a clear need for a strategy plan to monitor, maintain and enhance the wooded area and the play facilities. The clerk had obtained an estimate of £200 to have a plan created that would cover 5 year period.

Resolved: That Tree Plan Services have a site meeting with representatives of the council and the clerk to go about the process of creating a plan to cover the woodland area and the play facilities at an estimated cost of £200. The report to be brought back to council once completed.

02/9 Finance

Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed and to receive £1,032 from the late Mrs Maureen Ingham.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	100857	Clerks wages	£193.20
HMRC	100858	PAYE	£48.40
Autela Ltd	100859	Payroll services inv 6021	£27.00
JC Cowgill	100860	Inv 772 & 773 replacement gates	£409.34
		Total	£677.94

02/10 Planning

There were no applications to consider

02/11 Correspondence

Nothing further to report.

02/12 Members community reports

Road sweeping of the village, paid for by the parish council, will take place on the 23rd February from noon onwards. Leaflets requesting residents to find alternative parking arrangements are to be distributed to those properties that front on to the main road. A collection had been held after the funeral of Mrs Maureen Ingham and her husband wished it to be spent in the children's play area at the appropriate time.

Signed –

Cllr E Barrows

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02/13 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 12th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Club House.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed –

Clr E Barrows

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