

Lothersdale Parish Council

Minutes of Lothersdale Parish Council held on Thursday 14th May 2015 at 7.30pm In the Clubhouse

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

In Attendance: 6 members of the public and A Mallinson clerk.

05/1 To receive nominations and election of Chairman.

Resolved: Cllr Eddie Cullen was duly elected and signed the acceptance of office.

05/2 To receive nominations and election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Esther Barrows was duly elected

05/3 Apologies:

Accepted apologies from Cllr P Fairbanks and P Mulligan due to other commitments.

05/4 Declaration of Interest:

Cllr Cowgill declared a pecuniary interest in item 11 as he is the current contractor and item 14 planning (ref 53/2015/15618) as he is related to the applicant. Cllr Cowgill left the room for this items.

05/5 Minutes

Resolved: a) That the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting on the 9th April 2015 were approved.
b) That the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April were approved.

05/6 Reports from invited guests

None

05/7 First responders for Lothersdale

Cllr Wilson gave a verbal update on the current situation. Leaflets would be distributed around the village seeking volunteers with responses co-ordinated through Cllr Wilson. The Village Trust have indicated that they may assist with funding towards equipment in the future.

Resolved: That the parish council notes the progress being made.

05/8 Access to the recreational area

Concerns were raised about liability insurance and the condition of the play area after the event.

Resolved: That the event taking place on the 4th July, organised by Lothersdale Social Club, be granted permission to use the recreational area.

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

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05/9 Woodland plan and play equipment inspection

Cllr Barrows gave a verbal update on the outcome of the working group meeting and put forward recommendations. The introduction of new plastic picnic tables was put forward and Cllr's Cullen and Barrows agreed to investigate this further and report back. Cllr Barrows agreed to investigate the cost of having the wooden benches repaired.

Resolved: That the clerk obtains quotes for the following work-

- a) To clean the shelter and treat the wood appropriately.
- b) To install a new fence with hand rails across the bridge at the entrance to the Millennium walk.
- c) To carry works to trees as highlighted in the report (T1 to T8 and T10 and remove limb only on T11)
- d) To install new steps to replace the walkway that is being eroded in the woodland walk area.
- e) To install two footbridges across wet areas in woodland walk
- f) To repair the barbeque and secure benches to the ground to prevent them tipping over.

05/10 Review of risk assessment policy

The clerk presented Councillors with folders to retain important documents related to Council business, as part of their on-going development as Councillors.

The 2014 policy was amended, to remove reference to ROSPA and insert "play inspection".

Resolved: The policy was accepted with the amendments and will be reviewed in 12 months' time.

05/11 Mowing and village maintenance contract

The clerk explained that the current contract had come to an end. There were many changes taking place to the play and recreational areas that altered the current tender and would need time for these changes to take place so that a new tender could be written. The current contactor had expressed a willingness to continue for a further year working to the current tender. The tender could be reviewed in November as part of the budget setting process and advertised in January.

Resolved: That a confirmation letter of extending the contract to 2016 be sent out to J C Cowgill and that a new tender is drawn up as part of the budget setting process for 2016/17 and advertised appropriately.

05/12 Winter provision

Councillors considered various locations for a new grit bin including two requests from members of the public.

Resolved: That the new grit bin be positioned near to Calf Wood Lane by the speed restriction sign.

05/13 Finance

Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	100871	Clerks wages	£182.49
HMRC	100872	PAYE	£45.60
J C Cowgill	100873	Inv 796 Contract work for March	£196.00
CDC	100874	Utility charge for electricity for street lights	£1,363.10
Lothersdale Village Trust	100875	Inv 134 room hire for Jan, Feb, March	£42.00
Autela Payroll Services	100876	Inv 6351 Payroll services	£30.00
YLCA	100877	Inv 14-15 Part payment for dividers	£7.08
A Mallinson	100878	Purchase A4 ring folders	£7.22
AWB Charlesworth Solicitors	100879	Inv 7381 Charges for registering open space	£908.00
J C Cowgill	100880	Inv 804 Contract work for April	£346.00
		Total	£3,127.49

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

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05/14 Planning

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

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
53/2015/15712	Oakfield, Stansfield Brow	Proposed pitch roof dormer windows and construction of summer house	No comment
53/2015/15602	Fold Cottage	To carry out works to trees	No comment
53/2015/15618	Pennine Haulage Brow Garage	Demolition of commercial garage & construction of one pair of semi detached dwellings and a block of 4 terraced dwellings	Recommend refusal. See note 1

Note 1

Lothersdale Parish Council recommend refusal of this application on the following grounds:-

1. The design presents problems with access and regress with significant change of levels- concerns over highway safety as this access is on a blind bend as vehicles approach the village.
2. There is a concern that the existing water supply, which leads from nearby fields across the truck yard to the back of resident's properties, may be affected. Where will the new properties get their water from, as this is not shown on the plans?
3. The measured survey does not reflect the conditions on the site.
4. The proposed plans are too close to the watercourse on the Eastern side.
5. There is still **no bus service** in the village as suggested in the application.
6. There is no indication of controlling surface water run-off from the tarmac area so the plan may create localized flooding.
7. There is insufficient car parking facilities for the properties.
8. Local residents and the Parish Council feel that there are too many properties in the design. A reduced number would be adequate, leaving space for bin storage, vehicles to park and maneuver and ensure pedestrian safety on the site.
9. The Parish Council are not objecting to development, but objecting to what has been presented to them, and to the nature of this development.
10. There is nothing on the plan to indicate street lighting in the proximity of the new dwellings and therefore there is a fear of crime.

If officers are minded to approve this application then the Parish Council would like a commuted sum of money to go towards play facilities in the area.

05/15 Correspondence

Discussions are continuing regarding quotes for the drainage around the MUGA

05/16 Members community reports

Cllr Mitchell required leaflets to be delivered to residents ahead of the road sweeping so that there were fewer cars on the road. Cllr Barrows requested the speed gun to be deployed in the village again.

05/17 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 11th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Club House.

Meeting closed at 9.57pm

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

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