

Lothersdale Parish Council

Minutes of Lothersdale Parish Council held on Thursday 15th January 2015 at 7.30pm In the Clubhouse

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

In Attendance: 7 members of the public and A Mallinson clerk

01/1 Apologies:

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

01/2 Declaration of Interest:

Cllr Cowgill declared a pecuniary interest in item 11 (planning) as he is related to the applicant.

01/3 Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the 11th december 2014 were approved.

01/4 Reports from invited guests

No report

01/5 Street sweeping

The clerk presented details that had been obtained regarding the cost of having the main street swept by a mechanical cleaner, which was £27.50 p/hour with a minimum of 4Hrs and a waste disposal cost of £39 per ton. As this was a specialist area of work it was felt that no other tenders were required and that a proportion of the 2015 budget be set aside to have the work done.

Resolved: That Mr Nigel Stubbs is appointed to mechanically sweep the main street through the village at the agreed costs with the first run through taking place in February during half term.

01/6 Village information signs

Cllr Wilson has been obtaining designs and quotes for the replacement signs but further details are still required.

Resolved: That the item be deferred to the February meeting for further consideration

01/7 MUGA

The clerk is still awaiting quotations to have the MUGA cleaned and designs to resolve the drainage issue.

Resolved: That the item be deferred to the February meeting for further consideration

01/8 Request for funding grant

Resolved: That Citizens Advice Bureau is granted £50

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

Date – 12th February 2015

01/9 Budget process 2015/16

Cllr Cullen introduced the budget proposals that had been drafted with the assistance of the clerk and Cllr Barrows. It was hoped that the increase would be for this financial year only, but there are a number of projects to enhance the village that needed to be completed. The budget also took into consideration requests for additional grit to be available in winter and for the village as a whole to be cleaner. The Council has set itself a target of raising £3000 additional income through funding applications during the year. The proposed increase in the precept equated to £17.92 per band D property.

Resolved: That the precept is increased to £18162 for the 2015/16 financial year and the budget headings agreed as set out below.

Income		
Precept		18162
Bank interest		140
Wayleave		15
Marquee Hire		0
Lothersdale Book of Walks		0
Grants		3000
VAT refund		300
Other income		200
School licence fee		1150
	Total	22967
Expenditure		
Staff salaries		3500
Admin expenses		450
Training		100
Village maintenance		7000
Park projects		6000
Subscriptions		260
Room hire		200
Insurance		1000
Street lighting/electricity		600
Street lighting/maintenance		500
Section 137 payments		50
Audit fees		200
Web site		210
Road sweeping		800
Provision of Grit		500
Miscellaneous		500
Elections		1000
	Total expenditure	22870
	Total income	22967
	Unallocated income	-97

01/10 Finance

Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	100853	Clerks wages	£227.97
HMRC	100854	PAYE	£57.00
Autela Ltd	100855	Payroll services	£27.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	100856	Funding grant	£50.00
		Total	£361.97

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

Date – 12th February 2015

01/11 Planning

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
53/2014/15296	Pennine haulage garage	Demolition of buildings and construction of 6 two storey 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, in particular the Northern boundary alignment in relation to the proposed frontage of the four properties. The alignment of the design would result in the layout encroaching on resident's access, for the design is incorrect by approximately 5 meters.
4. There does not appear to be a retaining wall or footpath evident in the plans.
5. There is no provision for refuse bins that are out of sight.
6. The proposed plans are too close to the watercourse on the Eastern side.
7. There is no bus service in the village as outlined in the application.
8. There is no indication of controlling surface water run-off from the tarmac area so the plan may create localized flooding.
9. There is insufficient car parking facilities for the properties. National guidelines are 1.75 vehicles per dwelling, especially relevant when there is no public transport available.
10. Local residents and the Parish Council feel that there are too many properties in the design. Four would be adequate, leaving space for bin storage and vehicles to park and maneuver.

The Parish Council are not objecting to development, but objecting to what has been presented to them, and to the nature of this development.

01/12 Correspondence

Nothing further to report.

01/13 Members community reports

It was reported that 2 footpath signs have been removed from the village. A footpath along the beck at Dale End has been altered by the land owner causing it to become very muddy. The clerk has already spoken to Cllr Fairbanks who is currently investigating the issue. Cllr's Cullen, Barrows and Cowgill volunteered to look at the problem as well.

01/14 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 February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Club House.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

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