

# Lothersdale Parish Council

## Minutes of Lothersdale Parish Council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm In the Clubhouse

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

**In Attendance:** 1 member of the public, Chrissy Blakeley (first responder), Cllr P Mulligan and A Mallinson clerk.

### **04/1 Apologies:**

Accepted apologies from Cllr E Mitchell and E Barrows due to family commitments and Cllr P Fairbanks due to other commitments.

### **04/2 Declaration of Interest:**

Cllr Cowgill declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 as he is the current contractor and will leave the room for this item.

### **04/3 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were approved.

### **04/4 Reports from invited guests**

Cllr Mulligan reported that there are not many activities taking place at the moment due to the imminent elections. CDC are going to audio record all their full council meetings so that they can be made available to the public.

### **04/5 First responders for Lothersdale**

Chrissy Blakeley explained who first responders are and what they are capable of doing after receiving training. A team of 6 is required who operate on a flexible basis. A minimum of 2 days training is required with further refresher courses done through the year. The cost to provide a defib kit is approx. £1524 and would then require a secure box to store it. People accessed the defib unit after contacting emergency services and being given a code. Councillors raised concerns about the poor mobile phone coverage, which would limit the effectiveness of having community access. This did not prevent setting up a responder team.

**Resolved:** That the parish council supports the principal of setting up a first responder team in Lothersdale. That a request for volunteers is placed in the newsletter, web site and other forms of media and Cllr Wilson will co-ordinate any responses with Mrs Blakeley.

### **04/6 Road sweeping**

**Resolved:** That the next village sweep through will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1pm

### **04/7 Woodland plan**

**Resolved:** That a working group comprising of Cllr's Cullen, Barrows and Cowgill consider the information within the report and report back to council with a suggested method of carrying out the recommendations.

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

Date – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015

#### 04/8 Play equipment inspection

The safety inspection of play equipment within the recreational field has now been completed. There were no items that required any emergency work.

**Resolved:** That a working group comprising of Cllr's Cullen, Barrows and Cowgill consider the information within the report and report back to council with a suggested method of carrying out the recommendations. That the inspection contract be awarded to the same company for subsequent years until cancelled.

#### 04/9 Mowing and village maintenance contract

This item was deferred until the May meeting as the council was not quorate to deal with the item.

#### 04/10 Winter provision

The clerk had successfully bid for £250 to go towards items that the community could use during periods of snow. These included high viz vests, shovels and a grit bin.

**Resolved:** That the receipt of £250 from Rural Action Yorkshire be acknowledged and that the clerk be authorised to purchase the items. That the location of the grit bin be on the May agenda and suitable storage space would be identified in the village for the other items.

#### 04/11 Finance

**Resolved:** That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	100867	Clerks wages	£182.49
HMRC	100868	PAYE	£45.60
Stubbs Haulage	100869	Hire of road sweeper and disposal of waste	£240.00
The Play Inspection Company	100870	Safety Inspection of play equip	£90.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£558.09</b>

#### 04/12 Planning

There were no applications to consider

#### 04/13 Correspondence

Nothing further to report

#### 04/14 Members community reports

The clerk is arranging for a drainage contractor to investigate the flooding around the MUGA as the first company could not provide a solution. A public footpath by the mill remains blocked by a landowner and further gates have been put in place and locked. Fly tipping has also been seen in the area. The clerk will investigate and report any findings to NYCC.

#### 04/15 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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Club House.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

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