

Lothersdale Parish Council

Minutes of Lothersdale Parish Council held on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Club House

Present: Councillors E Cullen, L Southern, C Cowgill, N Wilson and E Mitchell.

In Attendance: Seven members of the public and D Davies, Clerk.

Guests: Cllr P Mulligan, Cllr A Brown and Andrew Mallinson.

2/1 Apologies:

None

2/2 Disclosures of Interest:

Cllr E Cullen under item 10 because of his role as a school governor.

2/3 Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th January 2018 were approved.

2/4 Reports from invited guests

Cllr A Brown explained that budgets were tight and Council Tax would be rising 2.5%. The final consultation was taking place on the Local Plan. Bereavement Services were being reviewed. He had contacted NYCC about the footpath by the Mill and there had been limited progress.

Cllr P Mulligan congratulated the Parish Council on applying for locality funding and he suspected we would be successful. He advised that we could submit a further application as there were still some funds remaining. He explained that both North Yorkshire and Craven Councils were on a sound financial footing but that Council Tax would be going up by 5% which included 2% for social care.

2/5 Recreation Ground

Playground:

Project Manager Mr Mallinson gave an update on the work currently being undertaken – the equipment and surfaces were in place but there were some problems with the subcontractor undertaking the groundworks and negotiations were continuing. The invoice would only be paid once the work was completed to satisfaction and Easter was the target date for completion.

Resolved:

- **Cllr N Wilson suggested a child from the school could cut the ribbon at the official opening and Cllr Cullen agreed to approach the school.**
- **The completion date was to be confirmed but would be after Easter.**

Other:

Cllr Cullen had raised the issue of raising the school's contribution at their finance meeting earlier in the week but concerns were expressed by the school about the condition of the MUGA. Cllr Cowgill explained that it needed resurfacing as it floods but this would be at a substantial cost to the parish council.

Resolved:

- **The MUGA should be fit for use at all times.**

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

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- Cllr Cullen would report back to the school on the situation and ask them to contact the contractor direct if they had any concerns.
- A breakdown of MUGA cleaning costs was requested.
- There would be a meeting with the Probation Service on 13th February at 11.30am to look at other works required.
- A notice would be placed on the main gate once the adult equipment had been installed.

2/6 Village Maintenance: Cllr Cullen thanked the local resident who had repaired the noticeboards.

2/7 Exception site for possible housing:

Resolved:

To pass back to Emily Grogan: “Whilst the Parish Council supports the need for affordable housing in villages such as ours we feel that the current provision by the Spencer Homes Trust of eight dwellings fits this need and as there is no waiting list and one void at present we remain neutral on whether the Rural Housing Enabler at Craven District Council proceeds with a survey”.

2/8 Woodland Group handover: Cllr Cullen explained that by the end of July the two year project will be complete and the money spent.

Resolved:

The Woodland Group to put forward some recommendations by 31st July 2018 for consideration by the new Council.

2/9 Replacement street lights: Other Parish Councils had used private contractors but there were some concerns about future maintenance and possible higher costs long-term.

Resolved:

Cllr Cullen agreed to pursue this matter further and report back to a future meeting.

2/10 School licence fee: this had been discussed under item 5.

2/11 Data Protection Regulation: After the new regulations come into force on 25th May 2018 Craven District Council could provide a service for £150 per annum.

Resolved:

Cllr Cullen to speak to a local person about providing this service and would report back to a future meeting.

2/12 Parish Council elections:

Resolved:

The Clerk to circulate details on important dates.

Notices would be put up at the appropriate time.

Councillors to think of ways to enthuse potential candidates.

Possibly place some information in the parish magazine but also consider that not everybody receives this.

Use social media.

Cllr Cullen to draft a possible leaflet for distribution and Cllr Wilson will edit.

2/13 Memorial Noticeboard: Cllr Wilson and Stephen Cohen were working together and looking at a permanent sealed aluminium or wood noticeboard to cost around £1000. The Parish Trust would probably fund £750 and other funders would be sought. Feedback from the parish magazine article was minimal but there was a view that the Parish Council shouldn't fund this and it was pointed out there are already three memorials in the village.

Resolved:

To set up a committee in order to involve other people from the village. Cllrs Wilson, Southern and Stephen

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

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Cohen would come up with a proposal.

2/14 Financial Management Software:

Resolved:

It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting.

2/15 Finance Recommendation

Resolved: The accounts presented for payment were agreed:

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount including VAT	VAT figure if applicable	Budget Heading
J C Cowgill Ltd	300170	Installation of flood defence barrier	510.00	85.00	Park projects
J C Cowgill Ltd	300171	Boardwalk	576.00	96.00	Park projects
D Davies	300172	Stamps and card	9.41		Admin expenses
Lothersdale Village Hall Trust	300173	Hosting defibrillator (annual charge)	25.00		Miscellaneous
Whitelocks	300174	Roadsweeping	270.00	45.00	Roadsweeping
		Total	1390.41		

Following our intervention the bill from Whitelocks had been revised downwards because the faulty machine meant it took longer than expected.

Remittance advice from Craven District Council for £200 had been received (locality funding).

2/16 Planning

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
2018/18903/TCA	Bethel Chapel, Calf Wood Lane	Removal of branches from Sycamores	No comment

2/17 Correspondence:

- Clerk with notice of resignation – arrangements would be prepared to recruit a new Clerk.
- HSBC with an apology that a different mandate was now required - this would be completed once the new Council is in place.
- Information on local bus services.
- Notice of Parishes Liaison meeting, Wednesday 21st March.
- Autela Group regarding the implication of new data protection laws.
- CDC with notice of the granting of planning permission for 2017/18182/FUL.
- CDC Environmental Health department regarding cleaning up after dogs.
- CDC confirming £200 grant towards boardwalk.

2/18 Members community reports:

Cllr Cowgill to speak to Jon at the Woodland Group with a view to submitting a request for locality funding. The Clerk will forward the relevant forms.

2/19 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 8th March at 7.30pm in the Club House.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed –

Cllr E Cullen

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