

# Lothersdale Parish Council

---

## Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.00 pm In the Club House

**Present:** Councillors E Cullen, C Cowgill, K Narey, J Sipling and S Ward

**In Attendance:** Three members of the public, Cllr P Mulligan (part) and L Coverdale clerk.

### Welcome

Cllr Cullen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr Cullen provided the following report on 2017-18

The following councillors continued in office for the year: Chris Cowgill, Eddie Cullen, Ed Mitchell Neil Wilson and Raine Southern

The Clerk to the Council was Ms Debbie Davies.

The precept for 2017/2018 was set at £16205, which is no change from the previous year. This in recognition of the-increase made in 2014 to cover necessary works to the woodland area and the recreation ground.

The Council continues its improvement work in the Recreation Ground, the Millennium Walk and the maintenance of the Village.

The Council, together with a major commitment from the Lothersdale Community Woodland Group (LCWG) (which is funded by the Woodland Trust) Have continued to work together to improve the woodland amenity. The Council are happy that the woodland area is attracting more use and are encouraging a woodland crafts initiative. The outgoing Council urges its successor to continue with this work.

The Council has been successful in being granted substantial funds from Yorventure and the Lothersdale Parish Trust to complete the installation of the new playground equipment which is now open for use.

The Council has proposed the installation of Adult exercise machines in the Recreation Ground. The Council urge the new council to follow this up by securing funding to complete this project.

Two new initiatives have been started by volunteers in the Village, Lothersdale In Bloom and the litter pickers. The council looks forward to its successor supporting these groups and anyone else with a pride in our Village who comes forward to help look after it.

Signed –

Date – May 2019

The Council continue to fund additional grit for the bins in the Parish not serviced by the County Council.

The Council continue to use of a private provider to clear the village gutters to supplement the CDC reduced service.

A scheme to replace obsolete street lighting has been agreed with CDC and partial funding has been obtained. The retiring Council suggests that this scheme should be adopted by the successor Council.

The Council was approached by The Rural Enabler for Affordable Housing about a scheme proposed by a landowner to build affordable housing on farmland opposite the Chapel. CDC are planning to survey the village to determine need.

The Council have launched a new website [[lothersdaleparishcouncil.org.uk](http://lothersdaleparishcouncil.org.uk)] and would like to encourage interested parties in the village to contribute to it and also to use it to contact the Council with any suggestions or concerns.

Debbie Davies, our Clerk resigned in March due to family commitments. I am pleased to confirm that our new Clerk is Louise Coverdale, an experienced Parish Clerk who also works With Linton PC.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors, and Debbie Davies, the clerk to the Council, for all of their hard work, as well as Andy Brown and Patrick Mulligan, District and County Councillors for their help and support over the year.

Finally, I would like to wish the new Council my best wishes for continuing service to and support of the Village for the next 4 years and beyond.

### **Cllr. Patrick Mulligan's Report**

Cllr Mulligan provided the following report

That local authority funding was unknown for the future however both North Yorkshire County Council and Craven District Council were in a good position for the medium term. He stated that 34% of funding had been lost over the last 8 years. Government funding for schools etc was based on depredation whereas in this area rural funding was more relevant.

Craven District Council had utilised the new homes bonus to attract funding and gave examples of the Craven Museum, redevelopment of the train station and the canal towpath as to where this funding had been assigned.

Craven District Council was also doing well attracting grant funding and this had reached £15 million so far. Craven was also the happiest place to live and was 34<sup>th</sup> in the country for social mobility.

Cllr. Mulligan advised that he was pleased that the village had successfully received funding through a Locality Grant and that these were still available.

Cllr. Cullen thanked Cllr. Mulligan for attending and providing his report. Cllr. Mulligan then left the meeting.

Signed –

Date – May 2019

## Public Forum

The following items were raised by the attending members of the public.

- **Adult Gym Equipment**

The council was asked to clarify the position, suitability and funding for the equipment.

The position in the recreation ground was advised, the suitability study that has been undertaken and the funding that was being applied for was clarified by Cllr Cullen.

- **Street Lighting**

The following suggestions were raised

(i) Had the Council considered bringing the lamps up to standard and then requesting North Yorkshire County Council to take over the running and maintenance of them?

Cllr. Cullen advised that this was not something that had been considered however it would now be investigated.

(ii) To move the light by the ginnel?

The requirement to move the light by the ginnel was explained and Cllr. Cullen stated that this would be looked into.

(iii) Why did the street lights need work?

Cllr. Cullen advised that several of the lamps were now obsolete and were to be replaced by LED lamps.

(iv) Would the addition of a waterproof plug for the seasonal installation of Christmas lights be possible?

It was stated by Cllr. Cullen that he would find out the cost implementation of these and raised the question of whether this was something that the parishioners would like? It was agreed that a Facebook poll would be held and that this would be organised by Mr Cohen. Cllr. Cullen thanked Mr Cohen for agreeing to undertake this.

- **Public Footpath**

The possibility of a public footpath running from the back of the recreation ground to Quarry Lane was raised.

Cllr. Cowgill advised that this has previously been investigated and that it was not possible as it would go through private land and permission had been refused.

- **Stile in Mill Yard**

An update on this was requested.

It was stated by Cllr. Cowgill that this was a work in progress and that North Yorkshire County Council were paying for this work. Cllr. Mulligan volunteered to follow this up and advise.

- **Noticeboard**

The requirement for a new noticeboard was raised and whether the insurance policy could be claimed on?

Cllr. Cullen and Cllr. Cowgill explained that this was a current topic and was being worked on. Also, that the insurance aspect would be investigated.

- **Lothersdale Sign**

The village sign was mentioned as it needs repair and a clean.

Cllr. Ward agreed to have a look at the sign and the work required.

Cllr. Cullen thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Signed –

Date – May 2019