

Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute on Tuesday 10th February 2009.

Present: Cllrs L. Brown (Chairman), M. Allum, R. Mansell, A. Parker, G. Shepherd, A. Wade.

Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. NYCC & CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler & CDC Cllr. P. Fairbank. One member of the public.

08.298 Apologies: M. Lougee [accepted].

08.299 Member's interests: none declared at this point in the meeting.

08.300 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2009 were approved and signed.

08.301 Public Participation: none.

Correspondence received:

08.302 CDC: Disposal programme – AS027 Meadow Croft garage Site. The Council's concerns would only be addressed nearer the date of the auction.

08.303 Cononley Village Institute: Expression of interest in a grant from the funds gifted to the Council by the former pantomime & drama group. It was agreed that CVI be asked for details and costs of proposed expenditure on equipment etc. Preference would be given to applications for reusable equipment related to staging or lighting.

08.304 South Craven Community Action: request for a grant for a 'National Playday' event. It was agreed that the organisers be informed of the Council's intention to give a grant of £40 later in the year subject to the event taking place and adequate publicity to encourage Cononley families and young people to attend.

08.305 NYCC: NY Minerals and Waste Strategy. It appears that the strategy as it now stood was seriously faulted and would need to be fundamentally re-examined.

08.306 It was noted that the Cononley Village Playing Field Trust requested that the Council as a statutory body gives its financial support to the new equipment project.

08.307 The Cononley Village Playing Field Trust requests that the Council as a statutory body to express any concerns it might have concerning the new equipment project which the Council as sole-trust had approved. It was noted that the council's permitted planning authority in respect of its own property is defined by The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 Pt12 Class A2 which therefore permits structures less than 4 metres in height and occupying less than 200 cu. metres.

Planning applications:

08.308 21/2008/9019 Construction of New 3 Bed Detached Dwelling House with on and off street car parking. Land Adjacent to Milton House, Main Street. No comment.

08.309 21/2009/9403 Alterations and Extension to existing Bungalow. Highgate Poultry Farm. No comment.

08.310 Decisions of CDC: 21/2008/9245 Porch to Front Elevation. 7, Main St. Granted.

08.311 Waiting Restrictions – Cononley Lane & Main Street. A copy of a letter from V. Redmond objecting to the proposal & NYCC response was received.

08.312 Waiting Restrictions – Cononley Lane & Main Street. A report on the site meeting with a proposal to vary the restrictions in respect of part of the north side of Main Street from the Railway Inn to the crossing to a restriction from 8am to 6pm was discussed. Resolved: that the request to NYCC for waiting restrictions as minuted in June 2008 [08.88] should stand and that the restrictions be in force at all times of the day. On a proposal by Cllr. Parker it was also agreed that narrower lines denoting the restrictions should be used within the conservation area. Cllr. Shepherd declared an interest.

08.313 The agenda and arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 10th March were noted.

08.314 Receipts: NEDL [contribution to Council's administrative costs related to substation lease to YEDL] £400; Allotment Rents: £312.

- 08.315 Payments approved: Cononley Village Institute [00250 Rent of meeting room] £125; St. John's United Church Council [00251 grant for maintenance of churchyard s137] £250; Cononley Sports Club [00252 grant s137] £250; Clerk [00253 salary – additional hours worked in 2008] £679.71; Ridings Reprographics [00254 photocopier maintenance £40.00 + £7.00 VAT] £47.00.
- 08.316 Statement of Account Balance at 30th January 2009: £15,727.96
- 08.317 The Clerk reported that it was two years since YEDL had first proposed a new substation in Piper Lane. The Council's solicitor had recently indicated that the surrender of the existing lease would not take effect before work on the new substation had commenced. It was noted that YEDL had paid in full the council's claim for £400 as a contribution to administrative costs.
- 08.318 CDC Cllr Mrs Fairbank expressed her frustration and regret about the inadequacy of the new bus station. The closure of public toilets by CDC was noted. NYCC & CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler reported on causes of the current crisis in CDC's finances. He also reported on the response to criticism of the performance of NYCC in salting roads during December's icy weather that gully cleaning would now only be carried out annually.
- 08.319 Cllr Wade reported on the Airedale Drainage Board. The Environment Agency was going to scour the River Aire near the bridge. The Agency was believed not to have fulfilled its obligations relating to the river its banks in the vicinity of the Riverdale Ings housing development.
- 08.320 Cllrs Allum and Parker reported that previously minuted [08.263] proposals relating to Dead Eye were still under investigation.
- 08.321 Forthcoming meetings: 10th March [& Annual Parish Meeting], 14th April [it was noted that this is the Tuesday immediately after Easter], 12th May [Annual Meeting of Council].

Chairman (two pages) 10th March 2009