

Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute on Tuesday 9th June 2009.

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

Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. CDC Cllrs. M. Wheeler & Cllr. P. Fairbank. Two members of the public.

09.65 Apologies: Cllrs. M. Lougee & R. Mansell [accepted].

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

09.67 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2009 were approved and signed.

09.68 Public Participation: none.

The Clerk & members reported on a number of matters relating to public footpaths:

09.69 NYCC had informed the council that the awkward gate at the top of Gibside Lane was to be replaced this year.

09.70 The Environment Agency had put some of its bureaucracy in the way of providing a satisfactory footpath over the flood bank near the River Aire Bridge.

09.71 The riverside footpath at 'The Island' once more needed cutting back.

09.72 A footpath sign on Cross Hills road adjacent to the railway needed to be repaired.

09.73 The Clerk reported satisfactory replacement of the notice board and that there had been no charge made for the labour involved. It was agreed that letters of thanks be sent to David Banks and David Lee.

09.74 It was noted that no satisfactory response had yet been received from Network Rail concerning the absence of hatching on the level crossing.

Correspondence received:

09.75 NY Police: Request for agreement in principle to part – funding of a speed gun.

Resolved: that the proposal to jointly acquire a speed gun raised a number of questions which should be put to the police: How much would it cost? How frequently would it actually be used in Cononley? Would NY Police be able to sustain the provision of manpower for some years to give an adequate return for the investment? Given the considerable increase in expenditure on the police service in recent years why wasn't the equipment provided as a matter of course?

09.76 CDC: Review of Waste Collection Arrangements. Resolved: that the Council was concerned to hear that CDC was seeking to economise on the service under the pretext of improving recycling and reducing the carbon footprint. It was agreed that the following points of concern should be made to CDC. (a) Recycling rates could be increased if provision was made for plastics in Cononley. At this time recycling in Cononley was threatened by the sale of the recycling site at Meadowcroft. (b) No advantages were identified from fortnightly collections. The present blue bin service was good and a reduction in frequency would amongst other problems: disadvantage large families, disadvantage those with no means of transporting waste materials to recycling or other disposal points, disadvantage people who had retain their waste in the house because of lack of space, raise public health concerns as some residents put in un-bagged food into bins. c) Less frequent collections would tend to reduce recycling by encouraging people to put the overflow in the residual waste bin. Even on fortnightly collections recycling bins can become very heavy and difficult to manoeuvre. d) Two other suggestions to improve the service: Provision of a large capacity residual waste container at the Meadowcroft site & secondly – provision of free recycling provision for businesses e.g. at Station Mills, Cononley.

09.77 Community Safety Partnership – offer of portacabin. Resolved: no action.

Planning applications:

09.78 Application to which response has been made previously. [21/2009/9642 House and Access at Beech Mount]. Letter from D & G Paul. The Clerk confirmed that CDC had received a copy of this application. CDC Cllr. Wheeler offered to seek to ensure that the application was considered by the CDC Planning Committee.

09.79 Decisions of CDC: 21/2009/9398 Two storey extension. 85 Main Street. Granted.

09.80 Receipts: none.

- 09.81 Payments: Craven Stationery [00270 Newsletter £70.00 + £10.50 VAT] £80.50; D. Banks [00271 reimbursement of expenses incurred acquiring materials on behalf of the Council for replacement of notice board £138.02 + £ 15.76 reclaimable VAT] £153.78; Clerk [00272 salary] £1028.21; Inland Revenue [00273 staff PAYE Acc. 072 PA 149997] £257.00; Clerk [00274 reimbursement of administrative expenses] £122.22.
- 09.82 Account Balance at 28th May: £17,399.37.
- 09.83 Old Pinfold, Piper Fold: The Clerk reported that the YEDL sub-station would not be built before 2010.
- 09.84 Old Pinfold, Piper Fold: A legal opinion was received from YLCA indicating that as the site had had a variety of uses ‘the Associations...state the opinion that [the] council is free to use the land differently. If the council had in mind other uses the council could by resolution appropriate the land for other purposes’. Resolved that the Old Pinfold be maintained as amenity land.
- 09.85 Old Pinfold, Piper Lane. Resolved that the offer of Cllr Wade to clear weeds from the uncultivated area of the site be accepted with thanks.
- 09.86 Allotments: Resolved that the next inspection be on 21st July. Amongst other matters the inspection would investigate a complaint about a neglected allotment.
- 09.87 Legal texts. Resolved that the Clerk may purchase legal texts in any format for the use of the Clerk and members to a maximum of £100 subject to the acquisition being subsequently reported to the Council.
- 09.88 NY Record Office. The Clerk reported on progress towards the deposit of documents. Much of the archive meets NY Record Office criteria.
- 09.89 CDC Cllr. Mrs Fairbank reported that the former and still unsatisfactory Cononley Lane tip was the property of NYCC.
- 09.90 CDC Cllr. Wheeler reported that he had been assured by the contractor that there was no risk of trees and other debris being trapped in the rebuilt culvert.
- 09.91 Cllr. Shepherd reported and CDC Cllr. Wheeler offered to investigate a caravan parked on the highway verge in Cross Hills Road.
- 09.92 The Clerk was asked to report pot holes at Aire View and Skipton Road to NYCC.
- 09.93 Forthcoming meetings: 21st July [on third Tuesday and at 7.30 p.m. after the allotment inspection], 8th Sept, 13th Oct., 10th Nov., 8th Dec.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Sole Trustees [Cononley Parish Council] of The Cononley Village Institute {Reg. charity 223015} & of Cononley Village Playing Field {Reg. charity 701641} held at the Village Institute on 9th June 2009 immediately after the statutory meeting of the council.

- 09.c15** Apologies, interests & meeting dates were as for the above statutory meeting.
- 09.c16** The Clerk recommendations on Trust minutes and documents were agreed.
- 09.c17** Doug Clark was appointed to be a member of the CVI advisory committee.
- 09.c18** CVI: Minutes of the advisory committee meeting: 23rd March: deferred.
- 09.c19** The Clerk was instructed to inform the Clock Contractor that as far as the Council is aware no asbestos is present at CVI.
- 09.c20** A letter from Turners Solicitors was received and an estimate of costs of £410 [plus various unavoidable elements] was accepted.
- 09.c21** CVPF: Minutes of the advisory committee meeting held on 11th May were received and all recommended actions and expenditures were agreed.

Chairman (two pages) 21st July 2009