

Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute on Tuesday 21st July 2009.

Present: Cllrs L. Brown (Chairman), M. Allum, M. Lougee, R. Mansell, A. Parker, A. Wade. Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler. Five members of the public.

09.94 Apologies: Cllr. G. Shepherd [accepted], CDC Cllr. P. Fairbank [received].

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

09.96 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2009 were approved and signed.

09.97 Public Participation: Mr Hulands expressed his concern that planning application 21/2009/9748 [Construction of Cesspool at Riverside Caravan Site] appeared to presage an intensification of use of the site and an increase in its adverse visual impact on the surrounding area and his family's house in particular.

The Clerk reported on a number of matters:

09.98 NYCC – Due to economic pressures the Council had been asked to prioritise its request to provide dropped pavements. The Clerk reported that he had reiterated the view expressed at the Council meeting in September 2007 that the priority is the removal of the raised kerbs in Main Street on the Cononley Beck side pavement starting from the railway station. NYCC should ensure that the work is engineered so as to discourage parking on the pavements at those points.

09.99 Network Rail & NYCC: Both bodies had rejected hatching on the level crossing and indicated that the line was not signalled as clear unless the crossing between the gates was free of obstructions.

09.100 Network Rail had noted the complaint that Mr Naylor's field access has occasionally been blocked.

09.101 Cllr. Wheeler had provided an update on the outstanding s106 monies due for the Riverdale Ings development and the lack of progress which was due to an unresolved dispute over the requirement for four affordable homes.

09.102 Cllr. Fairbanks had provided an update on discussions within CDC on proposed changes in waste collections. She was endeavouring to ensure that no changes were made at this time in the service. Cllr. Fairbanks had suggested that residents should continue to put pressure on CDC to drop the proposals.

Correspondence received:

09.103 Environment Agency: Upper Aire Flood Risk Management Strategy. It was noted that this complex document offered very little of specific advantage to Cononley.

09.104 CDC [Planning]: Infrastructure Audit. Resolved: that CDC be informed that the principal deficit was the absence of a satisfactory transport links to other parts of South Craven. The poor bus service prevented many Cononley people from being able to use facilities at Cross Hills which formed a key feature of the CDC's plans. Use of the morning, evening and Sunday services which stop at Cononley Lane end was impractical due to the lack of a safe crossing of the A629 for pedestrians.

09.105 CDC Waste & Recycling manager: request to attend meeting to justify the anticipated decision of CDC regarding waste collections was agreed.

09.106 NY Police: reparation work by offenders. It was agreed that litter picking at the playing fields was highly desirable this time of year and that this was one possible task that could be undertaken.

09.107 Letters from R & M Sedgwick: L. Bayer, J. Hurren and J. Preston complaining of the failure a long standing local resident to obtain housing. Resolved: that the letters be forwarded to CDC Head of Strategic Housing.

09.108 Craven Voluntary & Community Sector Conference. Skipton Town Hall. 30th July.

09.109 NYCC: Notice of implementation of level crossing waiting restriction on 27th July.

09.110 NYCC: Notice of intention to undertake minor maintenance at Long Gill Bridge. It was noted that the bridge was more familiarly known as Pismire Bridge and that the Clerk had identified the adjoining land owners for NYCC's contractor [Jacobs].

Planning applications:

09.111 21/2009/9697 Replacement Conservatory. 9, Meadowcroft. The action of Clerk in responding under his delegated powers with a response of no comment after consulting members was approved.

09.112 21/2009/9748 Construction of Cesspool. Riverside Caravan Site, Moor Foot Lane. Cllr. Parker declared an interest. Resolved that the Council asks that if the application is granted there should be a requirement that the fenced area around the cess pool should be additionally landscaped with a hedge of native species.

09.113 21/2009/9790 Extension over Garage. 14, Skipton Road. Cllrs Brown, Lougee and Wade declared a prejudicial interest and withdrew. Resolved that Cllr. Parker take the chair for this agenda item. Resolved that no comment be made.

09.114 NYCC Planning Application: Creating new tarmac play area over existing grassed playing field at Cononley CP School, Meadow Lane. No comment.

09.115 Notice of CDC site visit & meeting: 21/2009/9642 Construction of One House and Access Improvements. Land at Beech Mount. Site meeting 27th July. It was reported that the conservation officer was opposed to the removal of the historic boundary wall of Cononley Hall from its original position. The Clerk was asked to provide photographs of the former appearance of the site.

09.116 Decision of CDC: 21/2009/9557/8 Demolition of Existing Outbuilding and Construction of Two Storey Extension with Integral Garage. Coach House, Cross Hills Road. Granted.

09.117 Decision of CDC: 21/2009/9697 Replacement Conservatory. 9, Meadowcroft. Granted.

09.118 Receipts: YEDL [wayleave] £2.

09.119 Payments approved: NALC [Subscription to LCR] £13.50; LexisNexis [law text] £59.05, PWLB [repayment of loan principal {£712.36} and interest {£66.06} £778.42 by direct debit.

09.120 Account balance at 30th June 2009: £15429.38

09.121 The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the annual Asset & Risk Assessment Review. It was noted a) that in this particular case the Council had been recommended by the YLCA to continue to incorporate the trusts into its overall assessment b) that insurance provision needed to be kept under review c) that effective internal audit was required for both the Council's statutory funds and the Council's trust funds d) that financial reserves no less than those presently available were required to ensure that the council's properties, services and trusts were able to function and develop. It was placed on record that the Chairman regularly sees and signs the bank statements for the statutory funds.

09.122 An inspection of the council's allotments had been carried out by five members of the council prior to this meeting. Resolved that the Clerk be asked to write to those tenants whose allotments were evidently neglected or who had otherwise infringed the instructions of the Council.

09.123 A visit to Old Pinfold, Piper Fold had also taken place prior to the meeting. Amongst the possible uses of this amenity might be a managed nature reserve, all be it small, analogous to Dead Eye. In the meantime it was agreed to continue to examine the options prior to the next review of the site which would take place at the at the December meeting.

09.124 The Clerk was asked to place a review of Dead Eye on the September agenda.

- 09.125 CDC Cllr. Wheeler reported on various issues including: a) that he was now a member of the CDC audit committee which had reviewed a spate of contracts which had not complied with that council's own documented procedures b) that the Meadowcroft garage site had been removed from the disposal programme c) park and display proposals for Cross Hills had been withdrawn.
- 09.126 Cllr. Lougee reported that Northern Rail was not proceeding with a proposal to terminate some trains at Keighley. Although there may continue to be some trains which do not stop at all stations the service at Cononley should remain at its present frequency. As a result of the need to introduce six car trains to cope with peak demand it was probable that the platforms at Cononley Station would be lengthened.
- 09.127 Cllr. Wade queried the number of caravans which might be stored on any one property. Cllr. Wheeler offered to obtain this information.
- 09.128 Forthcoming meetings: 8th Sept, 13th Oct., 10th Nov., 8th Dec. 2009 all at 7.00 p.m.

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 21st July 2009 immediately after the statutory meeting of the council.

- 09.c22 Apologies, interests & meeting dates were as for the above statutory meeting.
- 09.c23** The number of members of the council appointed to trust advisory committees was reviewed at the request of Cllr. Parker. Resolved that the number of councillors appointed to trust advisory committees should remain no less than three in accordance with the decision of the meeting of the Sole Trustees held on 12th February 2008. As a result of this decision there existed a vacancy in the membership of the CVI advisory committee.
- 09.c24** Vacancy on the CVI committee. Resolved that Cllr. Lougee be appointed to the CVI advisory committee.
- 09.c25** The Clerk asked that a future meeting reviews certain outstanding points relating to the administration of the trusts.
- 09.c26 CVI: Minutes of the advisory committee meeting: 23rd March. Resolved: that the minutes are received and all recommended actions and expenditures are agreed.
- 09.c27 CVI: Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2009. Resolved: that the accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman. It was agreed that the Treasurer to the trust be thanked.
- 09.c28 CVPF: Minutes of the advisory committee meetings: 1st June & 6th July 2009. Resolved: that the minutes are received and all recommended actions and expenditures are agreed.
- 09.c29 CVPF: It was noted that Anthony Radley would be unable to act as Treasurer [Responsible Financial Officer] to the trust after the end of the year and that the advisory committee would undertake to recommend a suitable person to the Council for appointment as his successor.