

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

Present: Cllrs L. Brown (Chairman), R. Mansell, A. Parker, A. Wade.

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

09.129 Apologies: Cllrs. M. Allum, M. Lougee, G. Shepherd [all accepted].

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

09.131 Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 were approved and signed.

09.132 Public Participation: K. Chatburn: asking why the parish should pay £200 towards a speedgun that NY Police should provide anyway. W. Holey: adverse impact of parking restrictions at the level crossing. Cllr. A. Parker [interest declared]: proposed car park [21/2009/9858] will provide space for residents such as Ms. Holey. A. Roberts: proposed car park [21/2009/9858] is a good idea provided some free spaces are provided for local residents. G. Hulands: restatement of concerns that use of the Moorfoot campsite was excessive. W. Holey: increased noise for residents living near the Railway Inn attributable to Bingley music festival campers. A. Roberts thanked the Council for displaying financial information over and above the legal requirements.

### *The Clerk reported:*

09.133 Dropped Kerbs: The Clerk had met Frank Crossley of NYCC Area 5 Highways and had briefed him on the Parish Council's previously minuted priorities [minute 09.133]. It appeared that due to the very limited funds available Cononley could expect no more than 3 or at most 6 pavements to be lowered in the year 2010-11.

### *Correspondence & communications received:*

09.134 NYCC: Local Transport Plan. The Clerk was asked to respond to two questionnaires. It was noted that the questions did not adequately distinguish issues relating to rail transport from road based services and users.

09.135 CDC: Request for views on whether parish councillors should be paid an allowance. Resolved that this council did not wish to pay any allowances.

09.136 NY Police: Community Speed Watch Scheme. Sgt Scott briefed the meeting on the plan which would see the half the cost of speed measuring device shared between nine parishes. Reservations were expressed about the amount of use the device would actually get. Resolved: that in the light of assurances given by the police the anticipated contribution of £200.83 is agreed in principle.

09.137 CDC: Consultation on this Licensing Authorities... Statement of Principles...

09.138 CDC: Bus & pedestrian safety raised by response to [Planning]: Infrastructure Audit. The response suggested that an improved bus turning circle on the site of, or near, Station Mills could enable morning, evening and Sunday bus services to approach more closely to the village. While such a proposal had some evident merit the Parish Council doubted that CDC had it in its power to persuade bus companies to use such a turning circle and furthermore feared that such provision could jeopardise the daytime service continuing to pass through the centre of the village.

09.139 CDC: Confirmation that Paul Florentine [Waste & Recycling manager] would attend the October meeting to endeavour to justify the changes in waste collections.

09.140 CDC: Response on proposed change to electoral cycle: no change will take place.

09.141 W. Holey: Installation of double yellow lines at the railway crossing.

09.142 Cononley Lane Old Landfill Site; Nick Atkinson NYCC Monitoring and Compliance Officer had responded stating that the damaged areas will be covered by a layer of stone, which in turn will be covered by a layer of top soil that will be grass seeded and that this will hopefully prevent further erosion of the site and keep the contents of the landfill in situ.

09.143 SELRAP conference 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. Unlocking a Strategic National Transport Corridor.

09.144 CDC: Response on the allocation of housing tenancies to households with local connections stating that legislation passed in 1996 prevented Craven District Council from giving preference to applicants from the immediate locality.

09.145 G. Hulands: Use of the Moorfoot Lane site during the Bingley music festival.

09.146 J. Naylor: Benefits to local businesses and services of the Bingley music festival.

09.147 R. Bell [The Railway Inn]: Copy letter to J. Naylor regarding the same [09.146].

09.148 NYCC: Support and assistance for Parish Plans.

*Planning applications:*

09.149 21/2009/9824 Works to Trees in Cononley Conservation Area. 122, Main St. 1 X Scots Pine – Fell & 21/2009/9850 Porch to the North Elevation...Bradley's Farm, Main Street. Resolved that the action taken by the Clerk to respond to both applications using his delegated powers with 'no comment' be approved.

09.150 21/2009/9858 Change of use from Agricultural land to Car Park for 79 Spaces. Land adjacent to Cononley Railway Station. Cllr. Parker declared a prejudicial interest and withdrew. Resolved that the following concerns be expressed to CDC:

a) the need for a car park which would primarily serve the needs of rail commuters from outside the parish of Cononley was questioned; b) although there is an acknowledged general need for parking for residents living in the village centre the proposed site was separated from the village by the railway and was perceived to be less useful c) the proposed site lies outside the village development limits d) while acknowledgement was made of the landscaping proposals there would be a marked impact on the present open rural aspect e) the access for the site was inadequate for a four fold increase in vehicle movements. Additionally the Parish Council noted that the existing station car park was capable of being improved and slightly enlarged should the rail operator wish make use of all the space available there.

09.151 21/2009/9926 Single Storey Extension. Smithy Cottage, 54a Main Street. No comment.

09.152 21/2009/9930 Construction of Cesspool (Resubmission of refused application).

Cllr. Parker declared an interest. Resolved that the view of the Council is that expressed for the previous application 21/2009/9748 [09.112 ...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].

09.153 21/2009/9955 Erection of Six Detached Dwellings with Garages and Access Road and Restoration to South Western part of site to agriculture. Former Highgate Poultry Farm, Windle Lane. Resolved that the Council made no comment as it was content with the previously approved plans for this site and acknowledged that this application could well be an improvement. However the Council seeks assurance that the previously agreed s106 benefits for the community will be retained.

09.154 Decisions of CDC: 21/2009/9790 Extension over Garage. 14, Skipton Road. Granted.

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

09.156 Tree works: after conversation with Cllr. Lougee the Clerk asked that the Council places on record its policy on the removal of trees. Resolved that as a general principle the Parish Council is opposed to the removal of healthy mature trees noting that such trees contribute have a landscape and amenity value and also provide essential habitats for owls and other fauna.

09.157 Receipts: none.

09.158 Payments approved: Ridings Reprographics [00277 photocopier maintenance £40.00 + £6.00 VAT] £46.00; Clerk [00278 salary] £1017.82; Inland Revenue [00279 staff PAYE Acc. 072 PA 149997] £254.40; Clerk [00280 reimbursement of administrative expenses] £165.28; Clerk [00281 reimbursement of computer software upgrade £56.51+ £8.48VAT - the Clerk being authorised to purchase by personal credit card on behalf of the council] £64.99.

09.159 To meet internal audit requirements the Chairman had verified the balances shown on recent bank statements.

09.160 Account balance at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009: £14393.96

09.161 Training Course: 'Councillor Skills' 27<sup>th</sup> October. It was noted that Cllrs Brown and Parker intended to attend. The Clerk recommended that as training for councillors was increasingly advocated and because opportunities for free training were very limited the cost of such courses should be reimbursed by the council.

09.162 The Clerk reported on anticipated CDC planning seminars.

- 09.163 The Clerk reported that replies giving various reassurances had been received from all the tenants whose allotments had been identified as being neglected or who had otherwise infringed the instructions of the Council. It was agreed that members would view the allotments again before the October meeting.
- 09.164 It was agreed that the Clerk should write to an allotment tenant who had permitted a large trampoline to be erected on his allotment to remind him that the installation of structures on allotments required the permission of the Council.
- 09.165 The Clerk reported that the present arrangements for the maintenance by a volunteer of the Old Pinfold, Piper Fold could not continue past the end of the year. It was agreed that issue be placed on the agenda of the October meeting.
- 09.166 Dead Eye: Review. Deferred to the October meeting at the request of Cllr. Allum.
- 09.167 Cllr. Parker asked that consideration should be given at the October meeting to increasing the Council's health and safety competence and compliance through the employment of a consultancy.
- 09.168 CDC Cllrs. P. Fairbank & M. Wheeler and NYCC Cllr. P. Mulligan briefed the Council on current issues affecting their councils. NYCC had identified £800 for a grant to CVPF as a result of their excellent application.
- 09.169 At the suggestion of CDC Cllr. P. Fairbank it was agreed that a note be put in the newsletter seeking resident's views on ways of improving recycling.
- 09.170 Forthcoming meetings: 13<sup>th</sup> Oct., 10<sup>th</sup> Nov., 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 immediately after the statutory meeting of the council.**

Present: Cllrs L. Brown (Chairman), R. Mansell, A. Parker, A. Wade.

Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council.

**09.c30** Apologies: Cllrs. M. Allum, M. Lougee, G. Shepherd [all accepted].

**09.c31** Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 were approved and signed.

09.c32 Member's interests: none declared at this point in the meeting.

09.c33 CVI: Minutes of the CVI advisory committee meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Resolved: that the minutes are received and all recommended actions and expenditures are agreed.

**09.c34** CVI: Resolved that Mary Taylor be appointed as a member of the CVI advisory committee.

09.c35 A revised budget for CVI expenditure in the current year was agreed.

09.c36 CVPF: Minutes of the CVPF advisory committee meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2009. Resolved: that the minutes are received and all recommended actions and expenditures are agreed.

**09.c37** CVPF: A letter was received from Zurich giving details of insurance costs for additional play ground equipment and showing that [unlike the skateboard equipment] the all risks and public liability insurance would be directly proportionate to the total value of the new and existing equipment for younger children.

**09.c38** The Clerk produced a document 'Why are the playing field and the village institute trusts run the way they are?' summarising the background to both of the trusts. Resolved that the document be received and the text appended to these minutes.

Chairman (three pages) 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009