

Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute on Tuesday 8th December 2009.

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

Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. A member of the public.

09.230 Apologies: CDC Cllrs. P. Fairbank & M. Wheeler; NYCC Cllr. P. Mulligan.

09.231 Member's interests: recorded within the relevant minute.

09.232 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2009 were approved and signed.

Correspondence & communications received:

09.233 CDC: Parish Council Elections 2010 stating that the cost of a contested election would be £905.00 and that should there be a general election on 6th May then the term of parish councillors would need to be slightly extended.

09.234 CDC: Feedback panel. Details were circulated.

09.235 Relate Pennine Keighley & Craven: request. Resolved: a grant of £80 be made.

09.236 J. Preston: Request for limited permission to fish Dead Eye to research possible pollution. Concern was expressed that Mr Preston's concern that watercourses might be polluted should be addressed to the owner of suspected premises or to the Environment Agency. Resolved: permission should be withheld.

09.237 Craven Citizen's Advice Bureau: request. Resolved: a grant of £80 be made.

Planning applications:

09.238 21/2009/10179 [Tree works to approx 25 trees – reduction, pollarding, lifting] St. John's House, Cross Hills Road. Cllr. Parker declared an interest. Resolved: no objection but a concern that there was inadequate explanation of the work and no assessment by a tree surgeon.

09.239 21/2009/10126 & 7. [also 21/2009/10169 Listed Building Consent] Part demolition of Boundary Wall, Re-erection and Re-alignment and construction of Double Garage. Milton House, Main Street. Resolved: no comment.

09.240 21/2009/10199 Change of use of Agricultural land: layout of Car Parking Area, Bus Turning Head and formation of new access. Land Adjacent to Cononley Railway Station, Cononley Lane. Cllr. Parker declared an interest and did not vote. Resolved: the Council objects to the application for the following reasons: a) although there is an acknowledged general need for parking for residents living in the village centre the proposed site has the serious disadvantage of being physically separated from the village by the railway b) residents of the village of Cononley can walk to the station so the proposed car park would primarily serve the needs of rail commuters from outside the parish of Cononley c) an influx of such commuters would bring additional vehicles on to the narrow roads in the village thereby further endangering pedestrians d) the proposal lacked a supportive study or information about the needs of present day or future rail users d) the proposed site lies outside the village development limits and the case for the car park was insufficient to justify the negative impact on the present open rural aspect of the site e) the Council is sceptical that land levels will remain as existing as is stated in the design and access statement. The Council requested that this application is considered at a meeting of CDC Planning Committee and after a site meeting. Because of the timescale for submissions the Clerk was asked to respond with the views of the Council using his delegated powers.

CDC decisions & withdrawn applications:

09.241 21/2009/10005 Two Storey Detached House...84, Main Street. Withdrawn.

09.242 21/2009/10011 Construction of One House. Beech Mount. Refused.

09.243 21/2009/10048 [Tree Works] Reduction of 4 Silver Birch. Approved.

09.244 21/2009/10068 Demolition & Re-erection of wall. Sunny Bank, Main St. Approved.

09.245 21/2009/10075 [Tree works] 1 Ash Crown Lift & Thin. Shackleton Ghyll Farm. Approved. 21/2009/10078 Detached Garage... 8 Aireside Avenue. Granted.

09.246 CDC: Notice of item on Planning Committee Agenda 14th Dec.: 21/2009/9955 Erection of six houses...Former Highgate Poultry Farm, Windle Lane.

- 09.247 The notification of precept of £16,500 for the year 2010-11 was formally signed.
- 09.248 Payments approved: Cononley Village Institute [00285 Grant of reserve gifted to the Council for the provision of theatrical lighting] £1475; David Loss [00286 clearance of grass & vegetation Highways Act 1980 s43] £75; Ridings Reprographics [00287 photocopier maintenance £40.00 + £6.00 VAT] £46.00; The Society of Local Council Clerks [00288 subscription s112] £95.00; Clerk [00289 salary including corrected rate applicable from 1st April 2009 and additional hours worked in 12 months to 30th November] £1673.05; HM Revenue and Customs [00290 Inland Revenue staff PAYE Acc. 072 PA 149997] £418.2; Clerk [00291 reimbursement of administrative expenses] £95.44; Craven Stationery [00292 Newsletter £70.00 + £10.50 VAT] £80.50; PWLB [repayment of loan principal {£733.74} and interest {£44.68}] £778.42 by direct debit.
- 09.249 Account balance at 30th November: £20,289.17.
- 09.250 Allotment tenancies. The Clerk reported that there were 13 people on the Allotment waiting list. Resolved: that tenants who seek additional allotments or exchanges must have endeavoured to maintain their current allotment.
- 09.251 Arrangements for the interviewing of a new Clerk were discussed.
- 09.252 Maintenance of the Main Street – Aire View footpath. Resolved: the quotation of David Loss for the year 2010 in the sum of £75 be accepted.
- 09.253 Cllr. Parker distributed notes on a councillor's course which he had attended.
- 09.254 Forthcoming meetings: 12th Jan. 2010, 9th Feb., 9th March [with Annual Parish Meeting], 13th April, 11th May [Annual Meeting of the Council].

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 8th December 2009 immediately after the statutory meeting of the council.

Present: Those members who attended the statutory meeting and Kath Clark.

- 09.c52 CVI: Minutes of the CVI advisory committee meeting: deferred to January meeting.
- 09.c53 CVI: The Council gave consideration to a draft agreement between the CVI Trustee and Stepping Stones Pre-school & Nursery. It was noted that no agreement which conveyed or appeared to convey any rights to another party should ever be entered into in the name of the Council without the prior approval of the Council. The agreement was received and noted on the basis that it was a license solely intended to stipulate the conditions on which the building was hired.
- 09.c54 CVPF: Minutes of the CVPF advisory committee meeting: 2nd November 2009. Resolved: that the minutes are received and all recommended actions and expenditures are agreed.
- 09.c55 CVPF: Kath Clark updated the members of the Trust with details of funds raised to date. A total of £68,350 includes £800 from NYCC; £500 from Skipton Temperance Hall Fund; £49,000 from NYCC Playbuilder; £10,000 from Foundation for Sport & the Arts; £1,000 from CDC; £50 from local business and approx. £7000 already held in reserve. The Playbuilder programme is funded by the Dept. for Children, Schools & Families, and Play England and is locally managed by NYCC. There would be a meeting between representatives of Playbuilder and of the Parish Council on 18th January 2010 to discuss contractual requirements.
- 09.c56** CVPF: Resolved: to authorise the payment for stages two [£250] and three [£1250] of the project by the Play Inspection Company covering the site survey, design plan and schedule of work. It was noted that stage one was authorised in May [min. 09.c13] and that the total cost was £6980 [excluding VAT].
- 09.c57 CVPF: Resolved: that Andrea Dalton be appointed to the honorary office of Treasurer [Responsible Financial Officer] of the Cononley Village Playing Field Trust.