

Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 9th September 2008.

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

Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. NYCC & CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler. Press

Representative: S. Wilcock. Three members of the public.

08.146 Apologies for absence: Cllrs. M. Lougee, G. Shepherd [accepted], Cllr. P. Fairbank [noted].

08.147 Member's interests: none.

08.148 The Minutes of the annual meeting held on 22nd July 2008 were approved.

08.149 Public Participation. Mr. Huland addressed the meeting on the Moorfoot Caravan Park and the absence of planning permission for the play area.

08.150 It was agreed that the Clerk should ask CDC for the current position regarding Moorfoot Caravan Park and the planning permission for the play area.

08.151 Dead Eye. A written report was received from Mandy Mitchell and Brian Slater on behalf of the 'The Friends of Dead Eye' which referred a survey in 2003, the regular monitoring of the site and the many species of birds recorded there. Normal access is from Ings Lane and the Blackthorn needs trimming from time to time. Access from the Northern end to the Western side of Dead Eye however is very difficult due to the existence of a fence topped with barbed wire. It was agreed that in order to facilitate the management of the site the Council should ensure that all parts of its property were accessible and that in consultation with neighbouring land owners a gate should be installed on the bridge joining the two sides of the property. As the natural habitat of the site is sensitive and the gate would not form part of a public right of way the gate should be locked and only used by designated volunteers.

The Clerk reported on information supplied by CDC:

08.152 The wording of the s106 planning agreement relating to Riverdale Ings dated the 15th December 2005 and made between (1) CDC; (2) Mr and Mrs Wilson and (3) HSBC Bank Plc. and requiring £29,180 as a contribution to improvements to Cononley Primary School; £15,000 for a traffic calming scheme and provision of a footpath from the development to the station and £7,500 as a contribution to improve or extend the recreational facilities at Cononley recreation ground. To be paid to CDC before the first dwelling was occupied and also by that time the developer was also required to have submitted and obtained the Council's approval of a scheme for the provision, by 50% shared ownership or shared equity, of 4 affordable 2 bedroom houses within the development, and these houses were to be provided before the 15th open market dwelling on site was occupied.

08.153 The Dog Warden already supplies dog bags to the post office and additionally will replace all the signs and add more and will target the area with early and late patrols. There already is a dog bin at the junction of Meadow lane and Moorfoot lane and adequate provision on Cross Hills Road.

08.154 The Waste Minimalisation & Recycling Officer would speak to the annual meeting on waste management

08.155 The Enforcement Officer is now aware of the large mobile home near Shady Lane.

The Clerk reported on information supplied by NYCC:

08.156 NYCC will not cut the grass around the council's roadside seats.

08.157 NYCC had eventually succeeded in arranging the cutting of the hedge on the riverside path at the former sewage works at the island.

- 08.158 Skipton road speed table: the gradient of the approach ramps will be made steeper.
- 08.159 Yellow lines either side of the level crossing: added to the list of traffic matters under investigation.
- 08.160 Possibility of a pedestrian refuge on A629 near Cononley Lane end: a scheme has been added to the Capital Reserve List. This is reviewed annually in October.
- 08.161 Parking restrictions for occupiers of Station Mills: added to the list of traffic matters under investigation.
- 08.162 The council's footway lamps had last had a full change of bulbs on 19th March.
- Other communications and correspondence received:*
- 08.163 The Environment Agency: stating that the re-profiled bank at Riverdale Ings offers the protection mentioned in the planning application and that additional rocks will afford some stability to the bank in times of high flow. Grass and other vegetation will bind the bank together.
- 08.164 NYCC: Craven Area Committee: Election of Parish representatives: no action.
- 08.165 NYCC Cononley Beck Culvert Strengthening: revised works timetable & diversion signage.
- 08.166 CDC: Affordable Housing Guide (July 2008) – Final Documents.
- 08.167 CDC: Housing Need Report. It was noted that there are 49 occupied public housing properties in Cononley but 191 households on the waiting list.
- 08.168 CDC: Local Development Framework Evidence Base Studies Consultation. With particular reference to the listing in of Final SHELAA Sites the council was pleased that five impractical sites had been deleted. In the case of the two sites retained the clerk was asked to submit again comments in line with those submitted after the January meeting: a) the council continues to have general concerns about the ability of the existing infrastructure to cope with further development. b) Site 740 [East of Meadow Close and at Moorfoot lane, Cononley]: the obvious access routes currently make use of narrow roads and lanes. c) Site 741 Station Works, north of Cononley Lane, Cononley]: the Council agrees that the site is suitable for employment with some housing. Although it is not in the conservation area it includes 19th century buildings which form an important part of the street scene & landscape. The original mill (at right angles to Cononley Lane) of c1837 is especially significant. The Council also seeks to ensure that any future development of the Station Works site incorporates pedestrian access to avoid the level crossing and create unrestricted access between the centre of the village to the Leeds/Bradford station platform via Moorfoot Lane Bridge. Such a footpath would have the added benefit of creating a pedestrian route between e.g. the school and the increasing number of family homes at Aireside.
- 08.169 E. Calvert: suggestion sought for planting of an oak tree. The Playing Field was suggested.
- 08.170 CDC: grants scheme.
- 08.171 Relate Pennine Keighley & Craven: request for grant aid in particular for 'Time to Talk' a local counselling service for troubled young people. It was agreed that a grant of £75 be made.
- 08.172 NCVO membership. It was agreed that membership was not necessary.
- 08.173 NYCC: Footway Lighting Energy. It was agreed that the council should accept the offer of electricity to be provided through a NYCC contract at a much reduced cost for the lamps owned by the parish council.
- 08.174 Appeal for grant aid for Cononley County Primary School. It was agreed that in the absence of any further information no action could be taken.

Planning applications and issues:

08.175 21/2008/8792 Re Erection of Stone Masonry Building, Between Cononley Hall & Gibside Lane.

21/2008/8876 Single Storey Side Extension. [Resubmission] 35 Meadow Lane.

21/2008/8915 Remove 2 X Conifers Cononley Hall, Main St.

21/2008/8916 Fell 1 X Yew Cononley Hall B&B, Main St.

The Clerk's action under delegated powers to make no comment on the above applications was agreed.

21/2008/8925 Replacement of existing wooden window frames with UPVC.

50, Skipton Road. No comment.

21/2008/8959 Addition to existing Dwelling to form additional/workspace and office (resubmission of 21/2008/8667) Weasel Green Farm, Moorside. No comment

CDC Decisions:

21/2008/8667 Addition to Existing Dwelling to form Additional Studio/Workspace and Office. Weasel Green Farmhouse. Refused.

21/2008/8720 & 8721 [Listed Building] Removal and reinstatement of Boundary Wall in association with works to strengthen Cononley Beck Culvert. Granted.

21/2008/8747 Fell 1 Cypressus. Beechcroft, Main St. Approved.

21/2008/8767 Detached Dwelling. Beech Mount, Main Street. Refused.

21/2008/8788 Light Crown Lift, Crown Thin, etc. 2no. Maple Trees. The Coach House, Meadow Lane. Approved.

21/2008/8801 4xLime – Crown Clean etc., 1xSycamore – Fell, 5xYew – Crown Lift, 1xCorsican Pine – Prune etc. Brooklyn, Cross Hills Road. Approved.

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08.176 Receipts: none.

08.177 Payments: Ridings Reprographics [00233 photocopier maintenance £40.00 + £7.00 VAT] £47.00; Clerk [00234 salary] £825.64; HM Revenue and Customs [00235 Inland Revenue staff PAYE Acc. 072 PA 149997] £206.20; Clerk [00236 reimbursement of computer software upgrade £54.77 + £8.21VAT - the clerk being authorised to purchase by person credit card on behalf of the council] £62.98; Clerk [00237 reimbursement of administrative expenses] £94.54.
Balance at 31st July 2008: £12292.07. Balance at 29th August: £11986.65

08.178 CVI Trustee's clock tower: awaiting estimates.

08.179 Clerk's report on work undertaken to 31st August 2008. The Clerk reported on various measures which could reduce his workload and reduce costs.

08.180 Council electrical & electronic equipment over four years old. It was agreed that this aging equipment should be written off and retained by the Clerk. It was noted that the Council retained ownership of the Gestetner 1302 photocopier.

08.181 Council archives: It was agreed that items of solely historic value which chance to be in the Council's possession should be deposited with the County Record Office subject to satisfactory discussions by the Clerk with the County Archivist. It was further agreed that a decision would subsequently be made as to whether or not some of the older records actually created by, or for, the Council should also be deposited for their better preservation.

08.182 On going problems with large vehicles mis-directed into the village by Sat-Nav devices. NYCC & CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler offered to look into this.

08.183 Forthcoming meetings: 14th Oct. 11th Nov., 9th Dec.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sole Trustees [Cononley Parish Council] of the village charitable trusts held at the Village Institute on 9th September 2008 immediately after the statutory meeting of the council.

- 08.c22 Apologies, interests & meeting dates were as listed for the statutory meeting held on the same date.
- 08.c23 It was agreed that due to increased costs the amount budgeted by the trustees for gas used at CVI should be increased to £2100.

Chairman. 14th October 2008