

Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute on 11th September 2007.

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

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Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. Press representative: L. Tate. I. Fulton. Eight members of the public.

- 1. Acceptance of apologies for absence: Cllrs. Allum & Lougee & Parker. Apology received: CDC. Cllr. P. Fairbanks.**
- 2. Declaration of members interests relating to anticipated business: Cllr Shepherd Item 7 [App. 21/2007/7764].**
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of the council held on 14th August 2007 were approved.**
- 4. Clerk's report on previous business: NYCC had reported positively on progress with a number of highway issues noted in the August minutes.**
- 5. To receive correspondence and communications and determine appropriate action:**
 - a) NYCC: Bus Service 78A – Proposed Amendment. It was noted that the proposal would lead to the withdrawal of half of Cononley's already residual weekday daytime bus service. It was agreed that NYCC should be informed that the Council vigorously objected to the proposal. While it was understood that the proposal was an attempt to provide a service to Farnhill [but at the expense of Cononley residents] it was recognised that it was more likely to weaken and endanger the whole service 78A. Cllr. Ian Fulton from Farnhill Parish Council [also a member of the Transport Strategic Partnership] attended and was invited to address the meeting. His proposal for a circular 'hopper type' service serving Farnhill, Cononley, Cross Hills was received with interest.**
 - b) CDC: Area Forums incl. Glusburn Institute on 27th Sept 2007.**
 - c) Highways Agency: A629 Detrunking orders: now approaching implementation.**
 - d) Safer Craven Community Partnership: offer to undertake work by Young Offenders Team. It was agreed that this offer should be forwarded to the Playing Field Committee.**
 - e) Letter: concern over fire brigade response times. It was noted that this concern would be addressed at the next Area Forum. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to enquire about the current performance statistics.**
 - f) CDC: Biodiversity Action Plan: noted.**
 - g) NYCC: Closure of Post Offices. The consultation for this area would commence in October.**
 - h) Skipton and Craven Action for Disability [SCAD]: a S137 grant of £75 was agreed.**
 - i) Vitalise: a request for grant aid was refused as the appeal was at a national level.**
 - j) CAB: update and offer of speakers: noted.**
- 6. Publications and circulars received incl. White Rose Update 8/07.**
- 7. Planning Applications and issues received.**
 - 21/2007/7764 Proposed Conservatory, 3, Shady Lane. No comment.**
 - 21/2007/7808 Construction of Bedroom over existing garage. Bank House, Netherghyll Lane. No comment.**
 - 21/2007/7838 Conversion of Detached House into a pair of Semi-Detached Houses. Airedale House, Main St. No comment.**

Planning Inspectorate. Appeal App/C22708/A/07/2039751/NWF [relating to app. 21/2003/2896]. Weasel Green Farm BD20 8ED. Dismissed.

Decisions by CDC:

21/2007/7495 Conversion of Barn to Two Dwellings and Associated Garaging. Land Rear of Milton House, Main Street, via Meadow Lane. Granted.

21/2007/7641 Removal of Rear Conservatory. Demolish Garage and Erect Two Storey Side Extension, and Construct Single Storey Lean-To Extension to Rear. 16, Crag View. Granted.

21/2007/7664 Erection of 5kw Domestic Wind Turbine on 12 M Tower. Land Adjacent to Badger Lodge, Moorside. Granted.

8. **Parking & road safety: review of proposals. The Clerk reported that an initial approach to NYCC had received a mixed response as follows:**
 - a) **Dropped footpath kerbs. NYCC would consider a request list as and when funding allowed. It was agreed that a formal letter incorporating a list prepared by Cllr. Allum be forwarded to NYCC with a request to give priority to kerbs on the becksides of Main Street between the station and Cross Hills Road.**
 - b) **An informal approach to NYCC had produced a lack of enthusiasm for special lining or road colouring being justified on the Cross Hills Road approach to the post office. It was agreed however that the request would be reiterated in the formal letter.**
 - c) **NYCC indicated that any proposed parking restrictions would be considered by the Area Committee which would need to be convinced that they were supported by residents. It was agreed that the proposals recorded in the August minutes be formally submitted but that their precise extent be a matter for discussion with and advice from NYCC.**
7. **Issues relating to the anticipated closure of the Church Centre hall:**
 - a) **Parent and Toddler Group. It was noted that the group had decided to defer making any appeal to the parish council.**
 - b) **A copy letter to Craven Herald from the Rev'd John Peet had been received by the Chairman. It described the efforts that the church had made over the last three years to formulate an acceptable offer of the Church Centre to the parish council trustee. The Clerk reported that he had received no other correspondence on the subject from anyone other than Rev'd Peet. At the invitation of the Chairman a group of residents spoke to indicate that they felt inadequately informed about the process and the reasons why the parish council had felt unable to proceed further. In response it was noted that there had been numerous updates – both formally in parish council meetings and the annual parish meetings – and informally in the local press, the village newsletter and in the church magazine. The group of residents were referred in particular to the reasons stated in the June 2007 minutes of the Council. It was noted that Rev'd Peet had offered to brief the group at a private informal meeting on the details of the negotiations and the Chairman indicated that she had been invited to attend as well.**
8. **Accounts. Receipts: Allotment rents £10. Payments: Yorkshire Rural Community Council [subscription] £35; Clerk [salary] £785.53; HM Revenue and Customs [Inland Revenue staff PAYE Acc. 072 PA 149997] £221.32; Clerk [reimbursement of administrative expenses]**

- £154.50; Craven Stationery [newsletter] £75.00; N. Shuttleworth [repair of CVI verge boards etc.] £781.02. It was noted that the latter amount would be reclaimed from the Council's insurers on behalf of the trust.**
- 9. Issues relating to Parish Council properties, services & administration:**
 - a) Registration of all other Council properties. The Clerk was asked to proceed on the same basis as had been minuted in March 2006.**
 - b) YEDL: proposed new sub-station at the Old Pinfold: The Council reviewed correspondence with YEDL [including their prepared Heads of Terms] and also with Turners Solicitors. It was agreed to instruct Turners Solicitors to negotiate with YEDL on the Council's behalf. It was noted that the terms offered for the new wayleave were £50 p.a. but it was agreed that a premium and peppercorn rent might be more advantageous. It was further noted that YEDL had offered to pay the legal costs.**
 - c) Clerk's Annual Report was received.**
 - d) Management of trust properties: It was agreed that further professional advice should be sought from the YLCA on aspects of the management of the two trusts.**
 - e) It was noted that the Council's external auditors had insisted on the removal of all the trust properties from assets register.**
 - f) Allotments - blocked footpath. It was agreed that the issue should be deferred. The Council received a report of the possibility that the tenant of the adjacent plots intended to leave the parish. It was agreed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant to remind him of his undertaking to remove a large shed.**
 - 10. The Clerk reported that he and Cllr. Lougee had attended a meeting of the Craven Transport Forum where they had received support for this Council's stand on local bus services together with a briefing on the plans for a new bus station in Skipton.**
 - 11. Date of the next meetings: 9th Oct.; 13th Nov.; 11th Dec.**

A Meeting of the Parish Council as sole trustee of the village charities.

Was held at the Village Institute immediately following the above meeting.

- C1. Apologies, interests & meeting dates as those recorded above.**
- C2. Cononley Playing Fields: Minutes of committee meeting: 3rd Sept. 2007 were received and approved.**

Chairman (three pages) 9th October 2007.