

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007.**

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

**07/15**

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

- 1. Acceptance of apologies for absence: Cllr. Allum.**
- 2. Declaration of members interests relating to anticipated business:**
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of the council held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007.**
- 4. Clerk's report on previous business. a) NYCC: Response to the Council's request for dropped kerbs and parking restrictions indicating that attention would be given to these requests although there were serious financial restraints at present. b) A response from NYCC was awaited regarding bus service 78A but Cllr. Wheeler wished members to know that the diversion of some services via Kildwick was not likely to happen and had not been advocated by himself and furthermore it was likely that a revised tender for the service would be restore some buses at each end of the working day.**
- 5. Correspondence and communications:**
  - a) CDC: Local Development Framework for Craven Outside the YDNP. Core Strategy Preferred Options. It was noted that the document contained proposed strategic policy which whilst covering settlements like Cononley had almost no content applicable solely to Cononley. The consultation period was until 16<sup>th</sup> November and Cllr. Lougee would be attending a workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> October.**
  - b) Letter: allegation of noise nuisance at Railway Inn on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. It was agreed that the letter be forwarded to the Licensing section of CDC.**
  - c) YLCA: Meeting: Settle 13<sup>th</sup> October.**
  - d) Embsay and Eastby stating that this parish has been unable to find anyone to replace their village lengthsmen and is seeking assistance. While noting that many individual parishes which had a lengthsmen had experienced difficulties it was agreed that Cononley Parish Council continued to be interested should a consortium of councils wish to either employ a contractor or if there was a larger council willing to offer to undertake the role of lead employer for such a consortium.**
  - e) South Craven School: Consultation on proposed Trust status.**
  - f) CDC: Review of Polling Stations. It was agreed to recommend the continued use of Cononley Village Institute.**
  - g) Cononley Toddler Group: seeking a grant towards meeting the anticipated costs associated with the group having to vacate the Church Centre. Cllr. Lougee expressed his concern that the group had circulated misleading information which would lead residents to believe that there were no alternative venues while in fact there were and one of these was the Village Institute of which he was committee chairman. It was agreed that the group had not made an adequate case for financial support from the Council and that the Clerk should write to the group to this effect and also point out some of the components of an application which might have greater success with any grant giving body. Concern was also expressed that the group had inaccurately represented the position of the Village Institute trust in a village newsletter article.**
- 6. Publications and circulars received were circulated.**
- 7. Planning Applications and issues received.**

**21/2007/7959 Tree works. Remove 1no Conifer. 6, St. John's Cross. No comment.**

**J. Burt: New Window at 3, Sun St. This alteration was viewed with concern and it was agreed that the Clerk should seek confirmation of the position from CDC.**

**Decisions by CDC:**

**21/2007/7764 Proposed Conservatory, 3, Shady Lane. Granted.**

**21/2007/7790 Removal of various trees. Copper Coin and The Old Pinfold.**

**Approved.**

- 8. Accounts: A statement of the Council's financial position at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007 was received.**
- 9. The schedule of accounts was approved: Receipts: CDC [second instalment of rate precept] £6750. Payments: Skipton & Craven Action for Disability [s137 grant] £75; npower [CVI trustees' clock] £24.48; Land Registry [fees] £30.**
- 10. The names of Cllrs. R. Mansell and A. Parker were submitted to LloydsTSB as new account signatories.**
- 11. Issues relating to Parish Council properties, services & administration:**
  - a) Registration of unregistered Council properties: the Clerk reported.**
  - b) YEDL: proposed new sub-station: the solicitor had now been now instructed.**
  - c) The Clerk reported on a letter from a tenant regarding an additional asbestos removal problem in an entirely different part of the allotments. Cllr. Lougee offered to liaise with the tenant with a view to facilitating a solution.**
  - d) Allotments waiting list: The Clerk having reminded the Council of the current policy on priorities for applications it was agreed that applications [not joint] from persons sharing the same address must be treated entirely separately .**
  - e) The Clerk asked the meeting to receive a Revised Archives Listing and also to receive from the Cononley Local History Association copies of 'Cononley Manorial Courts' & together with copies of other local items of historical significance.**
  - f) The Clerk reported on a Clerk's meeting held under the auspices of CDC. As a result of a discussion at this meeting the Clerk now advised that the decision of the August meeting [item 10c] to leave any decisions on public participation within the discretion of the Chairman was not compatible with a public right to speak. It was agreed that in future public participation would be for a maximum of 15 minutes before the commencement of business and that the chairman would only suspend the meeting to allow a member of the public to speak by prior arrangement or in exceptional circumstances.**
- 12. Items of information & proposals for the agenda of the future meetings:**
  - a) Cllr. Lougee asked for a report on the planning requirements for an anticipated caravan development near Moorfoot Bridge to be available for the next meeting.**
  - b) Cllr. Parker reported on a further police speed check on Skipton Road.**
  - c) It was noted that a prominent phone mast had been erected by Network Rail and that this was within their powers.**
- 13. Date of the next meetings: 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.; 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.; 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. (third Tuesday); 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> March (together with the Annual Parish Meeting).**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council as sole trustee of the village charities held at the Village Institute immediately following the above meeting.**

**C1. Apologies, interests & meeting dates were as those recorded above.**

**C3 Cononley Playing Fields: Minutes of committee meeting: awaited.**

**C3. Cononley Village Institute: Minutes of committee meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007 were received and approved.**