

Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute on 13th November 2007.

Present: M. Lougee, R. Mansell, A Parker, G. Shepherd, A. Wade (Vice-Chairman: in the chair for this meeting).

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Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. Press representative: Lesley Tate. Five members of the public.

- 1. Acceptance of apologies for absence: Cllrs. M. Allum & L. Brown. Apologies received from CDC Cllr. P. Fairbank, NYCC & CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler.**
- 2. To declare members interests relating to anticipated business: Cllr. R. Mansell declared an interest relating to Item 8 [Application 21/2007/8001] as he knew the applicant. Members were requested to complete new register of interest forms as a new code of conduct had been adopted.**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting of the council held on 9th October 2007 were approved after amendment of those present by replace Cllr. M. Allum's name with that of Cllr. M. Lougee.**
- 4. The Council noted with sadness the death of, and paid tribute to the work of, Malcolm Wiseman as Clerk [1976-1998], Council member [1999-2003] and Chairman [2000 - 2003].**
- 5. Clerk's report on previous business and issues reported to him.**
 - a) NYCC: Response to the Council's request for dropped kerbs and parking restrictions. The Clerk reported that he would be meeting NYCC staff.**
 - b) CDC: indicating that they were advising on a planned caravan site at Moorfoot.**
 - c) CDC: Requested information on the criteria for permitted developments. It was noted that with regard to a new window at 3, Sun Street the house owner is within their rights as it is a permitted development under the 'General Permitted Development Order 1995'.**
 - d) NYCC: on signage to redirect Heavy Goods Vehicles directed in error by 'sat/nav' devices.**
 - e) NYCC: in response to rights of way problems including obstructions on the riverside path, by the flood control embankment, and various broken stiles.**
 - f) CDC: Environmental Health had investigated noise problems at the Railway Inn and visited the premises on two occasions.**
 - g) NYCC: A lamp behind Shady Lane housing was being surveyed.**
- 6. To receive correspondence and communications and determine appropriate action:**
 - a) B. Green: the unjustified removal of the mill weir had been rectified. It was noted that Station Mills has an Environment Agency licence to take water from Cononley Beck.**
 - b) Antler Homes: Riverdale Ings, Aireside: response to the Council's complaint about parking on Cononley Lane.**
 - c) Fire and Rescue Service: Response times in South Craven.**
 - d) NYCC: Bus Service 78A: acknowledgement.**
 - e) South Craven Community Action AGM 7th December.**
- 7. Received publications and circulars: circulated.**
- 8. To receive and comment on planning applications and issues received.**

21/2007/7927 Alterations of Outbuilding to form Garage. King's Farm. No comment.

21/2007/ 7934 Creation of Porch to North Elevation. 2, Garth Fold. No comment.

21/2007/7975 Conversion of Redundant Barn to Dwelling. Highgate, Windle Lane. No comment.

21/2007/8024 Two Storey Extension. 8, Aireside Avenue. No comment.

21/2007/8001 Two Storey Side Extension. Hillandale, Skipton Road.

The Council noted the points put forward in the nine letters of objection which had been received. It was resolved that the Council should object to the application.

Proposed by Cllr. Lougee and seconded by Cllr. Shepherd. The grounds for the objection were that the proposed extension [a] would be totally overbearing when seen from the neighbouring houses in West Lane [b] would unquestionably overshadow and take the light from those houses in West Lane [c] would irretrievably alter the character of the small scale street scene created by the historic group of 200 year old houses.

Decisions of CDC:

21/2007/7376 Proposed Two Storey side extension... 85 Main St. Refused.

21/2007/7745 Extension to rear of Dwelling... 6, St. John's Cross. Granted.

21/2007/7808 Construction of Bedroom. Bank House, Netherghyll Lane. Granted.

21/2007/7838 Conversion... into... Semi-Detached Houses. Airedale House. Granted.

21/2007/7959 Remove 1no Conifer. 6 St John's Cross. Approved.

9. **CDC: Local Development Framework for Craven Outside the YDNP. Core Strategy Preferred Options.** Cllr. Lougee reported on a meeting he had attended. Cllr. Wade declared an interest as a result of family land holdings in the area. It was agreed to submit an objection to the inclusion of area SC15 [approximately lying between Baxter Wood and railway line in the parish of Glusburn] as potential development land on the grounds that it would have [i] an adverse impact on a sensitive landscape of the Aire Valley at a point where it remains predominantly rural [ii] seriously reduce the enjoyment of the popular footpath routes between Cross Hills and Cononley [iii] in at least a part of the area bring building onto the floodplain. Any development in SC14 & 16 would attract the same objection of course.
10. **External Auditor's certificate and opinion was received from Mazars.** It was noted that the auditor had objected to the inclusion of the trust properties in the valuation of assets.
11. **Precept.** The Clerk [the Responsible Financial Officer] submitted a projection of expenditure to 31st March 2009 which showed that could have difficulty maintaining it's reserves at the minimum acceptable level. It was resolved that the precept for the year 2008-9 be increased to £14,500. Proposed by Cllr. Parker and seconded by Cllr. Shepherd.
12. **Accounts were approved. Receipts: Zurich [claim for damage to CVI] £1214.70** [It was noted that the Claim had been paid in full excepting the VAT on the repair accounts which the Parish Council will reclaim later this financial year and that there was therefore no excess to be reclaimed from CVI]. **Payments: Mazars [audit fee] £182.12; Poppy Appeal [i.e. Royal British Legion - s137 grant] £30.**
13. **Issues relating to Parish Council properties, services & administration:**
 - a) **Registration of unregistered Council properties:** the clerk submitted a progress report.
 - b) **YEDL: proposed new sub-station:** the draft lease had been examined by two councillors and the clerk and some alterations proposed. It was agreed that the council's solicitor be instructed to proceed.
 - c) **Allotments:** It was resolved that the rent charged in the year commencing 2nd Feb. 2009 should be £12. Proposed by Cllr. Parker and seconded by Cllr. Lougee.
 - d) **Allotments:** [i] The tenant of allotments 58/28,29 & 30 would be moving to 97/18 where he intends to use an existing shed and to keep a small number of poultry. The tenants existing allotments have three medium sized sheds on them but the tenant is unlikely to be able to remove them. [ii]. The Old Pinfold, Piper Lane. This land had become free following the death of the tenant. A year or two ago there had been an informal discussion with the former tenant about the possibility of recommending to the Council that as the Pinfold is now in close proximity to housing it should not be treated as a conventional

allotment but that there should be restrictions on its use so as to maintain it as a visual amenity. The Clerk recommended that although there is pressure to allocate land for allotments it is not appropriate nor sensitive to re-let this land before the options have been fully examined and that the proposed erection of a new sub-station by YEDL will disturb part of the site in the coming year. The Clerk's report on allotment tenancies was accepted and a decision about the future of the Pinfold was deferred until next year.

- e) **Allotments:** A letter from M. Akroyd was received. It was noted with disappointment and concern that Mr. Akroyd had declared that he did not intend to honour his undertaking to remove a large shed from one of his allotments when he left the village. A second letter was received from a G. Simpson a former tenant of the allotment in question. It was agreed that while Mr. Simpson's name could be placed on the waiting list other people already on the list would have precedence for any vacant allotments. In any case any new tenancy would be subject to the present agreement which prevents the use of sheds for purposes other than ones supporting the cultivation of, or housing poultry on, that allotment. It was agreed that the Council would arrange for the clearance of allotments 91/21-24 on the termination of Mr. Akroyd's tenancies the date of which he had indicated to be the 7th December 2007. It was agreed that Mr. Akroyd should be asked to ensure that no private property should be left on the allotments time. It was also agreed that out of courtesy Mr. Simpson be sent a copy to enable him to ensure that his property was also removed from the site by the date of Mr. Akroyd departure from Cononley.
14. A proposal from Cllr. Parker was agreed that the Environment Agency be asked to clear a accumulation of material in the River Aire immediately above and under the bridge and to press Network Rail to clear the beck at the railway bridge.
15. The Clerk reported a request that the suckers be removed from the trees in Meadowcroft. Cllr. Parker agreed to look examine them.
16. The Clerk was asked to ascertain from CDC the time table for the payment of section 106 grants in relation to the development at Aireside.
17. Date of the next meetings: 11th Dec.; 15th Jan. {the third Tuesday }; 12th Feb.; 11th March (followed by the Annual Parish Meeting).

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 were as those recorded above.**
- C3 Cononley Playing Fields: Minutes of committee meetings were received and approved: 1st Oct. and 5th Nov. 2007.**
- C3. Cononley Village Institute: Minutes of a committee meeting were awaited.**
- C4. Cononley Village Institute: It was agreed that following yet another incident involving a high sided vehicle and the Institute the Clerk be asked to seek a solution from NYCC possibly involving the erection of bollards.**

Chairman. 11th December 2007 (three pages).