

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

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

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Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. NYCC & CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler. Press representative: Four members of the public.

- 1. Acceptance of apologies for absence: Cllrs. R. Mansell, A Parker. Apologies were also received from CDC Cllr. P. Fairbank.**
- 2. Declaration of interests: Cllr. L. Brown - relating to Item 6a. Cllr. Shepherd [prejudicial] - relating to Item 6b; Cllr. M. Lougee - relating to Item 9 [App. 21/2007/8126] and also [prejudicial] - relating Item 9 [Appl. 21/2007/8081]. Cllr. A. Wade [prejudicial] - relating to Item 9 [App. 21/2007/8126].**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting of the council held on 13th Nov. 2007 were approved.**
- 4. Public Participation. [a] Mr. Tucker referred to his letter to the Council [Item 6a] and to additional statistics which demonstrated his concerns over the potentially dangerous speeds at which a small proportion of vehicles were travelling at despite the 20mph limit [the statistics had also been forwarded by Cllr. Parker and were circulated to members]. [b] Messrs. Brewer and Chatburn expressed concern that a naïve or nascent Council could be denied the spontaneous injection of the mature wisdom and knowledge available from members of public attending the meeting if public participation was limited to a particular time in the meeting.**
- 5. The Clerk reported on a meeting with D. Cairns, NYCC Area Traffic Management Engineer at which he had demonstrated the Council's concerns regarding obstructive parking and pedestrian safety. The initial reaction of Mr. Cairns was that extension of the waiting restrictions at the level crossing was inappropriate and that the some of other problems could be addressed by the use of white lining or other advisory road markings. A written response from NYCC was anticipated.**
- 6. Correspondence and communications.**
 - a) R. M. Tucker: Speeding Traffic – Skipton Road. It was agreed that there was a problem not just in Skipton Road but also elsewhere e.g. in Main St. and Meadow Lane. NYCC & CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler reported that a site meeting was planned to address the issue of speeding on Skipton Road but which could look at other places also. It was noted [i] that certain solutions used in other authorities e.g. flashing signs and repeater speed limit signs did not meet the criteria used by NYCC, [ii] that speed surveys might usefully be extended to Main Street in the 4.30p.m. to 5.30p.m. [iii] that potentially dangerous 30mph area at Aireside housing should not be forgotten. It was agreed to await the outcome of the site meeting.**
 - b) S. P. Slater: Car parking related issues – North View/Cross Hills Road. Mr. Slater expressed concern that newly installed white lining and 'keep clear' markings on the outside of the bend adjacent to the railway restricted parking opportunities for residents and that although such lining was advisory the police were seeking to prevent parking. Further communications were received: one which substantially supported Mr. Slater's position and one from Cllr. Shepherd who disputed the facts in Mr. Slater's letter and advocated that the primary issue was one of safety. Cllr. Shepherd declared a prejudicial interest and withdrew. In August 2006 the Council had asked NYCC to consider road markings for this bend [but not specifically in the form in which they had been introduced]. It was resolved that the markings should be left in place. Proposed by Cllr. Wade and seconded by Cllr. Lougee.**
 - c) A. Holmes: [i] Complaint of trespass & damage by a council tenant & [ii] damage by dog owners. It was agreed that the Council had no direct power to intervene in these disputes but that it would seek to ascertain the owner of the wall between the field and the allotments near the school and also that the Council would include the area in a future inspection.**

- d) **Craven CAB:** In response it was agreed that a grant of £75 be made to the CAB.
- e) **NYCC: NY Minerals and Waste Development Framework [CD]:** circulated.
- 7. **Publications and circulars** were circulated.
- 8. **Planning applications and issues received.**
 - 21/2007/8081 Change of use of part of agricultural building for housing Portable Toilets Unit, creation of related Septic Tank, and construction of Chemical Toilet Disposal Point. Moorfoot Caravan Site, Moorfoot Lane. Cllr. Lougee withdrew. It was agreed that the Council should express its surprise that such elaborate facilities were required for a site with a five van certificate.
 - 21/2007/8126 Two Storey, Three Bedroomed Dwelling. 10 Crag View. Cllrs Lougee and Wade withdrew. It was agreed that no comment be made on this application.
 - Decisions of CDC: 21/2007/7562 Temporary Siting of Static Caravan...Off Stockshott Lane. Granted. 21/2007/7927 Alterations of Outbuilding to form Garage. King's Farm. Granted. 21/2007/7934 Creation of Porch (Amended application type) 2, Garth Fold. Granted.
- 9. **To approve the Accounts: Payments:** NYCC [Street Lighting repairs] £24.96; Ridings Reprographics Ltd. [photocopier maintenance] £47.00; Clerk [salary including NJC increase from 1st April 2007] £844.00; HM Revenue and Customs [staff PAYE Acc. 072 PA 149997] £237.82; Clerk [reimbursement of administrative expenses] £130.83; A. Parker [reimbursement of expenses] £3.69.
- 10. **Parish Council properties, services & administration:**
 - a) **Registration of unregistered Council properties:** The Clerk reported the registration of four of the Council's properties.
 - b) **YEDL: proposed new sub-station:** The Clerk reported on progress. It was noted that the offer of YEDL to pay legal costs was subject to the Council not withdrawing from the negotiations.
 - c) **Parish Council's management of the two village charities:** The Clerk's reported [i] a letter from the YLCA [ii] an opinion in response to a general enquiry to the Charity Commission about showing uncosted parish council assistance in charity accounts – essentially acceptable provided charity accounts are 'receipts & payments' based [iii] a quotation from Zurich Municipal for trustee insurance for the Parish Council. Key points had been referred back to YLCA for further advice and a reply was awaited.
 - d) **Public Participation.** It was noted that all members had been given copies of advice from YLCA on the procedures for councillors with prejudicial interests who could contribute views in the same way as members of the public through public participation before withdrawing.
- 11. It was noted that a pump had disappeared from the allotments.
- 12. **Date of the next meetings:** 15th Jan., 12th Feb., 11th March (followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.p.m.).

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.
- C2. Cononley Village Institute: Minutes of committee meeting received: 1st Oct. 2007.
- C3. It was agreed that David Banks be thanked for his continuing assistance and independent inspection of trust accounts for which the Council was very grateful.

