

Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute on 15th January 2008.

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

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Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. CDC Cllr. P. Fairbank, NYCC & CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler.

- 1. Acceptance of apologies for absence: Cllr. A. Wade.**
- 2. The minutes of the meeting of the council held on 11th December 2007 were approved with a change of the words ‘council tenant’ to ‘council allotment tenant’ in item 6c.**
- 3. Public participation: no members of the public were present.**
- 4. The Clerk reported that NYCC intended to install, as far as was practical, the greater majority of dropped kerbs requested by the Parish Council.**
- 5. CDC: Craven [LDF Preparation of Evidence Base] Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment [‘SHELAA’]. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to the appeal for facts and comment in so far as it was practical to do so. It was noted that approximately 45 additional dwellings were already approved for the parish and that this would put a strain on the existing infrastructure. Furthermore it was difficult to envisage how access could be created to some of the suggested sites.**
- 6. Correspondence and communications received:**
 - a) Environment Agency: Obstructions in the River Aire and Cononley Beck. The Agency had given a very positive response. The Clerk was asked to remind the Agency that it was believed to have powers to enforce compliance by Network Rail.**
 - b) NYCC: David Cairns, Traffic Management Engineer responded to the Council’s concerns regarding obstructive parking and pedestrian safety. An e-mail was received from A. Wade specifically relating to parking at the level crossing. It was agreed that while the council generally welcomed the work proposed by NYCC but that it felt that the lack of any proposal to ameliorate the congestion at the level crossing was disappointing and that the Council reserved its right to revisit that issue again at a later date.**
 - c) The Clerk reported the receipt of five e-mails from residents M. Elwood P. Grundy R. Feather R. Millward & R. Parker relating to road safety issues at Cross Hills Road and in particular to the North View bend. Copies were circulated to members. Cllr. Parker gave notice of his intention to propose at the next meeting that the lining at the bend be extended.**
 - d) NYCC: Temporary closure notices relating to parts of Stockshott Lane and Woodside Lane. The work on Woodside Lane was near to an area of the road with poor drainage and it was agreed that the attention of NYCC be drawn to this.**
 - e) YLCA: Craven Branch - CDC, Granville St. Skipton, Thur. 17th Jan. 7.00 pm.**
 - f) Voluntary Network Network Forum. Skipton, 18th January.**
 - g) Cononley Primary School: loan of a plan of a proposed extension.**
 - h) Appointment of the Nominative Trustee of Ephraim Stansfield Memorial Fund. It was agreed that Cllr. Brown be named to replace the late Mr. Wiseman.**
- 7. To receive and comment on planning applications and issues received. 21/2007/8242 Remove no. of Conifers/Pines/Cherry etc. 11, Crag View. No comment.**

Decisions of CDC:

21/2007/7975 Conversion of Redundant Barn... Highgate, Windle Lane.

Granted.

21/2007/8024 Two Storey Extension. 8, Aireside Avenue. Granted.

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

21/2007/8212 [Tree work proposed by Craven Housing] Skipton Road.

Approved.

- 8. To approve the Accounts: Receipts: none. Payments: PWLB [repayment of loan] £778.47 by direct debit; Craven Citizen's Advice Bureau [s137 grant] £75; npower [CVI trustees' clock] £50.95; The Society of Local Council Clerks [subscription] £91.00; Craven Transport Forum [subscription] £10; Craven Stationery [newsletter] £75.00.**
- 9. Annual Parish Meeting agenda. It was agreed that the new headmaster of Cononley Primary School [Stuart Anslow] be invited to address the meeting.**
- 10. To consider issues relating to Parish Council properties, services & administration:**
 - a) A Letter was received from the Land Registry asking if the Council wished to seek rectification of title in respect of a strip of land 4 feet in width adjoining the back wall of Cononley Village Institute. It was agreed that the Council should pursue a claim for rectification in so far as it was economically feasible to do so.**
 - b) YEDL: proposed new sub-station: The new lease was with the Council's solicitor.**

Parish Council's management of the two village charities: Trustees Indemnity Insurance. A Letter was received from Zurich Municipal together with advice from YLCA. It was agreed that the present policy should be amended to note the interests of the Council as sole trustee.
 - c) Allotments: It was noted that four vacant allotments and a large shed on one of them had been vandalised. It was agreed that the Council would need to make the site fit for new tenants.**
- 11. Date of the next meetings: 12th Feb., 11th March (at 6.45 p.m. followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 p.m.), 8th April, 13th May (Annual Meeting of the Council).**

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.**
- C2 Cononley Playing Fields: Minutes of committee meeting: 3rd Dec. 2007 and 7th January 2008 were received.**
- C3 Cononley Playing Fields: Accounts for the Year ending 31st Dec. 2006 were received and approved.**
- C4. Cllr. Mansell stated that members of the Playing Fields Committee wished to present their recommendations for future development of the playing field. It was agreed that the best time for them to do this was at the next meeting.**

Chairman (two pages) 12th February 2008