

Minutes of the Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in the Village Institute at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 8th April 2008.

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

Mr D. Gulliver: Clerk to the Council. 16 members of the public.

- 08.1 Apologies received: CDC Cllr. P. Fairbank, NYCC & CDC Cllr. M. Wheeler.
- 08.2 Declaration of members interests relating to anticipated business: Cllrs M. Lougee, R. Mansell, G. Shepherd. Item 08.13 [App. 21/2008/8515].
- 08.3 The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2008 were approved and signed by the chairman.
- 08.4 Public Participation. A number of members of the public spoke in support of their written objections to Planning Application 21/2008/8515.
- 08.5 CDC: Affordable Housing Guide – Consultation Draft. Concerns were expressed that any policy CDC might adopt could be invalidated by decisions on appeal to the planning inspectorate.
- 08.6 CDC: Standards Committee – Parish Representatives Ballot Paper. Received.
- 08.7 CDC: Consultation on CDC Annual Report. It was agreed that such a report was an unnecessary expense.
- 08.8 YLCA: Questionnaire. Cllr. Lougee to complete.
- 08.9 NYCC: 2008 Local Transport Plan Progress Report – Stakeholder Engagement. Although the council sets a high priority to transport issues no consensus could be formed as to the ordering of the main priorities.
- 08.10 S. Percival & W. Rostron: Concerns over level of traffic & proposal to make New Inn Fold a one-way route. Deferred to the May meeting.
- 08.11 CDC: Area Forums incl. Glusburn Inst. 22nd May 7-9 p.m. Notice received.
- 08.12 Publications and circulars were received and circulated to members.
- 08.13 Planning app. 21/2008/8515 Construction of 2 Detached Houses. Beech Mount, Main Street. Letters (or copy letters to CDC): R & M.R. Coates; C & D Fell; A.W. & J.A. Hodgson, R & M. Mansell; D & G Paul; A.J. Carass & P. Wakefield were received.
Cllrs M. Lougee, R. Mansell, G. Shepherd left the room. Resolved: that the Council objects to the application. Proposed by Cllr. A. Parker & seconded by Cllr. M. Allum. The objection was based on the following facts:
 - a) No listed building application had been received although the proposals involved (i) the perimeter wall of a listed building [in situ pre. 1889] (ii) a stone building described as a garage but in fact an original ancillary building of the hall [probably in situ pre.1813] (iii) an underground tunnel or watercourse leading from the 17th century wing of the hall.
 - b) The proposed buildings were in a conservation area and would radically alter the streetscape in this sensitive area. The two storey House 1 would intrude north of the historic building line of houses in which Cononley Hall and Shackleton & Gill (otherwise Shackleton Ghyll) farms lie.
 - c) North Yorkshire County Council has expressed concerns (which the parish council shares) about the structural stability of the culvert carrying Cononley Beck underneath part of the site and the proposed work above and in the vicinity of the culvert do not adequately address these concerns.
 - d) The setting back of the listed perimeter wall and gate post will destroy a currently harmonious street feature and the council is of the view that the advantages of creating a small piece pavement on one side of the entrance at this point are relatively insignificant and by increasing exposure might even have the effect of increasing the danger to pedestrians here and at the front of the village institute (and further increase the risk of structural damage to the latter building).

- e) The displacement of a substantial number of existing parking opportunities will add to congestion and risks to pedestrians in the centre of the village.
- 08.14 M. & F. Widdowson: copy letter relating to App. 21/2008/8441 [CPC 3/08].
- 08.15 CDC Decision: 21/2008/8345 Extension to side. 10, Crag View. Granted.
- 08.16 The Clerk reported on a non-charitable gift to the Council of £1474.15. The funds had belonged a defunct pantomime and amateur dramatics group which was active in the village in the 1990's and had been intended to support the cost of putting on new pantomimes, plays & entertainments and also to provide stage lighting etc. The gift was received and the purposes for which the original group had raised the funds were noted.
- 08.17 Receipts: CDC [Precept] £7250; Allotment Rents £30. Payments: YLCA [subscription] £239; npower [grant in kind in accordance with s2 Parish Council's Act 1957 for the maintenance of the CVI trustees' clock £32.57 + £1.63 VAT] £34.20; Cononley Village Institute [grant - s2 Parish Council's Act 1957 for the maintenance of the CVI trustees' clock] £325.
- 08.18 The reappointment of the Internal Auditor was agreed: C. Read.
- 08.19 Audit Commission: appointment of Mazars as external auditor - received.
- 08.20 Mazars: Notice of audit of accounts for year ended 31st March 2008.
It was noted that there was a new requirement placed on the internal auditor to report that the Council has met its responsibilities as a Trustee.
- 08.21 Npower: anticipated increase in electricity tariff: approx. 21% from 1st April.
- 08.22 Old Pinfold, Piper Lane. Members had visited the site before the meeting. D. Calvert whose property adjoined the site had spoken of his concerns about the future use of the Old Pinfold. It was agreed that any future tenant would be required to maintain the site in a similar way to that which the former tenant had done so. The Clerk was asked to draw up a suitable agreement.
- 08.23 The Clerk's reported that considerable progress was being made in re-letting allotments. Cllr. A. Wade was thanked for his efforts in facilitating this.
- 08.24 Proposed barriers in front of the entrance points on Main Street to the Aire View - Main St. footpath and Cononley Playing Field. It was agreed that this matter should be deferred and considered along with possible parking restrictions.
- 08.25 Cllr. M. Lougee reported on public transport meetings which he had attended.
- 08.26 Date of the next meetings: 13th May (Annual Meeting of the Council), 17th June, 22nd, July 9th Sept., 14th Oct., 11th Nov., 9th Dec.

Meeting of the Sole Trustees [Cononley Parish Council] of the village charitable trusts held at the Village Institute on 11th April 2008 after the statutory meeting.

- C1 Apologies & meeting dates etc. were as for the Council Meeting.
- C2 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th Feb. 2008 were approved.
- C3 Cononley Village Playing Fields: the minutes of committee meetings held on 4th Feb. & 3rd March were received and all recommended actions and expenditures were agreed. It was noted that the committee intended to hold a social event in a marquee in the playing field on the evening of the Gala.
- C4 The Clerk reported that a request for the annual return had been made by the Charity Commission in January and that therefore the annual financial report of the trust was now needed to be presented to this meeting for approval.

- C5 The Cononley Village Institute: the minutes of committee meetings held on 20th Jan. 2008 were received and all recommended actions and expenditures were agreed.
- C6 The Clerk asked members to study three draft revised documents relating to the trusts which would be presented for approval to the May meeting.

Chairman (two pages) 13th May 2008