

- b) **The Brow** – Cllr. Weaire had received a request for an earlier cutting of the Brow, but it was felt the current situation was acceptable.
- c) **Street Cleaning** – Cllr. Bradshaw complained about the amount of cardboard littering the car park, which is continuing to be left by certain tradespeople. He also reported a public bench that needed attention near Reid House, a coping stone on the wall near the bin in the play area and a great deal of ragwort on the viaduct. The Clerk took a note of these matters. The Councillor also stated that from the end of this financial year he felt no longer able to maintain Central Gardens, and the flower beds he had recently installed in the park. Cllr. Danskin complained about the benches in Central Gardens and the Clerk was instructed to ask M. Coggins to have a look at them.
- d) **Street Lighting** – A quotation had been received from Howsons Ltd. for the new street light near Mealbank Quarry which was accepted by the meeting. Before going ahead Cllr. Lis will be confirming the precise location of the new light with Howsons. It was also reported by Cllr. Weaire that the street light at Bank Top was still faulty and the Clerk will report this.
- e) **Highway Faults** - No action had been taken over the poor signage at the Cold Cotes junction and potholes by the bridge reported after the previous parish council meeting and the Clerk will report these matters again.
- f) **Parish Council Website** – The quotation from Michael Simpson for £400 pa maintainance and £350 set up fee was accepted and the Clerk will instruct the setting up of the website.
- g) **Provision of teenage leisure facilities** – Information had been received from Bruce Dinsmore at Craven regarding the BMX track and football pitches, and Craven had agreed to lease the land near Low Demense to the parish council. Cllr. Lis proposed and it was agreed that a committee be set up to take the matter further, involving the several football clubs and other interested parties. The Chairman agreed to act on the proposed committee. Craven would not however allow allotments on the site and this issue was discussed by members with the problem of available land for the purpose. A letter had been received by the Clerk from residents requesting allotments. It was agreed that she reply suggesting that an allotments committee should be formed and requesting more details from them on what they required.
- h) **Public Transport** Nothing to report.
- i) **Christmas Tree Lights** – Information had been circulated and it was agreed to accept Bradford Lights quotation of £850 plus vat for Christmas lights.
- j) **MHG Building Contractors** – Cllr. Lis moved and Cllr. Danskin seconded and it was agreed that J. Morphet's request for 3.6% pay rise be awarded.
- k) **IRCA Donation for Path Improvement** Cllr. Lis asked that this matter be held over until next meeting as there were matters he wished to confirm.

9. REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS Cllr. Lise spoke to members regarding the LDF and put information regarding this in the circulation wallet. He also raised the matter of the recent survey by the Parks Authority on small scale hydro electric schemes, and was pleased to report that a site at Mealbank had shown serious potential in the report, which was also placed in the wallet for information. There had been a proposal to change the electoral cycle in Craven but it had been decided against. Cllr. Bradshaw asked why the NYCC free newspaper needed to be produced so frequently, and Cllr. Lis agreed that he felt it unnecessary but certain targets on public consultation had to be met at this time. Cllr. Danskin raised the matter of the problem of car parking in the village, as motorists were unwilling to park very far from the shops, or pay the charges in the Community Centre car park, which she felt was affecting trade levels in the village. The Chairman suggested that the scheme used at Kirkby might be helpful where some retailers refund parking charges to customers who spend a certain minimum in their shop. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Colin Iveson to ask whether it was feasible for the Parish Council to instigate such a scheme.

10. To receive any correspondence or other communications brought forward by the Chair

1. Craven District Council – request to attend parish meeting to discuss waste recycling review. **It was agreed to invite the recycling officer to the next parish council meeting.**
2. Letter from local residents requesting provision of allotments
3. YDPA re changes in Planning Department
4. YDPA – notification of motor rally event, 15/16 August.
5. YDPA information on hydro power feasibility study at Mealbank.
6. Craven District Council – notification of revised principles under the Gambling Act 2005 now available.
7. NYCC – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.
8. Craven Area Committee Minutes and Agenda 30 July 2009.
9. Craven Housing – Notice of vacancies at Reid House
10. SELRAP – information on Trans-Pennine railway link campaign
11. Country Air Newsletter
12. CDC information on proposed change to District and Parish Electoral Cycle.

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- 13. CDC Planning Focus newsletter.
- 13. SLCC The Clerk magazine

These items were placed in the wallet for circulation to members.

11. REPORTS

- a) **Chairman** – Chapel le Dale Church water supply. The Chairman had indicated to the PCC that the Parish Council was willing to help with this project if approached.
- b) **Footpaths Committee** – Cllr. Bradshaw reported on the recent meeting. Bentham Town Council is applying for grants for the Heritage Trail. Two new rangers will be working alongside S. Hastie for the Parks Authority and publicity material on the 3 Peaks was in the tourist centre. Cllr. Danskin had received complaints from a tourist about the lack of distances being noted on local signs on footpaths.
- c) **Clerk** - The Clerk reported the hand dryers at the Community Centre toilets had been fixed and a missing bolt from one of the play area swings had been replaced very promptly by Playdale. She had also been asked by the market manager about allowing a couple of carboot stalls on the market, but this was felt not to be appropriate by the members.
- c) **IRCA** – No report
- d) **Swimming Pool** – No report
- f) **Regeneration Committee** – no report.

12. ACCOUNTS

It was proposed by Cllr. Danskin and seconded by Cllr. Weaire that the following accounts be paid:

59	503 Howsons Ltd.	Electrical check of WCs	40.25	5.25
60	504 MHG Building Contractors	Cleaning Toilets July	1101.58	143.68
61	505 Eon	Street Light Supply	450.2	58.72
62	506 BT plc	CAB Telephone Bill	58.41	7.03
63	507 A. M. Hack	Clerks Salary	525.43	

13. ANY QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 7 September 2009 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

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