

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE 10 January 2011**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Metcalfe Cllr. R. Chalmers
Cllr. A. Danskin Cllr. P. Walker
Cllr. J. Ward Cllr. T. Kelsall
Cllr. E. Mason Cllr. P. King Sparke
Cllr. P. Weaire Cllr. C. Lis OBE

In attendance: Alison Hack, Parish Clerk, 6 members of the public and one police officer.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. M. Howson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr. Weaire declared non pecuniary interest in item 8h)

3. **MINUTES** of the previous meeting of 6 and 7 December having been circulated, were proposed by Cllr. Chalmers and seconded by Cllr. Danskin and it was agreed that they be accepted as a true record with the amendment of “£402 X 2 lamps” under item 8a) and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS

Police

The police officer reported on a fairly quiet month over Christmas although there had been a theft of a tractor and a chopper. She also reported that there was to be no reduction of staff under the current round of cuts and confirmed that there was no indication at present that the police station in Ingleton would close. There would however be significant changes in the shift patterns coming into force in March. Cllr. Chalmers and Cllr. King Sparke both commented on the problem of young men racing cars and creating a nuisance and the police officer urged the meeting to report these offences when they were happening.

5. ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS Mr. P. Watson, a resident of the Bottoms spoke to the meeting of the poor state of the roads in recent weeks and the lack of salt and gritting of pavements which made life very difficult for residents. The meeting agreed with Mr. Parker and the Chairman requested the Clerk write to North Yorkshire to complain of the poor service in this instance. M. Kay, Head of Middle School spoke to the meeting on the value of the school to the community and asked for the Parish Council’s support. Cllr. Lis asked for confirmation that the staff and governors at the Middle School would support the Parish Council’s proposal for 11-16 year provision at the school and this was given. The meeting agreed on the importance of retaining education within the village for local children, and the Clerk should write to NYCC to object the proposal to request why an answer had not been given to the viability of their alternative option and query also whether the guidelines for the consultation procedure had been properly followed. Copies would be sent to the Secretary of State and the local MP.

6. PLANNING

45/2010/11214 Proposed Conversion of Traditional Stone Barn to form Workspace with Ancillary Living Accommodation. Resubmission of 45/2010/10461 Lower Barn, Browns Farm, Clapham, Lancaster LA2 8HZ

45/2010/11206 Extension of Time Limit to Implement the Development Permitted by Planning Ref. 45/2007/7895 for the Erection of 8 New Dwelling Houses and 6 Sheltered Flats. Land at Low Demesne, Ingleton, Carnforth LA6 3EA

The members made no comments on these applications.

PERMISSION GRANTED

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7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM CIRCULATION DOCUMENTS - None

8. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **Park/Public toilets** — The Clerk reported the equipment in the Play Area had been repaired and there had been no problems with the public toilets over the recent weather, although the toilet bowls had frozen solid and the cleaner could not clean the floors because of the risk of water freezing on the surface. It was agreed by the meeting that they should be closed under these circumstances in future, as they were unusable. Cllr. Walker requested the Clerk to ensure the litter bin opposite the swimming pool be more frequently emptied.
- b) **The Brow** – No report.
- c) **Street Cleaning and Highway Faults** - Cllr. Danskin reported a raised kerbstone near Bridge Mews and Cllr. Kelsall had received a complaint regarding flooding on Bentham Road between Parkfoot and Wilson Wood due to a blocked drain and the Clerk took a note of these matters.
- d) **Street Lighting** – The street light opposite the Middle School was out, and also the light near the pelican crossing on Backgate. Cllr. Ward also reported the light at the Community Centre car park near the Main Street entrance was faulty and the Clerk undertook to report these matters.
- e) **Parking Restrictions in Ingleton** – Cllr. Walker reported that High Street was now continually blocked with parked cars due to the parking restrictions now in force. However other members stated that the current restrictions were allowing freer flow of traffic through the village when visiting the shops. Cllr. Mason commented on the difficulty of parking on Backgate and there was discussion on the problems of parking within the village.
- f) **Provision of teenage leisure facilities** – Cllr. Lis reported that £26,000 planning gain had been agreed for the Low Demesne development and a meeting of the steering group was arranged on 24 January.
- g) **Allotments/Yorkshire in Bloom** - Cllr. Danskin reported the entry form for Yorkshire in Bloom had been received and this would be sent off shortly. The group had also purchased a sprayer for easier watering of the planters. The Councillor requested the Clerk to insert an invitation to residents in the next newsletter article inviting those interested to participate in the Yorkshire in Bloom individual garden entries.
- h) **Ingleborough Library** – In view of the proposed closure of Ingleton Library by NYCC, Cllr. Weaire had organised a meeting on 14 January at 4pm to co-ordinate response to this. The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from NYCC asking if the Parish Council would be interested in pursuing a “community lead library service”. It was agreed that this matter should remain on the Agenda for the next meeting when a considered response could be made following the meeting on 14 January.
- i) **Emergency Planning** – The members had received copies of the Emergency Plan and went through it with suggestions for the Clerk.
- j) **To confirm Annual Precept for 2011/12** In view of the proposed withdrawal of funds by NYCC from the Community Centre, it was proposed by Cllr. Walker, seconded by Cllr. Lis and agreed by members to raise the annual precept to £78,000 in order that the Community Centre be kept open. This amount will be split as follows: £40,000 General Fund, £13000 Lighting Fund and £25,000 Community Fund.

9. REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS - Cllr. Lis commented on the impending government review of the national parks which would mean considerable reduction of local people as members of the Parks Authority. Information had been received from YDPA regarding this and it was placed in the circulation wallet. The members agreed to place this matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

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

- 1. YDPA – Information on proposed cuts and changes to local membership of national parks.
- 2. NYCC – Consultation Response form on Ingleton Library and information on future delivery of library services.
- 3. Information regarding 2011 Census
- 4. Julian Smith MP acknowledgement of letter re Middle School
- 5. YDP Agenda and Minutes for Planning Committee on 11 January
- 6. NYCC – Update on North Yorkshire and York Waste PFI
- 7. Craven Area Committee – papers re meeting on 6 January
- 8. YLCA – Craven Branch Meeting 26 January
- 9. YDPA – Notification of Rally Event 1-3 April
- 10. CAB Annual Report
- 11. Lune Valley AGM Notice

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11. REPORTS

- a) **Chairman** – No report
- b) **Footpaths Committee** – Cllr. Weaire confirmed the next meeting was on 18 January 2011.
- c) **Clerk**
 Market Signs – these had been repaired.
 Tenders – this would be on the Agenda for the next meeting.
 Newsletter – this was due next week and it was agreed that mention should be made of the recent proposed cuts and the support that the Parish Council intended to give.
- d) **IRCA** – Cllr. Lis had had a meeting with the IRCA regarding the cuts to the Community Centre and the likelihood is that NYCC will withdraw funding from the beginning of the next financial year. Discussion followed in the way the Centre would be managed in the future and the role of the Parish Council. The Chairman asked the meeting for Parish Council representatives on a Community Centre management committee and Cllrs. Danskin, Weaire, Walker, King-Sparke, as well as the Chairman himself with Cllr. Lis agreed.
- e) **Swimming Pool** – Cllr. King-Sparke reported their AGM was due in February.

12. ACCOUNTS

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

M. Coggins	General Repairs	30
Yorkshire Water	Supply to Park WC	179.36
NYCC	Room Hire	11
Eon	Street Light Supply	338.61
Yorkshire Water	Drinking Fountain Supply	40.78
Yorkshire Water	Comm. Centre Supply	247.16
A. Hack	Clerk Tel. & Broadband	38.92
Howsons Ltd.	Install sensor to WC	376
MHG Building Contractors	Cleaning Toilets	1200.57
Horton Landscaping	Cen.Gdns & litter picking	162.86
Eon	Street Light Supply	338.61
A. M. Hack	Clerk's salary	525.43

1. ANY QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Overground Underground – Information had been received regarding a festival of exploration round Ingleborough planned in May and requesting the Parish Council's support. It was agreed to donate £300 towards this event.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 7 February 2011 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

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