

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE 6 JUNE 2011**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Metcalfe Cllr. C. Lis, OBE
Cllr. P. Weaire Cllr. R. M. Chalmers
Cllr. E. Mason Cllr. A. Danskin
Cllr. J. Ward Cllr. M. Howson
Cllr. P. King Sparke

In attendance: Alison Hack, Parish Clerk, 2 Police officers

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. P. Walker

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr. Howson declared an interest in 8d) and C. Lis in item 8h)
Cllr. Howson raised the question of whether his participation in a pressure group in Bentham for improved broadband would lead to any conflict.

3. **MINUTES** of the previous meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Cllr. King Sparke and seconded by Cllr. Ward that they be accepted as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS

The police officer reported on the crime figures for the month. She mentioned the problem of a car racing round the village and using the Community Centre car park and Cllr. King Sparke confirmed she had seen this and would report any future incidents.

5. ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

None

6. PLANNING

45/2011/1613 Replacement of Windows and Installation of Dormer Windows
Schieajllion, Croft Road, Ingleton, Carnforth LA6 3BZ

The members supported this application as an improvement to the property

C/45/649 Upgrading Section of Existing Track and Create Transhipping area for storage and loading of Timber.

Far Gearstones Farm, Chapel-Le-Dale

The members reiterated their previous comment that they would support this application whilst recognising that the usage of the land is a temporary measure only, and would hope that the area would be returned to its agricultural use afterwards.

The meeting also received a notification of an appeal for the application for a detached dwelling at 1 Manor Close (Application 45/2011/11303)

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM CIRCULATION DOCUMENTS - None

8. MATTERS ARISING

a) Park/Toilets – The Clerk reported that the broken downpipe from the gutter at the Community Centre toilets had been replaced by J. Morphet. She had also received a complaint regarding an overgrown hedge in the park and will contact the Youth Hostel to ascertain the boundary. If it is the responsibility of the Parish Council it was agreed she should instruct Horton to cut it back once the bird nesting season was over.

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- b) **The Brow** – The Clerk had reported the problem of Japanese knotweed to the Environment Agency which had confirmed they had no statutory duty to act on this. As the weed was not growing on Parish Council land the meeting took no further action. Cllr. Danskin reported a complaint she had received regarding an untidy piece of land adjacent to the Brow, and the Clerk confirmed this had been reported before and was privately owned.
- c) **Highway Faults** The members were pleased to comment that the Community Centre car park had at last been resurfaced and remarked. Cllr. Danskin raised the matter of the missing dog waste bin on Hawes Road and the Clerk undertook to report the matter again.
- d) **Street Lighting** – Cllr. Howson confirmed that the new street light on Laundry Lane had now been installed and the Clerk will instruct United Utilities to connect it. She will also check with A. Howson to ascertain whether the intermittent fault of the street light on Raber Top Lane had been attended to.
- e) **Provision of teenage leisure facilities** – Cllr. Lis reported on the progress of the sports pitch progress which was proceeding well. Negotiations were still ongoing with Craven regarding the split of the tipping proceeds.
- f) **Allotments/Yorkshire in Bloom** – Cllr. Danskin read to the meeting the report from the judges of the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. Regarding the allotments she reported she had been in contact with CDC and there was also the possibility of one of the Bull Land fields being used. Cllr. Lis confirmed he had been in contact with YDPA planning and he believed they would be supportive of allotments on that site as long as there were to be no buildings. Cllr. Danskin and Cllr. Lis will have a meeting with YDPA planning to take the matter further.
- g) **Community Centre**
Staffing – The matter of the cleaners wages were discussed by the members. It was agreed to confirm the weekly cleaner’s wage at £6.50 per hour and the weekend cleaner at £9.00 per hour. It was agreed that the issue of charging for the weekend cleaning would be raised at the next Joint Management meeting.
Lease - The members then considered the terms of the lease for the library. It was agreed to accept the terms as they stand but that when the rent for the library is reviewed in 2016 consideration should be given to taking into account rises in insurance costs. It was also agreed that a letter of undertaking should be sought from the IRCA to ensure access to the toilets by the tenant. The Clerk will report this back to the solicitors and ascertain the current situation regarding the deed of transfer for the Community Centre.
- h) **Annual Audit Return** – The Chairman signed the Annual Audit return form.
- i) **Middle School** – The Chairman reported that he had spoken to a school governor who had confirmed that a judicial review had been initiated over the school closure. Discussion followed on the future uses of the building and various suggestions were put forward. A formal consultation would be initiated by NYCC in the near future.

9. REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS - Cllr. Lis brought to members’ attention a guide to energy produced by the YDPA and this was placed in the circulation box. Cllr. Lis also informed the meeting he was now on the board of Yorkshire Housing but had stepped down from the planning committee. Cllr. Weaire raised the issue of noise and disturbance to nearby residents caused by activity at the Old Council Yard and Cllr. Lis undertook to report the matter to Environmental Health. Cllr. Ward raised a question on parking for the 1940’s weekend at the Community Centre and Cllr. Lis confirmed that there had been no objection to this.

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

1. CDC – Letter re Affordable Housing Development at Low Demesne
2. NSPCC – publicity information on sponsored walk
3. Mrs. J. Howson requesting permission for road closure for the Gala
4. CDC Information on Street Cleansing Review and requesting feedback
5. Ogilthorpes WS – Information on the Deed of Transfer for the library plus search reports
6. NYCC re downgrading of public bridleway at Nutgill Farm
7. Information on Code of Conduct and Planning from Training Session
8. CDC – reminder of importance of keeping Register of Members’ interest up to date
9. Yorkshire Audit – letter from internal auditor
10. YDPA – Notification of Motor Rally Event 13/14 August
11. Planning Inspectorate – Modification Orders to the Definitive Map
12. Clerk Magazine

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

11. REPORTS

- a) **Chairman** – No report
- b) **Footpaths Committee** – The next meeting was on 14 June.

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- c) **Clerk** - S. Brown from NYCC would be attending the August Parish Council meeting to speak to Councillors on the Localism Bill.
- d) **IRCA** – Cllr. Lis briefly reported on the IRCA, preparations were proceeding for the Gala.
- e) **Swimming Pool** – Cllr. King Sparke reported on the first week of the season which had gone well. There were also new initiatives this year to increase use of the pool.

12. ACCOUNTS

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

763	MHG Building Ctrs	Cleaning Toilets	1226.11
764	M. Coggins	Repairs to C.Gardens	425
765	IRCA	Com.Centre heating	10,000
766	Envirocare	C.Gardens	45
767	A. M. Hack	Clerk Tel. & Stationary	81.66
768	Red Hot Pixel	Village Signs	108
769	Cannon	Female Sanitation Unit Hire	131.98
770	A. M. Hack	Clerk Salary	513.72
771	Horton Landscaping	Grasscutting	552
772	CDC	Election Expenses	130.46
001	Mrs. Y. Beech	Cleaning Community Centre	88.50

13. ANY QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mobile Phone Coverage

The Chairman raised the matter of poor reception for mobile phones in the area. No positive response had been received from the mobile phone companies, but he suggested the Clerk should write to the MP to raise the matter and this was agreed.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 4 July 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

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