



- a) **Ingleborough Community Centre toilets – to discuss progress on lease**– The Chairman stated he had examined the Schedule of Condition and was satisfied with its contents and it was agreed that he should sign it to accept it on behalf of the Parish Council.
- b) **The Brow** – The Clerk presented a quotation for an earlier cut for the Brow as there had been complaints last year due to it being cut quite late in the year. Horton had quoted £302.34 per cut and there would be six cuts throughout the growing season. This was agreed to by the members. Cllr. Weaire suggested that the tree saplings should be assessed for dispersal and survival in view of the Council's plans to apply to fell some of the larger trees in a couple of years.
- c) **Street Cleaning** – The Chairman reported that there had been some problems in his neighbourhood with the new schedule for waste collection and Cllr. Mason also confirmed that there had been difficulties in Chapel le Dale. Neither Councillor was very satisfied with the response they had had from Craven District Council on the matter. Cllr. Lis heard this with concern and asked members to contact him should a similar problem arise in the future. Cllr. Bradshaw asked whether the pavements could be swept clear of grit, but as the Chairman pointed out severe weather is still expected and this might be premature.
- d) **Street Lighting** – The Clerk reported she had had a meeting with Bradford Festival lights regarding replacing the Christmas lights and had received a quotation which she had passed to Alan Howson for checking. She had also received a Certificate of Unmetered Supply and would be submitting a schedule to the electricity supplier to bring it up to date. On the basis of this she would obtain quotes from alternative supplier. Cllr. Thompson also suggested she investigate the possibility of paying by direct debit as this might be cheaper. It was also reported that the new light at Mealbank was not yet connected and the Clerk was requested to contact United Utilities to expedite this matter. It was reported by Cllr. Walker that the light at the top of the High Street was on all the time and the one near Bridge End Guest House was intermittently faulty. The Clerk will pass these matters on to Howsons.
- e) **Highway Faults** – The Chairman reported that the drains in the Square were not functioning and the Clerk took a note. Cllr. Danskin raised the matter of the proposed puffin crossing on the A65 near Masons Arms and Cllr. Lis confirmed that this was being considered. The Councillors welcomed any measure to improve road safety on the A65.
- f) **Provision of teenage leisure facilities** – Cllr. Lis confirmed a meeting had been arranged for 23 March but had been dismayed to learn that the process of gaining permission to use the land by Craven District Council had only just commenced.
- g) **2009/10 Audit** It was agreed by members to appoint Yorkshire Audit as the internal auditor for the forthcoming year.
- h) **Annual Parish Meeting** It was agreed by members that this should take place on 18 May with 20 May as a possible alternative date. As the first Monday in April was a bank holiday it was agreed to move that meeting to Tuesday 6 April.
- i) **Tenders** – The Chairman opened the sealed tenders and read their contents to the meeting.

**General Maintenance**

	Craftsmen	Labourer
	Rates	Rates
M. Coggins	£12.00	£9.00
Horton Landscaping	£11.50+VAT	£8.25+ VAT

It was agreed by members to accept Mr. Coggins' quotation for general maintenance.

**Maintenance of Central Gardens**

Greenbelt	£1248 + VAT
Horton Landscaping	£900 + VAT

It was agreed by members to accept the quotation of Horton Landscaping for this work.

- j) **Community Donations** The Chairman read to the meeting an email and letters from local groups requesting donations. It was proposed by Cllr. Kendall and seconded by Cllr. Mason and agreed that the following donations be made:

North Lonsdale Home Guard (1940's weekend)	£500
Ingleton Ladies Rounders Team	£200
Gala Committee	£500

Cllr. Kendall requested that the North Lonsdale Home Guard specify to the Parish Council what the donation specifically would be spent on.

Cllr. Weaire raised the matter of the very recent decision by Craven District Council to cut the funding for the Tourist Information Centre in Ingleton and make it also dependant on being match funded by the Parish Council. The members were very concerned to hear this, particularly as no notice of this had been received from Craven District Council. Cllr. Lis confirmed he had contacted CDC and was awaiting a reply on the matter. Cllr. Weaire was requested to pass on the Parish Council's understanding of the value it was felt that the TIC had in the village. It was agreed the Clerk should write to CDC express members

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concerns and check to ensure no correspondence had been received regarding this matter. Members also agreed to place this matter on the Agenda for further discussion.

Cllr. Lis also informed members of the poor state of the Community Centre heating system which needed to be replaced almost completely. It was agreed by members that the Parish Council should support such a valuable village resource. Cllr. Lis confirmed that NYCC had agreed to fund half the amount required and it was agreed by members to pledge half the cost of the remaining funds required, subject to a maximum of £10,000. This would be paid over two financial years.

- k) **Middle School** – Cllr. Walker informed the meeting that NYCC were conducting an assessment of the schools in the area and there was a possibility that Ingleton Middle School might be closed as a result. He also reported that there would be public consultation on the matter in July. Discussion followed and it was agreed at this stage the Clerk should write to NYCC to object to the timing of the consultation, as the school holidays were not the best time to access opinion from parents.
- l) **Allotments/Yorkshire in Bloom** Cllr. Danskin stated that they were selling advertising space on planters for the coming year and it was agreed that signs confirming the Parish Council sponsorship would be placed on the hanging baskets purchased by them for the competition last year. The Clerk was requested to chase Craven District Council regarding the letter sent before Christmas to enquire as to the feasibility of Council land being used.
- m) **Mealbank Steering Group** The Chairman reported on recent meeting of those interested in preserving this site. Invitations to tender had been sent out for proposals to conserve the site. He felt that it would be desirable for a member of the Parish Council to be present on the steering group, and Cllr. Walker agreed to attend.
- n) **Renewable Energy** – The Chairman reported on that one of two quotations had been received for the full feasibility study for the hydro scheme and he had had a meeting with the second company on site and the second was in hand.

**9. REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS** - Cllr. Lis reported that the community charge had been set by Craven District Council for the coming year and comprised a rise of 2.94%. Cllr. Walker raised the matter of the garages at Burnmoor Crescent and Cllr. Lis confirmed that this matter would be reviewed by Craven District Council later in the year. The Clerk had also had this confirmed from Jonathan Kerr at Craven District Council. Cllr. Kendall complained about the poor state of the surface on the Community Centre car park, which Cllr. Lis agreed to but stated with the severe weather this winter the problem was widespread and took a note of the matter. Cllr. Metcalfe raised the matter of the proposal to extend the Yorkshire Dales National Park and it was agreed to place this matter on the Agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

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

- 1. Natural England – proposal to extend Yorkshire Dales National Park with email from NYCC Councillor requesting support for objection.
- 2. IRCA – Requesting donation towards refurbishment of lighting
- 3. Ingleton Ladies Rounders Team – request for donation.
- 4. Craven District Council – Parish Council elections 2010.
- 5. Craven District Council Property Services – confirmation of cessation of payments for CC toilets.
- 6. NYCC Information on Transport Strategy Scheme.
- 7. YLCA - White Rose Update
- 8. NSPCC – Hike Against Cruelty to Kids
- 9. Energy Saving Trust – flier on Green Communities
- 10. Lune Valley – Board Member Recruitment and Annual Report
- 11. YDPA – Confirmation of Diversion order on Footpath 19 near Dale House Farm
- 12. NYCC – notice of Downgrading of Public Bridleway No. 05.26/37, Nutgill Farm, Ingleton
- 13. YDPA – Settle-Carlisle Railway Conservation Area Appraisal
- 14. NSPCC – re campaign for helpline.

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

#### **11. REPORTS**

- a) **Chairman** – No report
- b) **Footpaths Committee** – No report
- c) **Clerk** - A litter bin had been damaged by a car in the Community Centre car park which will be reported to Craven District Council.
- d) **IRCA** – No report
- e) **Swimming Pool** – Cllr. Kendall reported on the recent AGM and was pleased to state that a number of volunteers had offered their services. The work will be done in time for the opening in May.

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**12. ACCOUNTS**

It was proposed by Cllr. Kendall and seconded by Cllr. Thompson that the following accounts be paid:

572 Eon	Street Light Supply	459.99
573 OCS Group UK Ltd.	Sanitation Hire	114.1
574 YLCA	Member Subscription	506.00
575 Alan Collier	Market Commission	62.00
576 A. M. Hack	Clerk tel. + Broadband	89.00
577 A. M. Hack	Clerk's Salary	525.43
578 MHG Building Contractors	Cleaning Toilets	1052.00

**13. ANY QUESTIONS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 April 7.00pm in the Community Centre.**

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