

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COWLING PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON :- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017  
At 7 pm at Saint Andrews Church**

**Present** Councillors P Boocock, M Benson, A Denning, A Lynch and C Carter.

**In Attendance:** 9 members of the public, S Mason (Lengthsman), Cllr P Mulligan and A Mallinson clerk

09/1698 **Apologies**

Accepted apologies from Cllr Mercer due to work commitments.

09/1699 **Disclosures of interest**

None

09/1700 **Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were accepted as a true record.

09/1701 **Clerk and Lengthsman's report**

The Lengthsman reported that fly tipping had taken place at the top of Cow Lane, which is private land. A large amount of rubbish was accumulating above the Dog and Gun pub, which was just outside the village boundary and there was a hole in the footpath near the bus stop on the A6068. These faults would be passed on to CDC by the clerk.

The clerk had dealt with issues from the previous meeting and new items that had arisen were on the agenda for discussion.

09/1702 **Reports from invited guests**

Cllr Mulligan has investigated the footpath faults by the private allotments at the junction of Cow Lane. NYCC have repaired this area twice previously, but work is required by the allotment holders to prevent further debris from being deposited on the path. The situation was going to be monitored.

09/1703 **FMI funding application**

The chairman of FMI gave a verbal update on progress of the funding bid, which will provide additional playing equipment at Middleton. A bid for £10k was ready to be sent to "Awards for all" with the total cost being £14k. FMI were therefore requesting a contribution of £4k and a commitment to reclaim the VAT element of the project. FMI are also prepared to negotiate a deal with the suppliers to have the entrance gate replaced within the scheme.

**Resolved: A)** That if the bid is successful for £10k that the Parish Council will contribute £4k towards the project.

**B)** That the Parish Council will reclaim the VAT element of the project once completed.

**C)** That the new equipment is placed at the top of the playing field by the side of the allotments.

09/1704 **Faulty street light in Ickornshaw**

The clerk reported that NYCC had removed lamp number 18 due to erosion at the base of the lamp making it unstable. A number of residents had requested that it be replaced due to safety reasons.

**Resolved:** That the lamp be replaced by NYCC at an approximate cost of £1,200 +vat

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09/1705 **Collinge Road land acquisition**  
AWB Charlesworth solicitors had provided all the options that should be considered when applying to purchase the amenity land from CDC. Each survey/inspection had a financial cost associated with it as highlighted on the agenda. Councillors gave full consideration to ensuring that the Parish Council was not put at risk in carrying out the purchase.  
**Resolved:** That the purchase of the Collinge Road amenity land should proceed and have the solicitor carry out all of the searches at an approximate cost of £1,300

09/1706 **Festive lights**  
The clerk reported that there was a “black spot” in the centre of the village where there were no lamp posts to erect festive lights. Street lights were secured to resident’s properties and there was therefore a potential liability issue if the Parish Council fitted lights to private dwellings.  
**Resolved: A)** That the clerk gets confirmation of liability cover from the festive light suppliers and any potential companies that would install the lights. The results of this to be included in a letter to those residents who might be affected.  
**B)** That the clerk reports back to a future meeting with the outcome of the letters.

09/1707 **Dawson Bequest charity money**  
The war bonds have now been paid back to the Parish Council and there was a total of £1,248.66 to be allocated. Councillors gave consideration to recent projects and to create a legacy.  
**Resolved:** That the funds be allocated towards the purchase of the amenity land at Collinge Road.

09/1708 **Recreational ground public meeting update**  
Mr Devine gave a verbal update on the meeting where approximately 25 people had attended. There were 3 main items for discussion – a proposed MUGA, a new path around the field and how to deal with dog fouling issues. Residents were largely in favour of an area allocated just for dog walkers, were in favour of a new MUGA subject to the correct location and supported the idea of a path around the field, which should be suitable for all ages. Those in attendance supported the aspirations of the working group and the Parish Council in trying to improve facilities.

09/1709 **Finance**  
**Resolved:** That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	201541	March wages	£532.12
S Mason	201542	March wages	£320.00
HMRC	201543	PAYE	£213.00
J C Cowgill	201544	Inv 1087 War memorial cleaned + Bench repair	£250.80
Npower	201545	Utility charge	£20.72
Yorkshire Water	201546	Utility charge	£15.09
YLCA	201547	Annual membership	£552.00
A Mallinson	201548	Reimbursement for room hire at village hall	£11.00
NYCC	201549	Street lighting electricity Inv 230000787	£740.11
		Total	<b>£2,654.84</b>

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09/1710 **Planning**

**Resolved:** That the following comments are sent to CDC planning department

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
22/2017/17800	Church Hall, Gill Lane	Conversion of loft space including removal and replacement of existing roof structure	No comment
22/2017/17801	Church Hall, Gill Lane	Listed building consent for conversion of loft space including removal and replacement of existing roof structure	No comment
22/2017/17841	Crag Side Barn, Dick Lane	Application for the permanent retention of the temporary access to serve new dwelling	No comment
22/2017/17816	Mill Cross Farm, Cowling Hill Lane	Construction of a new agricultural/forestry building and re-siting of existing building	No comment
22/2017/17817	34 Mill Croft	Retrospective application for the retention of a single storey rear extension	No comment
22/2017/17811	Sycamore House, Cow Lane	Application for alterations to previously approved new build dwelling ref 22/2016/16724	No comment
22/2017/17838	9 Freegate, Ickornshaw	Application to vary condition No.3 to No.7 of existing permission ref 22/2004/4151	No comment

09/1711 **Verbal reports from working groups and committee reps**

- a. **Planning and environment:** To arrange a meeting to discuss the drainage report
- b. **Residents group:** The speed watch group now has 2 teams and are deployed 4 days per week. A large number of people have been caught going over the speed limit at between 37 and 57MPH in the 30MPH zone. Approx 300 vehicles go through the village every hour. Cllr Denning thanked the volunteers for their efforts and asked for further support from residents.
- c. **Rec grounds:** Nothing further.
- d. **Mapping and Assets:** Nothing further.
- e. **Finance and staffing:** Nothing further.
- f. **Festive lights:** Nothing further
- g. **Allotments:** To arrange a meeting to discuss the vacant plot and future developments of the allotments.

09/1712 **Correspondence (For information and to form future agenda items)**

Notification of an empty house in the village which is up for rent. The clerk has laminated some anti dog fouling posters to be placed around the village by the Lengthsman. Notification about the closure of Park Lane by NYCC.

09/1713 **Members community reports**

The speed activated sign in the village is not illuminating correctly. The clerk will report this to NYCC

09/1714 **To agree and note the time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

**Resolved:** That the next meeting is to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7pm at Saint Andrews Church.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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