

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COWLING PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON :- 7th August 2017
At 7 pm at Saint Andrews Church**

Present Councillors P Boocock, M Benson, A Denning, A Lynch, M Rogerson, B Mercer and C Carter.

In Attendance: 4 members of the public, S Mason (Lengthsman) and A Mallinson clerk

09/1771 **Apologies**

Accepted apologies for lateness from Cllr Carter (from 8.25).

09/1772 **Disclosures of interest**

None

09/1773 **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2017 were accepted as a true record.

09/1774 **Clerk and Lengthsman's report**

The Lengthsman reported that there was still rubbish in the recreational field following on from the fun day and that large ruts from vehicles were still evident on the field. Cllr Rogerson reported that the fun day committee had carried out a clean up, but CDC had collected the bags and efforts have been made to smooth out the ruts on the grass.

The clerk had attended site meetings to discuss the condition of the recreational field with the grass cutting contractor and with a company to enable them to quote for the installation of the Christmas lights. The lights have now been delivered and are stored in the church.

09/1775 **Reports from invited guests**

Cllr Mulligan reported that weed spraying in the village was done twice by NYCC. Any vehicle activated signs that are currently in existence will not be replaced or repaired once they have gone faulty and this was across North Yorkshire. Parish Councils are being forced to join a NYCC scheme if they wish to have such signs in the village, where signs will be in place for 8 weeks at a time and then removed. Cllr Mulligan is still investigating footpath issues below Dick Lane.

Cllr Mercer had held a site meeting with NYCC highways officers to investigate what improvements can be made to reduce the speed of vehicles and was on the agenda for discussion. Cllr Mercer expressed concerns over the lack of capacity on the road network after reading the new local plan. Additional housing in and around Cowling will increase the amount of congestion on the roads and no impact study has yet been carried out.

09/1776 **Christmas lights installation**

The clerk had obtained 2 quotes for the installation and removal of the festive lights and presented them at the meeting for consideration. Cllr Rogerson volunteered to apportion each light to a specific lamp post and the clerk would investigate the cost of having the toilets wired so that there a socket on the exterior of the building for a power supply at the memorial.

Resolved: That Ringway be authorised to carry out the installation and removal of the festive lights for 2017 at a cost of £867.90 iclu vat.

09/1777 **Allotments at Middleton**

Councillors wished to proceed as soon as possible with the refurbishment of the vacant allotment plot.

Resolved: That Chris Cowgill be appointed to carry out the work as detailed so that 4 plots can be made from 1 at a cost of £1,800 inclu vat.

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Tree inspections

The report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. There were no urgent issue to be dealt with but a number of trees did require some maintenance work.

Resolved: That the clerk obtains quotes for the required work and brings these back to a future meeting.

09/1779

Highways improvements

Cllr Mercer had attended a site meeting with 2 officers from NYCC highways department to look at any improvements that could be made to reduce the speed of traffic through the village. The officer has subsequently sent out 2 options that involve building a chicane at the entrance to the village by High Adventure. The cost of the options range from £12k to £17k. The officer has also agreed to attend the September meeting to discuss this and other safety measures.

Resolved: that the item be deferred to the September meeting allowing time for members of the public to attend.

09/1780

Finance

Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	201571	July wages	£394.28
S Mason	201572	July wages	£256.00
HMRC	201573	PAYE	£162.40
Christmas Plus	201574	Inv 3054 New Xmas lights	£2,484.00
Plantscape Ltd	201575	Inv 11361 Solar Xmas lights	£450.00
Treeplan	201576	Inv TP1766 tree survey	£290.00
HMRC	201577	Adjustments to PAYE from 2013 to 2017	£1,526.14
A Mallinson	201578	ink cartridge + register with data protection	£59.99
		Total	£5,622.81

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Planning

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

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
2017/18200/LBC	Lower Copy Farm, Park Lane	Listed building consent for proposed sunroom extension and new pedestrian access to tack room	No comment
2017/18199/HH	Lower Copy Farm, Park Lane	Proposed sunroom extension and new pedestrian access to tack room	No comment
2017/18269/FUL	Dovetail, Colne Road	Re-development of existing retail unit to form 2 number dwellings. Formation of 3 number dwellings on car park with associated parking	Recommend that all conditions from the previously approved planning application be applied.

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22/2017/18068	Lumb Mill Farm, Carr Head Lane	Outline application for the demolition of existing buildings and a residential development of up to three dwellings with associated garages	Recommend refusal. See note 1
2017/18256/HH	Carr Head Hall, Carr Head Lane	Bespoke tailor made greenhouse	No comment
2017/18305/HH	3 Queen Street, Cowling	Demolition of existing single storey extension and garage and construction of new two storey extension and garage	No comment
2017/18216/VAR	Park Meadow, Park Lane	Retrospective application to vary condition no 2 (approved plans) of original planning consent reference 22/2015/15996 granted for the construction of detached garage.	Application withdrawn
2017/18182/FUL	Barn South Of Lower Gill Bottom, Shop Lane	Conversion of barn to dwellinghouse	No comment
2017/18222/FUL	Gill Bottom Cottages, Shop Lane, Middleton	Conversion of five redundant farm cottages to form two four bedroom dwellings with associated amenity space	No comment
2017/18223/LBC	Gill Bottom Cottages, Shop Lane	Listed building consent for conversion of five redundant farm cottages to form two four bedroom dwellings with associated amenity space	No comment
2017/18294/TCA	14 Park Road, Cowling,	Fell 1 no. Ash	No comment

Note 1

Recommend refusal as the parish council objects to the removal of agricultural buildings and the over development of agricultural land that is not in keeping with the area.

09/1782 **Verbal reports from working groups and committee reps**

- a. **Planning and environment:** Nothing further.
- b. **Residents group:** FMI awaiting outcome of funding application.
- c. **Rec grounds:** Nothing further.
- d. **Mapping and Assets:** Nothing further.
- e. **Finance and staffing:** Review of clerk and Lengthsman before September meeting
- f. **Festive lights:** Nothing further.
- g. **Allotments:** Nothing further.

09/1783 **Correspondence (For information and to form future agenda items)**

A number of planning applications had been resolved. A consultation on a revised taxi licensing policy had started with end date of 2nd Sept. Barclays bank in Crosshills is to close on the 17th November.

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- 09/1784 **Members community reports**
A number of residents were concerned about the planning application at the old Malsis school as this will have an impact on Cowling, with increased volumes of traffic.
- 09/1785 **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 4th September 2017 at 7pm at Saint Andrews Church.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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