

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COWLING PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON :- 9th January 2017
At 7 pm at Saint Andrews Church**

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

In Attendance: 6 members of the public, S Mason (Lengthsman) and A Mallinson clerk

09/1653 **Apologies**
Accepted apologies from Cllr Mercer due to work commitments and Cllr Denning due to illness

09/1654 **Disclosures of interest**
None

09/1655 **Minutes**
Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December were accepted as a true record.

09/1656 **Clerk and Lengthsman's report**
The clerk reported that he had overseen the work to install the new play equipment in the toddlers recreational area and secured a further discount of £92 from Creative Play. A number of issues had arisen over the Christmas period about the solar powered lights and the company had attempted to repair them, however only two halves of the trees were illuminated just before Christmas. The wooden bench at the top of Collinge Road had now been repaired. The clerk is still awaiting a date and time for the consultants to visit the recreational field to investigate the flooding problem.
The Lengthsman reported that children are still trying to create fires in the youth shelter and there has been a big increase in dog fouling all around the village.

09/1657 **Reports from invited guests**
None

09/1658 **Ben Snowden / Dawson Bequest account**
The clerk gave a verbal update on the time and effort that had gone in to try and resolve the investment issues and the account. There will be no more dividend from this investment and it was a matter of retrieving the original investment sum, which the investment company was still holding.
Resolved: A) That the clerk write to the company requesting the return of the original investment funds.
B) That the Dawson Bequest be closed
C) That ways in which to use the funds be deferred until the final figure is known.

09/1659 **Hugh Smith Charity**
This investment is still active with CCLA, but requires a new mandate to allow access to it, but the account at Barclays remains an issue as no one knows who the signatories are. Once access is gained to the investment then hopefully this will be resolved.
Resolved: That the mandate to CCLA investments is completed and signed by Cllr Lynch and Cllr Carter with the clerk appointed as the named person to receive correspondence.

09/1660 **Web site**
The clerk gave a verbal update on progress. Cllr Boocock is to drop off some pictures of the village to be uploaded by Puddle Digital.

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09/1661 **Budget setting for 2017/18**

Resolved: That the precept be set at £49,770 and that any underspend on current budgets is carried forward.

09/1662 **Finance**

Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	201519	December wages	£443.47
S Mason	201520	December wages	£256.00
HMRC	201521	PAYE	£174.80
Creative Play	201522	Inv 14801 Toddlers ply equipment	£4,799.99
A Mallinson	201523	Stamps + 50% cost for office 365 software	£53.20
P Boocock	201524	Reimbursement for festive items	£5.26
Yorkshire Water	201525	Standing charge for utility in toilet	£28.47
Npower	201526	Utility charge	£30.01
P Boocock	201527	Dawson Bequest reimbursement	£22.00
		Total	£5,813.20

09/1663 **Planning**

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

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
22/2016/17592	Lower Lane ends Farm	Erection of agricultural building	No comment
22/2016/17439	Land Off Dick Lane	Outline application for 3 dorma bungalows	Previously sent in
22/2016/17574	The Cottage, Carr Head Lane	Proposed detached dwelling. Revised scheme to extant approval 22/2008/8554	Recommend refusal. See note 1
22/2016/17598	Park House, Park Lane	Proposed agricultural building	No comment
22/2016/17643	Lower Lane Ends Farm	Proposed agricultural building to house young stock	No comment

Note 1

The proposal is out of keeping with surrounding properties and the area.

The revised proposal is for a large swimming pool to be added to the lower floor of the development. The Parish Council consider that thousands of gallons of heavily-chlorinated water will need to be discharged from this several times a year. This may severely impact on the local water course (which feeds the River Aire) if the treatment proposals are not sufficient enough to easily cope with such a discharge, which may lead to pollution and wildlife death.

The original plans were passed for a very large house. The revised proposal is for a colossal house on three full floors. This is considered to be overdevelopment of the site which lies next to a conservation area and within the grounds of a listed property.

The email below raises concerns about the discharge of water from the pool and further investigations should be done to demonstrate that a suitable process is in place.

“ I am aware of the tight time frame re: the above PA. I am not aware that we have been consulted, but we only tend to hear about much larger residential developments. Filter backwash waters and drain down waters cannot be discharged to surface water without extensive treatment, both contain disinfectants mainly in the form of

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Chlorines and Bromines as well as various salts, acids and cosmetic oils some of which are potentially toxic. The EA recommend discharge is only made to a foul sewer. If a discharge is to be made to surface or groundwater following treatment a consent to discharge will be required by the owner of the pool.”

Regards

Mark West

EM Team Leader

Land & Water (Aire/Calder/Wharfe)

- 09/1664 **Verbal reports from working groups and committee reps**
- a. **Planning and environment:** Nothing further.
 - b. **Residents group:** Nothing further.
 - c. **Rec grounds:** Cllr Lynch was thanked for his work in providing a map of the recreational field
 - d. **Mapping and Assets:** Nothing further.
 - e. **Finance and staffing:** Nothing further.
 - f. **Festive lights:** Councillors were not happy with the poor quality of the Christmas lights this year
 - g. **Allotments:** The clerk had been in conversations with the Yorkshire allotment society about possible use of the recreational field for such purposes.
- 09/1665 **Correspondence (For information and to form future agenda items)**
Planning consents noted and a thank you letter from the Companions and Crosshills Community Library for the funding grant.
- 09/1666 **Members community reports**
Cllr Carter reported that there may be an allotment at Middleton that is not been used appropriately. The clerk will investigate this.
- 09/1667 **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 6th February 2017 at 7pm at Saint Andrews Church.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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