

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COWLING PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON :- 3rd July 2017
At 7 pm at Saint Andrews Church**

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

In Attendance: 2 members of the public, S Mason (Lengthsman) and A Mallinson clerk

- 09/1755 **Apologies**
Accepted apologies from Mulligan due to family commitments and lateness from Cllr Denning (from 7.40).
- 09/1756 **Disclosures of interest**
None
- 09/1757 **Minutes**
Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June 2017 were accepted as a true record.
- 09/1758 **Clerk and Lengthsman's report**
The Lengthsman reported that there was damage to the stone wall by the memorial. The clerk would obtain a quote for repairs.
The clerk had dealt with issues raised at the previous meeting, some of which were agenda items.
- 09/1759 **Reports from invited guests**
Cllr Mercer reported that the Local Plan was out for consultation and that he would try and obtain details of proposals for Cowling.
- 09/1760 **Christmas lights**
Cllr Rogerson presented a quotation from the festive lights company for lights to go around 2 trees in the memorial, which included transformers to reduce the voltage. Having considered the 2 options of lights, draped or wrapped, it was considered better to have draped.
Resolved: That 10 metres of draped Christmas lights and 3 transformers be purchased from Christmas Plus at a cost of £957 +vat
- 09/1761 **Allotments at Middleton**
Cllr Carter presented options for the refurbishment of the allotment area now that a plot had become vacant. There was an opportunity to create 4 plots which required the land to be cleared and fencing and gates installed. The clerk had obtained a quote of £1,800 to carry out the work, which included all materials.
Resolved: That the clerk try and obtain further quotes for the work if possible and report back to the August meeting.
- 09/1762 **Play equipment safety report**
The clerk reported that Creative Play were going to attend to the faults highlighted in the safety report on play items in the main recreational field. A quote had been obtained to replace the swings at Collinge Road but Councillors felt that continued refurbishment was more prudent, at a cost of £228.
Resolved: That the swings at Collinge Road be repainted and the divots under the swings be filled with soil and seeded by J C Cowgill at a cost of £228.

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09/1763 **Tree inspections**
Item deferred as the report was not ready in time for the meeting.

09/1764 **Speed activated signs**
A site meeting had not taken place and therefore there were no further updates. A meeting will be arranged to look at speed reduction methods. Councillors requested that someone from NYCC highways attends the next meeting to discuss options.

09/1765 **Finance**
Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	201563	June wages	£512.48
S Mason	201564	June wages	£320.00
HMRC	201565	PAYE	£208.00
Cowling Community Primary School	201566	Funding grant previously agreed	£217.50
Theme Bins International	201567	Inv 32815 5 new benches	£1,797.91
J L Robinson	201568	Inv 774 Internal audit fee	£180.00
JC Cowgill	201569	Inv 59 + 60 To install 5 new benches	£79.20
Yorkshire Water	201570	Utility charge	£29.78
		Total	£3,344.87

09/1766 **Planning**
Resolved: That the following comments are sent to CDC planning department

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
2017/18163/TCA	Sycamore House, Cow Lane	Fell 1 no. Ash and 1 no. Sycamore	Recommend refusal. See note 1.
2017/18168/OUT	Land West Of Green Syke Barn, Moss End Lane,	Outline application for the erection of agricultural worker's dwelling, all matters reserved with the exception of highways.	No comment
2017/18147/HH	Higher Stone Head Farm	Erection of detached double garage	No comment
2017/18235/var	Barn, Fleet Farm, Park Lane	To vary conditions of approved 22/2016/17178	Recommend refusal. See note 2.
2017/18149/ful	Reedshaw Farm	Demolition of large reservoir and conversion of small reservoir into a house.	No comment

Note 1
These two trees are mature trees approximately 15metres tall with trunk girths of approximately 1+ metre. They should not be lost to the community as they provide much-needed greenery for the village and are of significant amenity value. There has been enough felling of trees on this site, without more environmental loss occurring.

Note 2
If this has been fully complied with then the PC makes NO COMMENT; if not then the PC recommends refusal.

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- 09/1767 **Verbal reports from working groups and committee reps**
a. **Planning and environment:** Nothing further.
b. **Residents group:** Nothing further.
c. **Rec grounds:** The new benches have been well received by members of the public.
d. **Mapping and Assets:** Nothing further.
e. **Finance and staffing:** Nothing further.
f. **Festive lights:** Nothing further.
g. **Allotments:** Nothing further.
- 09/1768 **Correspondence (For information and to form future agenda items)**
The clerk had received a letter regarding the Hugh Smith Charity which was an ongoing issue.
- 09/1769 **Members community reports**
None
- 09/1770 **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 7th August 2017 at 7pm at Saint Andrews Church.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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