

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COWLING PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON :- 6th March 2017
At 7 pm at Saint Andrews Church**

Present Councillors P Boocock, M Benson, Cllr Denning and C Carter.

In Attendance: 3 members of the public, S Mason (Lengthsman) and A Mallinson clerk

09/1682 **Apologies**

Accepted apologies from Cllr Mercer due to work commitments and Cllr Lynch due to illness.

09/1683 **Disclosures of interest**

None

09/1684 **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February were accepted as a true record.

09/1685 **Clerk and Lengthsman's report**

The clerk had recently been on a site meeting at the man recreational field with the drainage consultant and awaits a report on the possible remedial work. Other issues had arisen since the last meeting and were on the agenda for discussion.

The Lengthsman reported that the footpath by the private allotments was in poor condition, there were loose stones on the boundary wall at Middleton playing field and lots of broken glass in the recreational field.

09/1686 **Reports from invited guests**

None

09/1687 **To appoint the internal auditor for the 2016/17 accounts**

Resolved: That Lindsey Robinson is appointed as the auditor

09/1688 **To set the date, time and location of the Annual Parish meeting**

Resolved: That Annual Parish meeting takes place on the 3rd April at 6.30pm at St Andrews Church, followed by the normal Council meeting at 7pm

09/1689 **To set the date, time and location of the Annual Meeting of the Council**

Resolved: That Annual Meeting of the Council takes place on the 8th May at 7pm at St Andrews Church

09/1690 **Recreational field drainage**

Mr G Devine and the clerk gave a verbal update on the site meeting with the drainage consultant. It was clear that there would be a number of options available to remedy wet areas of the field and the report will outline these once it is completed.

09/1691 **Recreational ground public meeting**

A Facebook account has been created and the meeting, to be held on the 16th March at 7pm, has been advertised in the newsletter and on the parish council web site. A range of questions will be put to local residents, to take a view on how to progress with refurbishing the play areas.

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09/1692 **Finance**

Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Resolved: To note that £1003.29 has been received in relation to war bonds that have been cashed in from the Dawson Bequest.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	201535	February wages	£413.91
S Mason	201536	February wages	£256.00
HMRC	201537	PAYE	£167.40
North Yorkshire County Council	201538	Inv 140000901 Anti skid road marking on Gill Lane	£1,091.33
ALCC	201539	Clerks membership of ALCC	£10.00
A Mallinson	201540	Stamps	£20.01
		Total	£1,958.65

09/1693 **Planning**

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

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
22/2016/17554	Land adjacent to Nan Scar	New access in to field	Recommend refusal. See note 1
22/2017/17830	Bank Farm	Pruning of trees within the conservation area	No Comment

Note 1

The Parish Council recommends refusal for the following reasons-

1. The main road at this location is too narrow to accommodate the proposed entrance in to the field, with poor site lines.
2. The gradient from the road in to the field is very significant and could lead to vehicles being unable to stop at the bottom when leaving the field.
3. Concerns about future flooding problems for local residents as water run off down the access road will be significant. There are no details on how surface water runoff will be dealt with and local evidence identifies that the highways drains are running at capacity during periods of heavy rain.
4. The embankment has suffered from land slippage in recent years whilst a dwelling was being erected and remedial work had to be done. Concerns therefore for the integratory of the hillside and its ability to retain the highway above.

09/1694 **Verbal reports from working groups and committee reps**

- a. **Planning and environment:** Nothing further.
- b. **Residents group:** Nothing further.
- c. **Rec grounds:** Nothing further.
- d. **Mapping and Assets:** Nothing further.
- e. **Finance and staffing:** Nothing further.
- f. **Festive lights:** There are a number of locations in the centre of the village where new lights could be fitted but requires discussions with the owners of the properties. Agenda item for the April meeting.
- g. **Allotments:** Nothing further.

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- 09/1695 **Correspondence (For information and to form future agenda items)**
 Planning consents noted.
- 09/1696 **Members community reports**
 Nothing further
- 09/1697 **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 3rd April 2017 at 7pm at Saint Andrews Church.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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