

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COWLING PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON :- 2nd October 2017
At 7 pm at Saint Andrews Church**

Present Councillors P Boocock, M Benson, A Denning, A Lynch, M Rogerson, C Carter and P Weatherhead from 8pm

In Attendance: 7 members of the public, S Mason (Lengthsman) and A Mallinson clerk. Mr S Hutchinson from the N Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioners office.

09/1800 **Apologies**
Accepted apologies from Cllr Mercer due to work commitments.

09/1801 **Disclosures of interest**
Cllr Benson, Boocock and Denning declared an interest in item 8 as they are members of the church.

09/1802 **Minutes**
Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2017 were accepted as a true record.

09/1803 **Clerk and Lengthsman's report**
The Lengthsman reported that there was a lot of rubbish fly-tipped at the top of Collinge Road. Dog fouling is still on the increase all around the village. Consider placing additional bins in the main recreational field and that the council discuss the issue at the November meeting. Residents are still complaining about the uneven field following the fun day. The clerk has tried to contact the chair of the fund day committee but has not received a reply to 2 emails. The clerk will report the fly-tipping to CDC.
The clerk reported that he had attended a site meeting with MR Devine to look at issues on the recreational field and a meeting with the drainage consultants regarding surveying the pipes running under the field. The consultants are checking with NYCC about ownership of the culvert. The clerk also attended a site meeting with Cllr B Mercer and NYCC highways to investigate the possibility of having an additional pedestrian crossing point. Traffic and pedestrian counts would have be done to see if this was required and the officer would report back once this had been done. The clerk has successfully applied for some free trees from the woodland trust and this would be discussed at the November meeting.

09/1804 **Reports from invited guests**
Cllr Mulligan had raised issues at the Craven Area Committee about Cowling having fixed speed signs but this was against NYCC policy. Kildwick crossing may in the future have its signalling upgraded to reduce the amount of time that the crossing was closed. The dip in the road between Cowling and Glusburn has now been repaired. Cllr Lynch requested that the mobile speed camera van visits Cowling more often and to pursue having fixed speed cameras at the entrance to the village. Cllr Mulligan stated that cameras of all types needed resourcing at a time when funds were limited. Cllr Lynch has requested a meeting with the police and crime commissioner to discuss speeding vehicles through the village.
Mr Sam Hutchinson was heading up a 1 year project on behalf of the NY police and the police commissioners office to map out where rural community groups were so that better communications links could be established. This would enable direct contact with the parish councils and the groups when issues or funding became available. Councillors provided Sam with a list of groups within the village.

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09/1805 **Co-option**
Councillors considered the application from Mr Paul Weatherhead who wished to join the council as there are currently 2 vacancies.
Resolved: That Paul Weatherhead was appointed as a Parish Councillor and duly signed the declaration of office and witnessed by the clerk

09/1806 **Highways improvements**
The clerk gave a verbal update following the site meeting held with Cllr Mercer and NYCC highways officer. Following the walk through the village centre the officer was to instigate a study of traffic flows and pedestrian movements to see if an additional crossing met the criteria. Once the data has been collected the officer will report his findings. A NYCC highways safety officer is attend the November meeting to answer questions put to him by Councillors regarding ways in which to reduce the speed of traffic.

09/1807 **Christmas lights storage**
Deferred to the November meeting

09/1808 **External auditors report**
The clerk went through the tow points that had been raised, which were minor procedural items relating to dates when the financial records are made available to the public. In all other aspects the auditor had concluded that the accounts were in order and that financial regulations had been followed. Copies of the final accounts were now displayed in the notice board as per local government requirements.
Resolved: That the explanation by the clerk for the two items raised was sufficient and that no further action was required regarding the accounts

09/1809 **CPRE Membership**
Resolved: To continue as members of CPRE at a cost of £36

09/1810 **Finance**
Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	201583	September wages	£433.75
S Mason	201584	September wages	£256.00
HMRC	201585	PAYE	£172.20
Yorkshire Water	201586	Utility charge	£41.33
Npower	201587	Utility charge	£2.59
PKF Littlejohn LLP	201588	External audit fee	£360.00
CPRE	201589	Subscription fee	£36.00
		Total	£1,301.87

09/11811 **Planning**
Resolved: That the following comments are sent to CDC planning department

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
2017/18456/FUL	Crag Side Farm , Dick Lane To Crag Side Farm	Cessation of Commercial Animal Care Use, Demolition of Buildings and	Recommend refusal. See note 1

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		the Construction of a Building for the Storage of Agricultural Machinery and Plant and Associated Hardstanding and Access Track	
2017/18463/FUL	Intake Farm, Off Park Lane	Proposed single storey residential annexe to Intake Farm involving conversion of existing outbuildings along with new build/extensions	No comment
2017/18536/TCA	Various locations on land owned by Cowling Parish Council	Various works to trees in response to independent tree survey	No comment
2017/18537/TCA	Allotment Plot To The Rear Of 1 Middleton	Fell 3 Trees in a group of mixed species - Cherry, Birch and Cherry	No comment

Note 1

Reasons for refusal- This is overdevelopment of the site and an excessive over development of a green field site which should remain protected for agricultural use.

If approved request a condition be put in place that all redundant out buildings are demolished and the site cleared before commencement of the new building. This will ensure compliance with what is proposed.

09/1812 **Verbal reports from working groups and committee reps**

- a. **Planning and environment:** Nothing further.
- b. **Residents group:** The speed watch group require more members.
- c. **Rec grounds:** Concerns that the main rec field is getting over used for commercial benefits. Council to look at creating a "users" policy.
- d. **Mapping and Assets:** Nothing further.
- e. **Finance and staffing:** Nothing further.
- f. **Festive lights:** Nothing further.
- g. **Allotments:** Nothing further.

09/1813 **Correspondence (For information and to form future agenda items)**

A number of planning applications had been resolved by CDC. The next Craven branch meeting of YLCA takes place on the 7th October in Hellfield. Nominations are invited for the Craven Community Champions Awards with a closing date of 29th October. Two outlie funding applications have been received and will be on the November agenda.

09/1814 **Members community reports**

Questions raised about the type of chemical used by the contractor to control weeds as some dog owners reported that their dogs had been sick recently and that the spraying seemed excessive around the benches and play equipment. The clerk will check with the contractor and report back. Residents concerned that the issue of speeding vehicles required a public meeting to gain more support and this would be explored.

09/1815 **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 November 2017 at 7pm at Saint Andrews Church.

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm

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