

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COWLING PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON :- 4th September 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: 26 members of the public, S Mason (Lengthsman) and A Mallinson clerk

09/1786 **Apologies**

Accepted apologies for lateness from Cllr Mercer (from 8.45).

09/1787 **Disclosures of interest**

Cllr Benson, Boocock and Denning declared an interest in item 7 as they are members of the church.

09/1788 **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th August 2017 were accepted as a true record.

09/1789 **Clerk and Lengthsman's report**

The Lengthsman reported that the zip wire had developed a fault and that there had been a large amount of litter in the main recreational field possible due to the school holiday period.

The clerk reported that the planning applications have been submitted to CDC for the works to trees at various locations. Recent conversation with the solicitor dealing with the purchase of land at Collinge Road have now brought the project back on track. The swings have now been painted and the ground underneath them has now been reinstated. The external auditor has raised a few queries and responses have been given.

09/1790 **Reports from invited guests**

None

09/1791 **Highways improvements**

Darren Griffiths (DG) from NYCC highways safety team attended the meeting to discuss a proposal to install a chicane at the entrance to the village by the football ground, as well as other issue around speed activated signs.

Councillors (Cllr) and members of the public (MP) raised a number of questions :-

MP- why cant we have more 30mph repeater signs through the village?

DG- They are illegal on carriageway lighting columns

MP- Concerns that motorists will ignore the give way sign at the chicane and speed through.

DG- This may occur at quieter times but drivers should abide by the highway code

MP- Speeding occurs at other parts of the village.

DG- I was only asked by Cllr Mercer to look at this particular area of the village

MP- Evidence shows that speed cameras are more effective at reducing speeds and casualties.

DG- NY police do not support installing fixed speed cameras

Cllr- Will NYCC support an application to NY police for a camera.

DG- The police do not support cameras. Despite 1,000 vehicles per hour passing through the village there are very few accidents.

MP- There are 12 mobile camera vans in NY why cant more be deployed in the village at different locations.

DG- The vans can only be parked in a safe place and generally are only deployed where there are accidents

Cllr- The proposed chicane will add to the congestion through the village.

DG- Congestion will aid to slow the traffic down

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Cllr- Reducing the speed limit down from 60mph would help to slow traffic down as it came through the village.

DG- Reducing the speed limit will not slow vehicles down as there are a number of straight sections where drivers will accelerate. We cannot install inappropriate speed limits as they could be detrimental to road safety

MP- More pedestrian crossings are need in the village

DG- A site meeting can be held to see if there are any suitable locations for refuges or potentially signal controlled crossing facilities

Cllr- More fixed speed activated signs would alert drivers to slow down.

DG- NYCC policy is not to allow villages to install their own signs and any application would be refused

Cllr Boocock thanked Darren for attending and for answering the questions that had been put to him. Further site meetings and discussions with the police would follow, but at this stage the feeling was that the chicane proposal would not be supported by residents.

09/1792 **Christmas lights storage**
Deferred to the October meeting.

09/1793 **Annual review of clerk and Lengthsman**
(Due to the nature of the item the public were excluded from this item under standing orders)
The review was carried out by Cllr Boocock, as chair of the Parish Council
Resolved: That comments from the clerk, the Lengthsman and the Council were incorporated into the appraisal document to be used as ongoing development of their roles.

09/1794 **Finance**
Resolved: That the accounts presented for payment were agreed.

Payee	Cheque No.	Details	Amount
A Mallinson	201579	August wages	£492.85
S Mason	201580	August wages	£320.00
HMRC	201581	PAYE	£203.00
AWB Charlesworth solicitors	201582	Deposit of funds for searches	£396.24
		Total	£1,412.09

09/1795 **Planning**
Resolved: That the following comments are sent to CDC planning department

Planning Ref No.	Site Location	Brief Description of Proposal	Comments
2017/18176/FUL	Land West Off The Maltings, Carr Head Lane	Construction of detached dwelling house and detached double garage with associated turning and parking areas.	Recommend refusal. See note 1
2017/18338/FUL	The Old Shippon , Long Hill End	Change of use of agricultural land to residential and siting of garage.	Recommend refusal. See note 2

Note 1

Recommend refusal as the proposed building is not in keeping with buildings in the surrounding area and not in keeping with listed building on the site. The size and scale is seen as overdevelopment of the site. There is poor access from the highway, which has not been addressed with previous applications. The Parish Council supports the comments submitted by local resident Mr Bird.

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Note 2

Recommend refusal as the proposal is overdevelopment of the site and there has not been a plausible explanation as to why agricultural land should be lost to residential. The appearance of the proposed garage is not in keeping with what it is intended for and suspect an application for conversion to residential dwelling may be submitted in the future. The allocation of log storage bays is at odds with the installation of a biomass boiler which uses pellets.

09/1796 **Verbal reports from working groups and committee reps**

- a. **Planning and environment:** Nothing further.
- b. **Residents group:** Nothing further.
- c. **Rec grounds:** Mr Devine presented a list of jobs that were required doing at the main recreational field and proposed to have a site meeting with the clerk to discuss them.
- d. **Mapping and Assets:** Nothing further.
- e. **Finance and staffing:** Nothing further.
- f. **Festive lights:** Nothing further.
- g. **Allotments:** Nothing further.

09/1797 **Correspondence (For information and to form future agenda items)**

A number of planning applications had been resolved by CDC. The church had produced a new safeguarding policy, which was endorsed by Cllr Boocock as chairman.

09/1798 **Members community reports**

A number of footpaths were blocked with vegetation and Cllr Mercer volunteered to contact NYC about them. Cllr Lynch reported that there were still a number of vacancies on the council and that he hoped some members of the public who had attended the meeting might join.

09/1799 **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 2nd October 2017 at 7pm at Saint Andrews Church.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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