

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 19:00

Present: Cllr. M. Swinden (chair), Cllr. K. Clark, Cllr. M. Dracup

In attendance: A. Robertson

Apologies: L. Senior (clerk), Cllr. A. Powell & District Cllr. A. Brown

22.068 (a) The written resignation of Cllr. Clark from the position of Chair of the PC was accepted

(b) Further to members approval, Cllr Swinden was elected to the position of Chairman for this meeting.

(c) The Co-option of Atholl Robertson to the Parish Council was approved.

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22.069 Apologies as above.

22.070 There were no dispensations or interests declared by any Councillor present.

22.071 The minutes of the July Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record.

22.072 Communication:

(a) There was no communication from residents that hasn't already been responded to.

A discussion took place regarding the defective street lamp on the snicket from Meadow Lane to Meadow Croft. Cllr Dracup was aware of issues with another couple of street lights in the village and would follow this up with NYCC.

(b) Public Participation - there were no members of the public present.

(c) There were no District or County Councillors present.

(d) The following correspondence was considered and noted by Councillors:

(i) 6.6m Disabled parking bay on Crosshills Rd. Proposed by NYCC & CDC has already been approved and is in place.

(ii) The NYCC Tax Reduction Consultation letter via email

(iii) The Government consultation on short term holiday lets.

(iv) The YCLA White Rose Bulletins and Law and Governance Monthly

(v) The NALC Chief Exec Bulletins.

(vi) The bridge replacement near Dead Eye has been completed.

22.073 Cllr Clark gave an update on the s106 financial situation. The CDC are meeting to approve the spend on the proposed observation tower. After discussion with Friends of Dead Eye, it appears that instead of the observation tower, a smaller viewing platform may be more suitable. The lottery funding provided for the observation tower must be used by May 2023. The improvements to the playing fields are now due to start in January. The costs for the improvements may have altered slightly; in light of this the proposed upgrade to the footpath at the rear of the campsite has been put on hold until the playing field alterations are completed.

22.074 (a) To discuss any matters pertaining to the allotments including an update on the rents and agree any action to be taken, further to the last inspection.

Councillors would like to know from the Clerk if there had been any complaints/comments from allotment holders regarding the proposed increase in rents for the allotments, whether by email or in the CVI post box. Councillors would in general also like access to the CVI post box to deal with any correspondence if the Clerk is on holiday or indisposed. An allotment holder wanted clarification as to what would be the new rent for a greenhouse space, Cllr Swinden thought this must be £10 as the draft agreement only allowed for two rates - but the Clerk is to be asked to advise the Council on this.

(b) To approve the draft changes to the Allotment Agreement and the accompanying Consultation Letter.

The draft changes to the Allotment Agreement and the Consultation letter previously circulated by Cllr Swinden were approved. It was agreed that if possible the Consultation Letter should be sent to allotment holders by 1st November 2022, either by e-mail or post. An accompanying sign to be placed on village notice boards. Tenants should be given one month to comment. However, this timescale would only be possible if Cllr Robertson was given timely access to all tenants' postal and email addresses - the Clerk to be asked to arrange this as soon as possible. The new Allotment Agreement is due to come into effect in early February 2023.

(c) As regards to the recent fire on Plot 27, it was decided that this matter should now be regarded as closed. It was noted that the Clerk was still receiving questions on this from the Insurance Company, but the Clerk should be advised to inform them that the Parish Council no longer wish to pursue a claim.

22.075 To discuss and agree a way forward with the on street parking issue near the railway station. NYCC highways have agreed to place double yellow lines on both sides of Cononley Lane in front of the mill. Still to be decided as to how far the double yellow lines should be placed. There was some concern about the danger of traffic parking on the bend towards the river. Cllr Clark will organise the meeting with Highways.

22.076 To discuss and agree any action regarding the complaints received about behaviour on the playing field from campers staying at the Riverside Campsite. The PC need visibility of the complaints (how many/what the issues are) before taking any action with the campsite owner.

22.077 To discuss and consider supporting the National Safer Streets Programme. Following on from Cllr Brown's e-mail and subsequent post on Facebook, the scheme has proved to be popular, and the uptake high.

22.078 Matters for debate and resolution.

- (a) To approve the reimbursement of locks and chain £33.84, wire tensioner £3.59, wire staples £3.08 at a total cost of £40.50 to M. Latham for restorative work at Dead Eye following cattle damage. Approved.
- (b) To approve the cost of £60.00 for a set of new pads for the defibrillator at the CVI. Approved.
- (c) To approve the financial consultant's September invoice at a cost of £172.50. Approved.
- (d) To approve the lengthsman's invoice for September at a cost of £113.75. Approved.
- (e) To approve two Nimble E-Training courses for Cllr. Clark £30.00. Approved.
- (f) To approve the NAS Allotments Membership renewal at a cost of £66.00. Approved.

22.079 Council administration and finance. Due to Clerk's absence there was nothing to discuss or approve.

22.080 To receive the action list and agree any action from it.

PC policies review/signing off. Cllr Swinden has agreed to pick this up and attempt to review one policy a month.

Cllr Dracup reported that there was a meeting with CRT on Friday 14th October regarding the canal access link.

22.081 There was no Clerk's Report.

22.082 Planning:

(a) the following Planning Applications were received

(i) Ref: 2022/24188/REM Access & Landscaping , Ref 2020/21508 OUT, Crown Hill Farm . NO COMMENT

(ii) Ref: 2022/24282/FUL Demolish barn & build two semi detached houses, New Inn Fold, Cononley. COMMENT: OBJECTION. Would prefer barn to be retained, request proof of viability to repair/convert or demolish barn. It was noted that the proposals incorporated some sustainable aspects but would like to include solar panels also.

(iii) Ref: 2022/24226/HH Balcony & Decking, Airedale Ings, Cononley.COMMENT: already passed.

(iv) Ref: 2022/24227/HH Balcony, Decking & Windows, Airedale Ings, Cononley. COMMENT: Already passed.

(v) Ref:2022/2401/FUL Use of building as a holiday let, Stockshott Lane, Cononley. COMMENT: Already passed.

(vi) Ref: 2022/24391/TCA Conservation Tree Area Works, Main Street, Cononley. COMMENT: OBJECTION. Do not agree with the removal of a healthy tree.

(b) The following decisions, withdrawals and appeals were reported by CDC - No comments.

22.083 Verbal update from Councillors:

Cllr Dracup reported on ash die back and decay at some trees at the Pinfold. There had been a discussion with Airedale Tree Surgeons and the possibility of planning permission being required to carry out any works. Cllr. Dracup is to follow this up.

Cllr Clark stated that there will be a Cleaner, Greener Group coffee morning on 19th November.

The Make it, Bake it, Grow it event raised £300 for the village. £200 went to The Friends of Cononley Station, and £100 to the Playing Fields.

Cllr Clark informed that NYCC have agreed to costs of extending 20mph zone on Main Street past the park entrance. The next (December/Christmas) Newsletter will come out at the end of November so Joan and Cllr Clark will start collating contributions early/mid November. There was a need to inject new life into the Playing Fields Committee committee, and possibly update the constitution to make it more current and appeal to more people. Cllr Clark and Cllr Dracup to review in January 2023.

It was noted that it was nearly time to set budgets for the coming year, Cllr Swinden volunteered to look into this and discuss with the Clerk to the PC.

22.084 To discuss and pass a resolution to sign up to the adaptation of the Civility & Respect Pledge. It was decided to defer this to the next meeting, for the Clerk to enlighten.

22.085 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 8th November 2022 at the CVI.

22.086 To discuss any urgent items at the discretion of the Chairman, or items for future meetings.

CDC Legacy Sub Committee wish to formally recognise groups, projects, organisations or individuals who have provided exemplary service to the District and made a positive difference to the community. Therefore the PC will nominate a number of people/groups before 6th January 2023.

The meeting closed at 20:29