



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2023
AT 19.00**

Present: Cllr M Swinden (in the chair), Cllr M. Dracup, Cllr A. Robertson.

In attendance: The Clerk (by zoom), CDC & NYCC Cllr A. Brown.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

23.055 (a) The written resignation of Cllr M. Swinden from the position of Chair of the PC was accepted.

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

23.056 An apology was received and accepted from Cllr A. Powell who was on holiday.

23.057 There were no Declarations of Interest received.

23.058 The minutes of the March Parish Council meeting held on 14th March 2023 were accepted as a true record.

23.059 Communication:

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

b) Public Participation:

Both members of the public present spoke at the meeting. Concerns were raised about the latest situation at the Delph which has a new owner. There is a blanket TPO covering the area. It is expected that a new track to access the site will be laid. Crowd Funding was suggested as a possible option to allow the land to become a community asset. The PC was asked by the member of public if it would send a letter to the landowner asking to clarify his intentions. The PC requested a draft summary of the latest situation from the member of public as a start point. The other member of the public present spoke about his concerns about the condition of the wall alongside the beck from the shop to the station. There are numerous holes present and this will weaken the wall. He also spoke about the village post box which does not have a guaranteed collection time and therefore how effective now are 1st Class stamps.

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On the station it is noted that platform 1 is to be extended by the length of two carriages. Planning permission isn't needed. He also advised the meeting that there had been 11 recorded incidents of violence in the village in the past year. Finally, regarding drains, the gentleman said that mobile work signs were not always present when work was being undertaken. On Moorfoot Lane cars are not always stopping, it may be the markings need redoing.

c) County Councillor Andy Brown gave a brief update to the meeting. Cllr Brown stated the appeal for the 25 dwellings at Meadow Close had not yet been validated. The heritage aspect of the site would have a bearing on the outcome of the appeal. The appeal would need to be challenged when validated and a fresh assessment of it is needed. There has been three lots of communication with Network Rail regarding the lineside vegetation work needed and a member of the public had asked for evidence. There is a concern about the type of material earmarked for a house on Frying Pan Row

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

- i) YLCA White Rose Bulletins and Law and Governance Bulletins.
- ii) Planning Inspectorate email stating Footpath Application ROW/3297362 is withdrawn.
- iii) Speedwatch latest VAS Data Jan-April 2023 via Kath Clark.
- v) NYC to remove three bags of fly tipping rubbish on Netherghyll Lane (thanks to Mike Latham for his assistance).

23.060 a) Planning Applications received for comment:

- i) Ref: 2023/24834/FUL (amended) Holiday Lodge, Cross Hills Rd, Cononley. *OBJECTION*
- ii) Ref: ZA23/24941/FUL Meadow Lane, 25 dwellings (previous application no 2022/23854/FUL). *OBJECTION*
- iii) Ref: 2023/24914/FUL Solar panels & external flue, Main St Cononley. *NO COMMENT*

b) Decisions, withdrawals or appeals reported by CDC.

- i) Ref : 2023/24821/ FUL Single storey extention, Brigg Croft Cononley. *GRANTED.*

23.061 To discuss and consider allocating costs for the of digisting of the historical records of Cononley, belonging to David Gulliver, the village historian.

It was noted that all records are stored as PDF's with Mr Gulliver. It was agreed that Cllr Robertson is to talk to Jo Clark to see what is involved with the process of digitising the records and to see what costs will be involved.

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23.062 To discuss and agree the next steps with the proposed footpath improvements near the Riverside Campsite as a s106 cost. It was noted that the quotes received previously were dating from January 2022 and will need revisiting with up-to-date figures. Cllr Robertson, Dan Timbers and Mark Allum will meet on site to discuss further.

23.063 To receive any allotment updates and take any appropriate action.

The sites were generally looking good. There is one plot still awaiting a new tenant. The Lengthsman had made a start on sourcing tanalised timber for the renumbering of the plots. Shorter posts would be more cost-effective.

The Clerk had contacted Andrew Oswald, the pest controller to firm up the date for the first six monthly inspection but hadn't received a reply. A further attempt to be made. Cllr Robertson had spoken with Peter Brewer who had confirmed that he believed that path improvements and a better water supply were key areas for s106 investment. It was acknowledged that using a borehole for supplying water to the site wasn't feasible and this had been checked before by former Councillor Mark Allum.

23.064 To receive the Action List and note any further actions to be taken.

The Clerk briefly talked through the key action points based on updates from the previous list. An updated Action List to be provided at the next meeting

23.065 To discuss and agree to allocate new funds to pay for the printing of the new village leaflet. It was agreed that the leaflet would be a double-sided insert. The deadline is 12th May. Cllr Swinden will check with Kath over the exact final costs but it was agreed to proceed with the leaflet as costs will not be significant.

23.066 To discuss and take any appropriate action regarding the letter received from P. Baker of Glusburn further to his suggestion of lobbying local councils to support post code changes for insurance purposes.

It was agreed that Cllr Swinden will contact Mr Baker to advise that if he can obtain further local council support for his idea, then Cononley PC will support it.

23.067 To receive any verbal updates from Council representatives.

Cllr Dracup reported that Farnhill PC are supportive of working with Cononley PC to get the access work done. C&RT volunteers would do the work. A breakdown of required materials has been requested from C&RT. Cllr Robertson stated that there is a need for another VAS in the village. The other has been very effective. Funding avenues need to be explored for this.

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20.068 To consider and agree to the following requests from Cononley Wildlife Group for:

a) The installation of a memorial bench for Jan France at the Pinfold.

This was approved. The bench will be funded by Chris and Billie and can be sited at the bottom end of the Pinfold site.

b) The twice yearly cutting of the top of the land and path to the beck by the Lengthsman.

This was approved. The Clerk pointed out that David already does this as required and it is working well.

23.069 Clerk's Report.

The Clerk kept his report short due to time constraints as there is the Annual Council Meeting that follows this meeting.

A key focus is the Internal Audit which starts later this month. The draft accounts will be ready for presentation and approval in the June meeting.

The LED lighting upgrade still needs finalising with NYC. Further dialogue is taking place. A comparative quote for Christmas lights still needs to be found and is on the 'to do' list.

23.070 Matters for Debate and Resolution.

a) The payment of £48.77 plus VAT for the severance of the Rialtus software contract was approved.

b) Payment of the invoice for £5580.40 to Newground for work undertaken on the Playing Field refurbishment (to be reclaimed under s106) was approved.

c) Payment of the invoice for £64,152.58 to Wades Groundworks Ltd for work undertaken on the Playing Field refurbishment (to be reclaimed under s106) was approved.

d) The reimbursement of £15.75 office expenses, plus the cost of Flowers £35.00 for K.Clark (total £50.75) for Cllr A Roberston was approved.

23.071 Council Administration and Finance.

a) The monthly report on assets, maintenance and council finance and budgets, timesheets, plus Clerk, Financial Consultant and Lengthsman costs and Schedule of payments (circulated) were all approved.

It was noted the Council that on 28th April 2023, the PC had a balance of £40,391.71 in the Current account (£10,000 is ringfenced for Awards for All) and £7,610.24 in the Reserve (Deposit) account.

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23.072 To note that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for 13th June at the CVI.

23.073 There were no urgent items at the discretion of the Chairman, or items for future meetings.

The meeting closed at 20.23

**A MEETING OF
THE SOLE TRUSTEES OF THE CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE &
THE SOLE TRUSTEES OF CONONLEY VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD**

Cononley Village Institute (CVIAC)

1. To receive and/or approve:

- (a) The signed minutes of 9/1/23 were approved.
- (b) The unsigned minutes of 20/3/23 were received.
- (c) The CVI rep Mike Dracup, advised the decarbonisation report was received but that heat pumps were no good for the CVI. Solar Panels could be looked at. Finally the hire rate increases were implemented.

Cononley Village Playing Field (CVPF)

- 1. (a) There were no recent Minutes to note.
- (b) The tractor repair by the lengthsman had been completed. The Lengthsman's Report highlighted a bolt was missing on the basketball swing. The Clerk had Informed the group that are overseeing the s106 refurb. Seeding needs to be done on parts of the grass and there are some uneven patches with debris in parts.
- (c) It was agreed that a plumber is needed to assess the water pressure on in the toilet

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to see if it will cope with regular use on gala day. The Clerk will liaise with Kath.

- (d) It was agreed that the Clerk will ask the Lengthsman for a quote on the soakaway needed to improve drainage in one part of the grass
- (e) The latest position with the Friends of Cononley Field was discussed. There are only two volunteers so far. Cllr Robertson will discuss with Kath, the way forward with this.
- (f) There was no financial report.
- (g) All payments, receipts and estimates were approved.

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