



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CONONLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN CONONLEY VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON TUESDAY 14TH MARCH
2023 AT 19.00**

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

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

No apologies were received.

23.038 (a) The written resignation of Cllr A. Powell 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.

(c) Cllr M. Swinden was approved as Chair for the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

23.039 The written resignation of Cllr K. Clark (dated 20th February 23) from the PC was accepted.

23.040 There were no apologies received.

23.041 There were no Declarations of Interest received.

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

23.043 Communication:

a) There was no communication from residents that hasn't already been responded to. The Clerk will check on the latest situation with the complainant regarding the fly tipping next to the garages near the Bowling Club.

b) Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present. An apology was received from Marten.

c) County Councillor Andy Brown gave a brief update to the meeting. Cllr Brown stated there would be a formal public enquiry about the closure of Footpath adjacent to 124 Main Street, Cononley. The Parish Council will appoint a representative to speak against the closure if required. Cllr Brown is in the process of arranging for an expert in footpath legislation to assist him in this case.

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The Sports Club will need to submit a change of use application if they want to use the car park for the storage of motorhomes or campervans. Cllr Brown advised the meeting that there is a change of planning procedures now in place and that he will only have 21 days to call in a planning application if he has any concerns about it.

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

- i) YLCA White Rose Bulletins and Law and Governance Bulletins.
- ii) The latest NALC Chief Exec Bulletins.
- iii) Email from NYCC confirming the Traffic Order for the Waiting Restrictions on Cononley Lane has been approved with no restrictions. Work to be completed 13-20th March, weather permitting.
- v) Email from NYCC regarding the obsolete lighting at the village gateways.

23.044 Planning Applications received:

- a) None
- b) No decisions, withdrawals or appeals were reported by CDC.

23.045 To discuss and agree the PC's response regarding the expected appeal for the planning application at Meadow Close, Cononley.

There has been no further progress with this. Kath Clark has sent her speech that she made at the NYCC Planning meeting to Cllr Swinden to form the basis of any further response from the PC should the appeal be lodged.

23.046 To discuss and formally approve joining the campaign led by Cowling PC to encourage North Yorkshire Police to use fixed cameras and speed checks on appropriate roads in North Yorkshire.

It was unanimously resolved to support this campaign.

23.047 To discuss and receive any allotment updates and take any appropriate action.

- a) The Clerk confirmed that plot 34a is currently vacant. It was agreed that two pest control visits per year would be enough during the months of May and October. The Clerk will contact the pest controller to arrange this.
- b) Regarding the £10,000 s106 funds that are potentially available for allotments, it was agreed to find out what the exact criteria is for allotments and what the final spend date is. The PC can then refer to the allotment consultation document and take direction from plot holders. The Clerk will try to locate any responses to the consultation by Councilors Allum, Clark and Timbers. The Clerk recalled that the main ask from allotment holders was a better water supply, but the outcome of an informal feasibility study done by ex-

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Councilor Allum was that a mains water supply would be prohibitively expensive (c. £40,000). The Clerk stated that path widening and repair to walls and fences would be an ongoing matter for the PC and some of the walls would need attention in due course. However, s106 required costs to be project-specific. The PC will consider if a further consultation is merited.

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

The Clerk briefly talked through the key action points. There is no updated list due to the shorter meeting this month.

23.049 To receive any verbal updates from Council representatives.

Cllr Dracup reported that he has a meeting next week with Farnhill PC to discuss joint working with them to improve the access from the canal towpath to the road. Cllr Dracup also advised there may be some Ward Member Funding available for this project and potentially some s106 funds. 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.

23.050 Clerk's Report.

The Clerk stated the need to have a meeting in May as the statutory Annual Parish Council Meeting is held then (no public). This meeting can follow the monthly meeting. He also reminded the meeting that the internal audit is due near the end of May. The Clerk will send out meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 to Councillors. The Clerk stated he had phoned former councillor Kath Clark to thank her for her service and express that he hoped she would reconsider her decision.

23.051 Matters for Debate and Resolution.

a) The payment of the Meritt & Fryers invoice for £107.59 for post fix and cement on allotments was approved.

23.052 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 February 2023, the PC had a balance of £21,926.68 in the Current account (£10,000 is ringfenced for Awards for All) and £13,550.46 in the Reserve (Deposit) account. Councillors Powell and

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Robertson had agreed to become banking signatories and this would be actioned by the Clerk as a matter of urgency.

23.053 To note that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for 11th April at the CVI.

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

The meeting closed at 19.44

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