

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cononley Parish Council held in Cononley Village Institute
on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 19.00**

Present: Cllrs L.Brown (Chairman), A. Parker, J.Cockerill and N. Swain.

In attendance: Mrs Helen Gibbs (Clerk & RFO) and 9 members of the public.

- 17.15 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr H. Rudden, Cllr P. Mulligan and Cllr Fairbanks.
- 17.16 There were no recorded changes to Members' Interests.
- 17.17 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th January 2017 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
- 17.18 Mr Mark Allum and Mr Charles Godfrey Marten Lougee were co-opted on to the Parish Council. Their declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed. They took their seats at the table and were welcomed by the Chair on behalf of the Members.
- 17.19 To hear items brought forward by members of the public – agenda item 5(b).
- (i) A group of 9 concerned residents from Crosshills Road expressed their concerns regarding the safety of children and others who walk along Crosshills Road at busy times. In particular, they voiced concerns regarding the speed of the traffic at school times when at least 25 children regularly walk to school. Although most of the children wear High Vis vests, it was felt that the speed calming measures which are already in place are ineffective and vehicles are travelling in excess of the 20mph speed limit, thereby putting the safety of all pedestrians at risk. The use of the VAS sign was discussed but is not applicable to use within the village as the speed limit is set at 20mph and the VAS is calibrated for 30mph zones. The possibility of placing a traffic island on the road approaching the village was discussed. The issue of the Community Speedwatch Programme run by the Police was discussed. There was a general consensus to look into this programme further. A petition will be set up by the group once all information has been gathered.
- (ii) The issue of the copious amounts of dog poo on Cononley Streets; it is particularly bad outside the school, and discarded dog poo plastic bags in the sports field was raised. Concerns ranging from the impact on public health to the siting of dog poo bins and the sheer unpleasantness of dog poo left lying on the ground by irresponsible owners were discussed. It was decided that the members of the public would set up an action group to look at the various schemes that are around and come up with some actions to try to eliminate this disgusting problem. Cllr. Nick Swain agreed to be the Parish Council's representative on this action group.
- (iii) The issue of HGVs driving through the village in the early hours of the morning and having difficulty in turning the vehicle was raised by a member of the public. The member of the public mentioned that the weight of the vehicles has caused the drains in the road to break resulting in flooding into that person's bathroom. The member of the public expressed the opinion that the new HGV signs at the entrances to the village are not effective. The Chair commented that there was not a lot that the Council could do apart from writing to the individual companies concerned. The member of the Public agreed to keep the Council informed if there were any other instances or any change in the situation
- 17.20 The Action List was discussed.
- 17.21 The following planning applications were discussed:
- i) **21/2017/17690 – Attached dwelling – 43, Meadow Lane, Cononley**
No comment
- ii) **21/2017/17737 – Proposed conversion and extension of existing barn/garage to form an annex; Demolition of existing uPVC conservatory and erection of single storey extension on south elevation; change of use of parcel of land from agricultural to residential; demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of detached double garage – Woodside Farmhouse, Woodside Lane, Cononley**
No comment
- iii) **21/2017/17749 – Proposed detached garage with games room over (Resubmission of approved application ref: 21/2016/17088) – Woodlands, Nethergill Lane, Cononley**
No comment

- 17.22 a) Communications from parish residents were discussed.
i) Tarmac placed on part of the grass verge on Crosshills Road.
ii) Cockerel on the allotment.
- 17.23 The received general correspondence was discussed.
i) Notification of the Parishes Liaison meeting to be held Wednesday 22 March 2017. The Clerk will attend
ii) Notification of the YLCA session on 'Transparency Code and Associated Grant Funding for smaller Councils 13 March 2017. The Clerk will attend.
- 17.24 Update from Craven District Council and North Yorkshire County Council
Both Cllrs Mulligan and Fairbanks were unable to attend the meeting, however Cllr Fairbanks passed on a message that the Blue Bags used for recycled cardboard collection will be replaced by the blue bins in April 2017.
- 17.25 Update on the Neighbourhood Plan
The latest draft has been proof read but the version that to proof read that was sent through was in an un-editable format. The Chair is waiting for an electronic version of the document in a format which enables editing, to be sent through. Gargrave Parish Council will be contacted to discuss this issue once the final edit of the document has been completed.
- 17.26 Reports from Council Representatives
Cllrs Parker and Swain attended the YLCA meeting 16/01/2017. They were disappointed at the low turnout of councillors from other councils but nevertheless found the meeting useful. The Clerk to follow up on various YLCA issues they highlighted.
- 17.27 Matters for debate and resolution:
- It was resolved to renew the Council's Public Insurance Policy with Zurich Municipal over a 5 year term.
 - It was resolved to make a donation of £50 to The Citizen's Advice Bureau, Craven and Harrogate District
 - It was resolved that Cllrs Swain and Lougee will form The Community Emergency Plan Committee with support from the Clerk when needed
 - It was resolved that Cllr Cockrill will investigate the NYCC Public Consultation on Countryside Access Service
 - Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute and WWI Beacons of Light. There is no suitable public place in Cononley on which to site a beacon.
 - The Clerk will enquire into the allotments training events run by the YLCA
 - It was reported that a number of thefts have occurred in the village recently. Cllr Parker will add the Clerk's email address to the Neighbourhood Watch email which is circulated regularly.
- 17.28 The Clerk presented the financial report and it was resolved to approve the payments contained therein.
- 17.29 It was confirmed that the next meeting of the council would be held on 14th March 2017, 18.30 at the Village Institute.
The Annual Village Meeting will follow at 20.00 at the Village Institute.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Allotment Committee, the Sole Trustees of The Cononley Village Institute (223015) and of Cononley Village Playing Field (701641) held at the Village Institute on Tuesday 14th February 2017, immediately after the statutory meeting of the Council

Present: Those members who attended the statutory meeting.

Allotment Committee

- 17.2 There were no minutes to approve.
- 17.3 Cllr Parker presented list of comments made during his last allotment inspection.
- 17.4 Cllr Parker and the Clerk will make a further inspection before the April Meeting of Cononley Parish Council.

Cononley Village Institute (CVIAC)

- 17.2 a)&b) There were no minutes to approve.
- 17.2 c) There was no finance report.
- 17.3 Discussion of future hire charges for the Institute.

Cononley Village Playing Field (CVPF)

- 17.3 The Clerk will chase up the Lengthman regarding the routine playground inspection
- 17.4 The finance report was presented and it was resolved to approve the payments contained therein.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.06.