

**Minutes of the Cononley Annual Parish Meeting held in Cononley Village Institute
on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 8.00pm.**

Present: Cllrs L. Brown (Chairman), H. Gibbs, H. Rudden, A. Wade, J. Cockrill and P. Bowland.

In attendance: Ms. B.M.W. Roos (Clerk & RFO), DC P. Fairbank, CC P. Mulligan and 11 members of the public.

- 15.01 The Chair opened the meeting welcoming those present. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A. Parker.
- 15.02 The minutes of last year's APM were approved during the regular Council meeting held on 10th June 2014.
- 15.03 The Chair of the Council gave her report which is attached to these minutes.
- 15.04 DC P. Fairbank reported that the CDC Select Committee has dealt with Crime & Disorder issues. The Skipton Custody Centre will be closed by April 2015 at the latest. The view is that there are too few prisoners to warrant the staff costs and that the money saved by closing the cells could be better spent fighting cross border crime. Prisoners will be taken to Harrogate or if this is not possible to Kendal or Lancaster. Out of the savings, three extra constable posts will be created in the Craven Area, investments will take place regarding licence plate recognition devices and extra manpower to deal with 'traveling crime'. Cllr Fairbank further reported that the garden waste collection scheme has been joined by around 9,500 people. It is now a viable scheme, paying its own way and generating a profit on top of that. Fly tipping however has increased and consists mainly of builders' rubble. The new bin collection point scheme will involve initially 2,500 households, Cononley not being included in this try-out. The Select Committee will next focus on the Skipton bus station.
- CC P. Mulligan gave his report, slides of which are attached to these minutes.
- 15.05 Cllr Gibbs gave a report on behalf of the Gala Committee. The date for this year's Gala event is 20th June 2015 and the theme is 'Your environment'. Aerobatics unfortunately cannot be guaranteed this year, but the Committee is with everything else well on target. The Gala Committee currently consists of three members and the Clerk which means a lot of work for the members. Cllr Gibbs urged people to please come forward to volunteer either as a Committee Member, for on the day/evening or the Sunday when things need to be cleared up as more help is always very welcome and appreciated. A member of the public asked if trespassing of Madge Bank will take place for the Children's Fell Race to which Cllr Gibbs responded that this will not be the case. A member of the public commented that the Gala is not as child orientated anymore as it has been in the past. Cllr Gibbs will keep this comment in mind.
- 15.06 Cllr Rudden reported on the Village Institute Trust. The Annual Beer Festival and various other events that have been organised have been quite successful and will therefore be organised again. Building on last year's success, the upcoming Scarecrow event looks very promising and it is hoped that more people will put up a scarecrow this year. Changes will be made to the front porch, the plans for which can be viewed in the hall of the Institute. Thanks were expressed for the hard work that has been done by the Committee over the past year.
- 15.07 There were no reports from other village organisations.
- 15.08 Open discussion, questions and answers: A member of the public asked about the broken footbridge and was informed that the work to repair the bridge should be finished by April 2015 at the latest.
- A member of the public asked if it is correct that Giga Clear will provide a faster and more reliable internet service than BT will do. Mr Wilkinson replied that this is correct as BT will bring a fibre cable to the connection box, but then a copper cable to the houses whereas Giga Clear will bring a fibre cable to the houses which will provide a faster and more reliable connection.
- A member of the public inquired who the new Clerk was after which the Clerk was introduced to those present. Cllr Wade stated that the inadequate parking options at other train stations cause serious parking issues in Cononley and expressed his hope that the developments at Crosshills will take some of the pressure away at Cononley.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.30.

Chairman's signature


14th April 2015