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Minutes of the Meeting Of The Parish Council of Glusburn held in St Peters Church Hall on *Thursday 19th March 2009 at 6:30pm.*

Present: Chairman Cllr R Nicholson
Cllrs P Baker, P Barrett, Mrs G Birks, Mrs M Nicholson, A Poskitt and A Thompson.

Also present were: 4 members of the public, Peter Chapman CDC and CPO Jason Perkins.

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Beck, D Lund and Mrs J Wood.

2. Public Participation: up to 15 Minutes:

No person to speak for more than 5 minutes – at the discretion of the Chairman.

Peter Chapman spoke to the Cllrs regarding the closure of the public toilets in Cross Hills.

If the Parish Council decided to take over the running and ownership of the public toilets then CDC would cover the existing costs of them until the end of March 2010 to give the Parish Council time to include the costs in the relevant precept. The funding would cover the cost of employing someone to clean the toilets and provide the sundries required. It would also cover the rates. What CDC would not cover would be any repairs or maintenance that would be required. At present some repairs are required in the gents and also the graffiti needs covering- painting over.

Mr Chapman was thanked for attending the meeting.

Community Police Officer – Jason Perkins had attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on local incidents/events. He reported that drugs amongst youngsters in the villages was still a huge problem. The police are aware and are monitoring the issue. As the lighter nights arrive so will the influx of youths. Jason explained that the local police have in stock 50 of the new drug testing kits that are available for families to use. If anyone thinks a relative is using drugs they can use these kits to find out or on the other hand prove that someone is not a user.

Security Information is available at the police station for residents on how to mark personal garden items etc. Problems at the Cross Hills library have been reported to the police, many youths congregation at the rear of the library and also substance misuse in that area. The staff at the library are so afraid that they are having to lock themselves in the building and are afraid of staying behind for the later opening of the library. The police are aware and are monitoring this problem.

The hours that the CPO work have not been changed, the shifts now run until midnight, Jason reported that he will be working till midnight most Friday/Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Jason was thanked for attending the Meeting and reporting to the Parish Council.

7:00pm: The Parish Council meeting was suspended to hold The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

7:20pm The Parish Council Meeting restarted.

Public Participation Cont:

Mrs Fiona Norton of The Croft, Park Road, Cross Hills had attended the Meeting to discuss the problems that she was having living next door to Glusburn Park. She firstly commented how grateful she was for the quick responses to her phone call by the Parish Clerk and Cllr P Baker.

The Problem she and her family have is that the compost heap in the park is resting against her garage and potting shed. As the compost heap is quite large, the children playing in the park are now climbing on the compost heap and then onto her potting shed roof, this then gives the children access into the garden of her house the children responsible have now started throwing items at the huge stained glass window.

Mrs Norton is frightened for the safety of the children and also her privacy has been taken away. The potting shed is very old and Mrs Norton is unsure how strong the roof really is.

Cllr P Baker has visited the Park and Mrs Norton and the suggestion is that the PC will arrange for the compost heap to be removed and placed elsewhere in the park, and then get the park keeper to plant and allow brambles to grow against the wall in the park adjacent to Mrs Norton's potting shed, this would prevent children from climbing up and onto the roof. Mrs Norton thanked the PC for its cooperation.

Cllrs were all in agreement that Cllr P Baker should speak with the park keeper.

Mr Beaumont, a resident from Baxter Wood, Cross Hills reported to the PC that he is still having problems with people leaving the park and swinging on his fencing as his garden is next to the footpath.

3. To receive Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:

Cllr Mrs G Birks declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10.7 Glusburn Institute.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 19th February 2009:

Following spelling amendments the Minutes were proposed by Cllr Mrs M Nicholson as a correct record.

This was seconded by Cllr A Thompson. Agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5. To receive the Clerks Report & Correspondence:

Sent/To

- a. Cross Hills Allotments Treasurer. Request for a cheque for £3170.00 to cover the outstanding rent to CDC and £20 admin charge to the PC.
Cross Hills Allotment Secretary to request that a meeting of all members of the Allotment Society be organised to discuss the Allotments Lease with the PC.
- b. Letter to London Property Investments Ltd, informing them that Mr P Whittaker may be able to help with their request for historical information.
- c. Email to Jason Perkins –Community Support Officer, to thank him for the update he sent to the PC to keep the PC up dated with events and problems in the villages.
- d. Letter to Cross Hills Health Centre to ask if they could look at accommodating the podiatry service in the Health Centre.
- e. Email to CDC, Planning Department to thank them for standing by the Parish Council's decisions and consistency during the appeal against the Planning Application for 74 houses at Green Lane, Glusburn.
- f. Email to Cllr Stephen Butcher at CDC and thank him for his support and stance during the appeal against the Planning Application for 74 houses at Green Lane, Glusburn.
- g. Email to ON2DIGITAL to remind about the refund due to the PC and also to advise that the matter will be referred to the Small Claims Court if the refund is not received.
- h. Email to Chris Craven NYCC Highways and express concern regarding the time of year that the pavement slurring is taking place.
- i. Letter to Gary Bower, Licensing at CDC. To ask for help in getting the snicket next to the Spar, Cross Hills gated and locked.
- j. Stacey Mitchell, Crime Safety Partnership, to ask for help in getting the snicket next to the Spar, Cross Hills gated and locked.
- k. Jonathan Kerr, CDC. To ask for help in getting the snicket next to the Spar, Cross Hills gated and locked.

- l. Email to Steve Loach at CDC regarding the new provisions which enable Parish Councils to make donations towards work in church halls if they are used as a village hall.
- m. Email to Ian Swain at CDC regarding illegal signs at Kildwick Roundabout and Station Road, Cross Hills.

Rec/From

1. CDC. Reply to previous letter regarding the Auction Disposal Programme.
2. CDC. Further details regarding the closure of the toilets in Cross Hills.
3. National Probation Service- requesting ideas how the service could make a difference in local community.
4. Fun4kids, thank you letter for recent donation.
5. Turners Solicitors. Copies of Land Transaction Return Certificates and receipts.
6. YLCA. CDC & NYCC have set up a Scrutiny Task Group to look at how prepared we are as a County for flooding incidents. Form for completion.
7. Sutton Juniors Football Club. Request for donation
8. CDC. Development Update- January 09
9. St Peters Methodist Church. Confirmation of reduction of £10 for room hire – no heating at December 08 meeting.
10. Standards Board for England – newsletter- Feb 09.
11. 1st Kildwick & Farnhill Scouts. Request for donation.
12. The Clerk – newsletter – March 09.
13. CDC. Details regarding a survey on CDC free car parks, following proposals to extend the Pay & display car parks.
14. Turners Solicitors. Title Information Document, lease document. Townend Allotments.
15. Email from ON²DIGITAL. Offer to pay at the end of the month.
16. NYCC. Agenda for the Craven Area Committee meeting- 19th March 09.
17. NYCC. Gully Emptying. Proposal to reduce the cleaning to once a year on roads that are not high priority. Roads with history of flooding will continue to receive twice yearly cleans.
18. SLCC. Details of Training Event at Easingwold.
19. Eskdalenet. Details regarding Rural Broadband in Yorkshire.
20. Spinal Injuries Association. Request to help publicise upcoming event.
21. CDC. Details of Clerks Forum- 18th March 09 -2pm. Skipton. Apologies sent.
22. YLCA. Details regarding the Policing Pledge.
23. Marsden Contract Services. Quote for the cleaning and upkeep of the Public Toilets in Cross Hills.
24. Letter from Muir Housing regarding the proposed 74 houses at Green Lane. Offer to meet with the PC representatives.
25. CDC. Reply regarding the illegal signs in the area. These will be looked at.
26. CDC. Peter Chapman, confirming that the Public Toilets in Cross Hills will close on the 31st March 09. If the PC do not decided to take on the lease.
27. Telephone call from Mrs Norton at Park Road regarding problems in the park with the compost heap.
28. Letter of resignation from Cllr Mrs J Wood.
29. NYCC. Footway lighting maintenance contract 2009-2010.
30. NYCC reply to previous letter regarding the footpath slurring. NYCC agrees it was not the best time of year to carry out this work but as it was the end of the financial year it had to be done.
31. Wheelie Hot Wash. Quote for the cleaning and upkeep of the Public Toilets in Cross Hills.
32. CDC. Details from Peter Chapman regarding the costings for the public toilets in Cross Hills.
33. Duncan Bullough. Quote for the cleaning and upkeep of the Public Toilets in Cross Hills.
34. GIMC. Minutes from the March Meeting.

Matters Arising from the Clerks Report:

1. The PC does not think that the piece of land at the bottom of Greenway is suitable for development. With regard to the Townend Garage Site, also the PC may be interested in the lease of this site, what if any agreements are in place. Clerk to contact Andrew Whelan CDC.
6. Questionnaire to complete and return to NYCC, regarding flooding in the area.
7. The PC discussed the request form Sutton Juniors FC and it was proposed by Cllr P Barrett that the PC give the donation of £264.00 towards the safety barriers.

11. Clerk to contact the scout group and request a copy of their recent accounts, and also request that they approach NYCC for a donation.
13. Email to Peter Chapman at CDC, the PC need to know when the survey regarding the Pay & Display Car Parking will be taking place. The Pc requests that this does not take place in any of the school holidays.
14. The document regarding the land registry for Townend Allotments has arrived but it has Sutton In Craven down as the area rather than Glusburn. Clerk to contact the Land Registry Office.
17. With regard the gullies that are to be emptied once a year rather than twice raised concern with the Cllrs, the blocked gullies in the area need to be rodded and cleared out completely to prevent blockage and flooding. Clerk to contact Chris Craven at NYCC. Any savings that are made need to be put into the gully emptying contract.
20. The PC is happy to display any posters that the Spinal Unit provide.
22. Details regarding the Police and their Policing Pledge. Clerk to add the contact details onto the Parish Website.
28. Resignation of Cllr Mrs J Wood, Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Jenny and also inform CDC of the vacancy.
29. Clerk to contact NYCC and request that the increase in footway maintenance be forwarded sooner to allow the PC to precept for the increase. Also request for the number of lights that the PC will be paying the 7% or 8% increase for.

6. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

6.1 Public Conveniences in Cross Hills:

Following a lengthy discussion and debate and regarding the Public Toilets in Cross Hills and the quotes received from contractors, it was Proposed by Cllr A Thompson that the toilets in Cross Hills be taken over by the PC. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs G Birks.

The proposal was voted on: 6 Cllrs were for the proposal and 1 was against.

It was also agreed that in principle - Marsden Contract Services would get the contract from the PC.

Clerk to contact Peter Chapman at CDC with a letter of intent.

Clerk to contact Marsden Contract Services and inform him of the new contract.

The Cllrs were all in agreement that the contract lease with CDC must have a break in clause for the PC to opt out if need be.

7. Highways & Transportation:

The South Craven Service Centre Transport Strategy reported that the proposed traffic lights at the junction of Holme Lane and Main Street was rejected, PC feel that these lights are very much required. Clerk to contact NYCC Highways.

When the temporary weight restriction was in place preventing HGV from coming through the villages on the A6068 and the A56 there was a 50% reduction in the HGV and the others soon found another route to use. NYCC are looking at the weight restrictions on these roads.

8:45pm. Cllr D. Lund arrived at the meeting.

Clerk to write to Highways NYCC.

8. Local Development Framework:

The first of the drop in sessions regarding the LDF has been held and around 80 residents attended.

The other two sessions in Glusburn Institute and Sutton Pavilion are to be held on the 18th & 24th March.

9. Litter:

Environmental Health Officers have started visiting Secondary School to give advice on litter and the environment. They will be attending South Craven School.

Fixed penalty notices for litter offences will be brought into operation in the area.

10. Reports:

10.1 Parks & Recreation / Amenity land, Colne Road, Discussed earlier in the meeting.

10.2 Lighting and New Christmas Lights:

Clerk to contact Tarmac Limited to obtain a quote for the installation and removal of the Christmas lights for 2009.

The new street lights that the PC have had installed all need a coat of paint to protect them for many years. The quote from NYCC to carry out this work will be approx £50 per light and we have 40 columns. It was proposed by Cllr P Barrett that the PC go ahead with this work. Seconded by Cllr Mrs G Birks. Cllrs were all in favour. Clerk to contact Paul Gilmore at NYCC and give him the go ahead.

10.3 Allotments Lease: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

10.4 YLCA: Nothing to report.

10.5 CDC:

The Garden Centre operating out of Midland Mills is to be investigated as no planning permission has ever come through.

The housing numbers are still under discussion at CDC, figures have been revised regarding re new building application. Skipton will now have 45% whilst Glusburn will have 17%. This brings the number down from 65 to 43 per annum.

With regard the Green Lane appeal. A Solicitor's company called Walton & Co Solicitors have written to a Community and local Government in London (Cleary). The Solicitor is appalled by the proceedings especially with the local opposition. This does not reflect the Secretary of State's decision.

10.6 NYCC :

Cllr P Barrett reported that the Area Committee grant money has now all been allocated. £885 has gone to Cross Hills FC and Glusburn Institute received £2500.

10.7 Glusburn Institute:

Cllr A Thompson and Cllr Mrs G Birks reported on the Glusburn Institute. The pantomime has yet again been a huge success.

There is a big increase in turnover at the Institute. More groups are now using the Institute. There are 9 adult education classes each week

Cllr Mrs Birks reported that the Institute has more people using the facilities each week than local groups such as the football or cricket and she feels that this need to be taken into consideration when donations are made.

9:30pm – Cllr D.Lund left the Meeting.

11. To consider the Parish Newsletter / Parish Plan / Parish Council Website:

The Pilot Questionnaire for the Parish plan is to be circulated shortly and the group have a meeting next week.

12. Financial Matters:

12.1	To approve the following accounts for payment	
	a) Park Administration	1559.22
	b) Clerks Salary	403.33
	c) Clerks Expenses	8.17
	d) Relief Park Keeper	33.75
	e) QDK	126.50

f)	Cross Hills Handy Man	39.59
g)	YLCA Membership Renewal	589.00
h)	Sutton Juniors Football Club	264.00

13. To consider the following Planning Applications:

13.1 32/2008/9469

Proposal: Extension to Existing Store
Location: 1 & 1a Mount Pleasant, Green Lane, Glusburn
Applicant: Mr Robert Mason

Comment: No adverse comments

13.2 32/2008/9486

Proposal: Construction Of New Access and Driveway
Location: Green House, Binns Lane, Glusburn
Applicant: Exors of Lillie Snowden

Comment: No adverse comments

13.3 32/2008/9393

Proposal: Two Storey Side Extension
Location: 59 Clayton Hall Road, Cross Hills
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Finnis

Comment: No adverse comments

13.4 NY/2009/0099/FUL

Proposal: Provision of a single storey building to accommodate s Sure Start Children's Centre.
Location: Glusburn CP School, Colne Road, Glusburn.
Applicant: North Yorkshire County Council

**Comment: *The Parish Council would like to object to the proposed site of the building as the visual amenity at the school would be lost.
 Could the building be sited to the South of the main school building.***

14. To Receive the Following Planning Decisions/Information.

14.1 32/2008/9143

Demolition of Existing workshop & construction of new workshop on same site
 Midland Works, Skipton Road, Cross Hills.

GRANTED

15. **To confirm the Date of Next Meeting:
 16th April - 7:00pm - St Peters Church Hall, Crosshills.**

Signed.....Chairman 19th March 2009