

# Long Preston Parish Council Minutes

Village Hall Monday 12th September 2011 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Thwaite, Cllr Newhouse, Cllr McBride, Cllr Monks, Cllr Moorby, Cllr Johnston, Cllr Baker, District Cllr R Welch

D Cairns (NYCC Highways), P Lambert & A Hulme (YDNPA), A Righton (Natural England)

Members of the public: 5

1. Declarations of Interest – A Members register of interest form was passed to Cllr Moorby with an up to date copy of the code of conduct. The clerk will check the existing register of Members Interests.

Playing fields – Cllr Newhouse and Cllr Monks

Water Trust - Cllr Monks and Cllr Newhouse

Village Hall – Cllr Newhouse and Cllr McBride Cllr Baker

Alms Houses – Cllr Baker

Lengths man – Cllr Thwaite

Christmas Lights and ‘Save Our Craven Countryside’ – Cllr Moorby

2. Apologies for absence -None

3. Public Participation

A resident requested a larger dustbin for the playing field. District Councillor Firth was investigating the possibility.

A resident reported the damage to Greengates Lane leading up to the moor. Heavy wagons were breaking up the sides of the road. The Parish Council agreed to report this to Highways and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

A member of the Christmas lights committee handed over copies of the electricians qualifications.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 were proposed as true record by Cllr McBride and seconded by Cllr Newhouse.
5. Peter Lambert – Pennine Bridleway Project Officer YDNPA presented to the meeting the proposal for the Pennine Bridleway National Trail - A65 road crossing and route west to Back Lane.

A Map of the Bridleway was distributed and had the approval of the Secretary Of State .There are 15 National Trails completed over the last 6 years. The Pennine Bridleway is the last one for horses. After Consultation with all agencies a safe access for horses across roads was approved

in 1996 by the Secretary of State. Over a 25 year period 200 miles route of which 130 miles has already been opened. (97% complete).

There are few gaps, one of which is Long Preston.

David Cairns presented a map showing the proposed road crossing with various locations which had been investigated. West End by the bungalows had problems with visibility, foot way width and signal junctions.

The crossing at the Maypole is now the option being looked into. It is staggered controlled junction with lights. The police and highways consider safer. It is a push button operation by the riders operating on 4 Phases with also cars at the two junctions. Busy sections of the Pennine Bridleway may get 40-50 crossings of which 5-10 are Horses. Approximately 10-15 total crossings on a weekday.

A resident expressed concerns about an already chaotic road.

No agreement from landowners stopped the proposal at the West End crossing.

Peter Lambert presented a Map showing 7 routes that had been considered. (The Red route had been approved by Sec of State).

If agreement wasn't obtained a Creation Order could be used. Although this had to comply with relevant tests under the Highway Act 1980 section 26 & 29.

County Councillor Richard Welch thought that horses crossing the road and children crossing the road plus cars were a dangerous prospect.

A resident asked how this was all funded – Anne Righton explained that it was a combination of Government money, lottery money & other grants.

Cllr Thwaite proposed a formal public consultation in November. Cllr Newhouse seconded.

## 6. Matters arising

6.1 Insurance review update –The Clerk is in the process of obtaining up to date valuations and inventories of benches and street lighting and she has spoken to Zurich insurance about making changes and taken advice about the difference in types of cover.

## 7. Reports from Council representatives

Cllr Baker representative of the Village hall meeting reported that they were waiting for another quote for central heating. The Committee are looking for Grants but the finances were healthy.

Cllr Moorby reported that 'Socc' had a meeting with CDC Planning Officers at Bendgate. Strategic manager, David Smurthwaite agreed to joint consultation.

Site cannot be changed before re-consultation of Local Development Framework which is approximately 18mths away. A proposed Walk round the Hellifield Flashes is on 24th September.

Cllr Johnston reported that there had been an AGM of the James Knowles Trust with the same trustees nominated and approved as before.

## 8. Village Environment

8.1. Lengthsman Report. Litter picking list of works for next agenda trees wait till October To be looked at asap

8.2. Playing Fields AGM. Cllr Monks reported back from the Annual General Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011 .Four members were present and the previous Minutes were approved. The Pavilion now has a water tight membrane. The Chairman is looking at deeds. All members agreed to stay on until the terms of the trust deed are clarified. The Solicitors acting are Charlesworth Wood and Brown. When the current Playing Fields Committee folds it has to advertised. Unless new members come forward there will be no one to look after the playing fields. It cannot automatically be passed to the Parish Council.

8.3. Play Area refurbishment. In order to progress the refurbishment three estimates are to be obtained and a bid for grant money to be submitted to Craven District Council. Cllr Thwaite proposed and Cllr Moorby seconded. Clerk to action.

8.4. Garage Removal and Replacement with an 8 x 10 steel container at the back by the area. Use wood to clad the container. The Chairman had received two estimates approx. £1400 + Vat and £1580.

8.5. Car Parking Extension proposal was voted on. Cllr Moorby voted against Cllrs Baker, Monks, and Johnston voted in favour Cllrs Newhouse and McBride gave no comment. A suggestion was made to ask the school and perhaps the church for a contribution towards the cost of the car park. Further consideration to be given to this matter at the next meeting.

8.6. Parish Council Notice Board is now in place .The Parish Council Name has still to go on the board .The Clerk had made a request for it to be lower than the previous board, this has been actioned.

8.7. Hartley Green Bus Shelter (106 agreement). Two letters of objection to the notices that Highways erected at West End.

Cllr Moorby had a meeting with Frank Crossley from NYCC Highways who advised him that liaison direct with the contractors was possible. There was ample room at both locations. Location plans to be sent.

A query was raised as to whether full council approval for two shelters had been given. Cllr Moorby recollected that it was some 4/5 years ago that the Parish Council wanted two shelters. Clerk to check previous minutes if available. Cllr Moorby had received a letter from

Mr A Robinson (Littlethorpes) requesting plans of the underground services.

Littlethorpe have confirmed they have NRWSA.

The clerk requested all correspondence that Cllr Moorby held relating to the bus shelter project to be should be passed back to the clerk.

#### 8.8. Street Light Tender Notice

Approved unanimously and to be advertised in the Craven Herald, Post Office, Notice Board and on the website and to both local contractors. Proposed by Cllr Newhouse Cllr Johnston seconded. John Matthews suggested placing the notice in the Parish magazine.

#### 9. Planning Matters:

9.1. Planning matters: Application C/52/698A - Full planning to create new 6m gateway and 4m wide bridge over the beck at The Hawes Woodland, Langber Lane, Long Preston. Cllr Moorby proposed Cllr Newhouse seconded.

9.2. Planning matters: Decisions – None

#### 10. Finance

##### 10.1. Current Statement

Bank Reconciliation 31/08/2011	
Balance brought fwd. at 1 April 2011	£19424.23
Add receipts for the year	£10416.38
	£29840.61
Less Payments	£16550.75
	<u>£13289.86</u>
Balances cash in hand at 31/08/2011	
Business Money Manager Account	£5253.41
Community Account	£8036.45
Petty cash in hand (gen)	-
	<u>£13289.86</u>

10.2. Payments were approved Cllr Mc Bride proposed and Cllr Newhouse seconded.

D/D Loan Payment	£890.97
B Hugill Street Light Repair	£37.02
Cilca Clerk Training	£100.00
Mazars External Audit	£342.00
Clerk Wages	£257.50
Philip Johnston postage	£3.88

10.3 Conclusion of the annual return. Thanks to Dr Ben Haines (previous clerk) and the Parish Councillors.

## 11. Correspondence

11.1 Email from Ian Evans re Toddstiles footpath and stiles between the village and Langber Lane. YDNPA are involved in the 'plan' to amend the entrance but it needs an absentee landlord to donate part of the field. For information.

11.2 Email from Steve Shaw (Local Works national co-ordinator promoting sustainable Communities Act). Proposal to empower parish councils to request major developers to attend PC meetings and provide resources to PC to enable them to assess developers' applications. The Parish Council agreed to support – clerk to email back.

11.3 Certificate of membership of Rural Action Yorkshire.

11.4 Letter from Mr Cunliffe objection to Bus Shelter at West End. Already discussed under item 8.7.

11.5 Email from North West re Street Light Repairs confirming repair.

11.6 Letter from Mr Tyrer re access across The Green (Main Green). To be placed on November Agenda.

11.7 Letter from CDC re Sustainable Community Strategy. For Information.

### *Newsletters/Circulars/Posters*

NYCC 'Craven Area Committee' - 10.00 am Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at Belle Vue Mills

Craven District Council Notice of Office Move and opening on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011

North Yorkshire Rural – Local Homes Summer 2011 newsletter

British Transport Police August Newsletter 2011

Register of Electors Posters for display – Registration forms to vote sent out August.

National Personal Safety Day Poster for display.

## 12. Items of interest for information only/Items for next meeting Contact Clerk

Trees work on trees.

## 13. Date of next Council Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 at 7:30 p.m. [www.longpreston.info](http://www.longpreston.info)

Signed

Dated