

Minutes of a Meeting held by Burton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council on Thursday 25th October 2007 between 7.30pm and 9.45pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Burns (Chairman), Ford, Jones, Mason and Salrein; County Councillor Ireton, District Councillor Barrington; Sgt. L Moorhouse, Traffic, NY Police; Paul Edwards, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

In attendance: The Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr. Handley, District Councillor Camacho.

1. Declarations of interest (if any) re this meeting; signing of Declarations Book; changes

to be updated on Register of Members' Interests

Item 11b: Cllr Burns (member of Bowling Club).

Item 10: Cllr. Mason (resident of Greta Heath, adjacent to Riverside Land).

2. Traffic Matters in Burton in Lonsdale

a) Introduction by Parish Council Chairman

Cllr. Burns introduced the representatives from NY Police and the Fire and Rescue Service, Sgt. Moorhouse and Paul Edwards, respectively. North Yorks County Council Highways Department declined to attend the meeting (see Appendix 2).

b) Discussion with NYCC Highways, NY Police and Craven Crime Reduction Partnership representatives (NB no representative to be sent by NYCC)

Sgt. Moorhouse briefly told the meeting of his review of the correspondence concerning the traffic calming scheme and that it should be noted NY Police doubted in 2004 the adequacy of the final scheme design. The police view of traffic calming schemes in general is that they should be self-enforcing, achievable by sufficiently designed measures. In Burton's case, although it was clear residents supported a 20mph limit, a significant number were against the actual measures. This resulted in the original scheme being modified to such an extent that it became ineffective. Sgt. Moorhouse stated design values for traffic calming schemes have changed in the last three years, and this would be taken into account when considering improvements to the current scheme in Burton.

In Sgt. Moorhouse's opinion there are three options:

i) abandon the scheme in its entirety, accepting the obvious cost implications

ii) deploy a speed matrix sign to collect traffic speed data

iii) train the public/residents to monitor traffic speed through the village.

Currently there are no traffic speed cameras in North Yorkshire, but this may change, with mobile cameras, in vans, being deployed, as do Cumbria/Lancashire Police.

Paul Edwards reviewed the possibility of deploying a mobile speed matrix sign. The sign, which can be calibrated to read 20mph, 30mph or 40mph, depending on where it is positioned, is kept at Skipton, making it difficult and costly for Fire Service personnel to man the sign on a daily basis in places as far away as Burton (come out from Skipton to place sign, return to Burton to take sign back for charging each evening = two round trips of 56 miles). Mr. Edwards suggested training local people to set up and use the sign, and recharge the batteries each evening (as they last just one day); this would be after the Fire Service had

assessed which sites were most suitable for placing the sign. He also mentioned a doplar radar device which can be temporarily attached to a lamp post to read vehicle speed and size, and which has a battery life of one week. These items can be requested by completing a formal request document, available from the Fire Station, Skipton.

In conclusion, Sgt Moorhouse said he would give his full support for whatever measures the Parish Council would take to improve the traffic calming measures' effectiveness, and would make a report to his superiors about the outcome of the meeting.

c) Actions to be undertaken following discussion

Resolved

The Parish Council would pursue use of the speed matrix and doplar radar equipment to collect traffic speed data, to assess the current situation accurately before requesting further traffic calming measures.

The Chairman thanked Sgt. Moorhouse and Paul Edwards for attending the meeting and their useful advice.

Sgt Moorehouse and Paul Edwards left the meeting at approximately 8.15pm.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 27th September 2007

The Minutes for the above meeting was circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting and taken as read.

Resolved

The Minutes for the meeting of 27th September 2007 were accepted as a fair record. The Chairman signed and dated the Minutes. Copies of the Minutes were made available for the Village Hall Notice Board.

4. Public Questions or Statements

There were no public questions or statements.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 27th September 2007

There were no matters arising

6. Police matters

There were no police matters apart from the above discussion.

7. Finance

a) Bank balances as at 19th October 2007

The Clerk presented the bank balances as at 19th October 2007, and a schedule of commitments and payments. Please see appendix 1.

b) Payments of budgeted and non budgeted items

Resolved

To authorise payments on behalf of the Parish Council as per Appendix 1.

8. Post Office Closures Review: consultation period November 2007

The Chairman summarised the national review of Post Office outlets being undertaken by the Post Office, and informed the meeting that the Craven area of North Yorkshire review will be opened for public consultation as from 27th November 2007. It was

Resolved

To write a letter to Post Office Counters Ltd supporting the retention of Burton in Lonsdale Post Office, highlighting its role in the village shop's success and the immediate community.

9. Reports

County Councillor

County Cllr. Ireton informed the meeting that NYCC is proposing to reduce the Highways Winter Maintenance provision, something which he will oppose vigorously, as it has been shown in the past that gritting of local roads in icy weather is a priority. It was noted the route using Mill Hill to Spider Gate (Clifford Hall) requires gritting, particularly in the light of a school bus calling there to collect/deliver children to/and from school.

District Councillor

District Cllr. Barrington reported Craven District Council is discussing the 2008 Budget; concessionary fares will change from April 2008, as the county from where a journey starts will pay for the journey (particularly useful for travellers starting at Burton/Bentham (in North Yorkshire) and travelling to Lancaster (Lancashire) and vice versa. The District Councillors' local surgery will be in January at the Village Shop.

Councillor Salrein mentioned the lateness of a particular morning bus service; the Clerk is to write to Stagecoach Ltd bringing this to the company's attention.

It was agreed to bring forward Item 10, as Cllr Jones has to leave the meeting by 9pm.

10. Riverside Land: Licence for Wheeled Access

Confirmation of final draft contents; signing by Parish Council representatives and witnessing of agreement.

The final agreement was circulated to Councillors before the meeting, and taken as read. There were no further amendments.

Resolved:

The agreement should now be signed in its present form, dated 1st November 2008; as a token of goodwill the first payment will be from 1st April 2008 as the first season under the new licence has already finished, although the licence had not been drawn up due to various delays.

(Vote: 3 councillors for, 1 councillor against.)

The Chairman, Cllr Burns, and Cllrs Ford and Jones signed the agreement; the Clerk witnessed the signatures.

9.00pm: Cllr. Jones left the meeting.

9. Reports (continued)

Parish Councillors

Resolved

Clerk to write to Stagecoach Ltd regarding the timetabling of early morning buses to/from Ingleton, particularly to connect with buses to either Settle or Kirkby Lonsdale. Clerk to report Chapel Lane/Low Street/Leeming Lane junction subsidence (again).

Clerk

The Clerk has received a quote for a 'Victorian' style lighting column that might replace the concrete column demolished in August. The overall cost is about £300 more than a 'like for like' replacement column. The councillors were not clear if the size of a 'Victorian' style column was the same as the previous column; the Clerk undertook to investigate further and report back to the next meeting.

There were no reports for: Woodland Trust, Burton Community Sports, YLCA, Joint Access and Rights of Way Committee, or Burton Regeneration Group

Village Hall Committee

Cllr. Salrein reported one fan, to blow warm air down from the ceiling, has been installed.

Reparation Development Officer, NYCC Youth Offending Team there continues to be no suitable project to be undertaken by a Young Offenders team.

11. Recreation Field

a) Play Area Maintenance

Resolved

To monitor for further signs of wear a rubber mat under one of the swings.

b) Lease of land to Bowling Club: review of letter to Bowling Club from its solicitor

A copy of a long letter from the Bowling Club's solicitor to the Bowling Club Secretary, outlining what he considered would be necessary to complete a lease was circulated prior to the meeting; after some discussion, it was agreed the Clerk should seek further advice from the YLCA as to what the Parish Council should expect to be done by an organisation seeking to lease Parish Council land.

c) Request to use Recreation Field for Firework Display on 5th November 2007

The Clerk has received a request by the Bonfire Committee to put on a Firework Display on the Recreation Field on Monday 5th November 2007.

Resolved

The Bonfire Committee to be given permission to use the Recreation Field on Monday 5th November 2007.

d) Letter from Firefly Balloons re flight vouchers

A letter from Firefly Balloon Promotions Ltd, offering two flight vouchers, was read to the meeting.

Resolved

To accept Mr Fenton's offer of tickets, requesting a letter of confirmation of the tickets' valid dates, as the Parish Council intends to market the tickets well ahead of the intended period during which the vouchers can be used.

12. Parish Plan: a discussion

The Clerk reported to the meeting that a leaflet about Parish Plans has been received; the last time the parish and its services were fully reviewed was in 1993. A parish plan takes a lot of preparation and work but can give substantial rewards to the parish.

Resolved

To discuss further this item at the January 2008 meeting; in the meantime to request a representative to come and give a short talk about what a parish plan involves.

13. Craven District Council

Local Development Framework for CDC outside the YDNP, Core Strategy and Preferred Options: CONSULTATION 28.9.07 TO 16.11.07: consultation on Thursday 18th October at Bentham Town Hall

The meeting was not attended by anyone from Burton parish council; it was noted comments regarding the Core Strategy and Preferred Options must be submitted in writing by 23rd November 2007; the LDF to be monitored.

14. North Yorkshire County Council

No items.

15. Correspondence

- a) Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA): draft statement of community involvement YD Development Framework 2006-2021
This item was noted and will be monitored.

- b) Resident's letter re traffic using satellite navigation systems routing through the village.
The letter was circulated to councillors prior to this meeting, and taken as read. The Clerk to write acknowledgement and thanks for letter.

- c) Press Notice re this council's adoption of the revised Code of Conduct.
The Clerk informed the meeting that Craven District Council had placed one advertisement in the Craven Herald on behalf of several parish councils, indicating the councils' adoption of the revised Code of Conduct.

16. Items to be included by Clerk in press release regarding the meeting

Resolved

To report on traffic calming discussion.

17. Items for Inclusion at November meeting:

- a) Budget for 2008-2009, setting of precept
- b) Parish Plan: this to be deferred to January 2008.
- c) Review of Parish Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

18. Date, time and venue of next monthly Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 22nd November 2007, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed.....

Date.....



Appendix 1

Bank Balances, Commitments and Payments October 2007

Bank Balances

NatWest Current Account at 19.10.07	300.00
NatWest Business Reserve Account at 19.10.07	8,253.85
NatWest Bonus Saver Account at 30.06.07	<u>6,883.58</u>
	15,437.43
Less: Unpresented cheques: none	
	<u>15,437.43</u>

Commitments at 19th October 2007

Contingency	1,000.00
Burton Regeneration Group set aside in 2005/6, 2006/7	3,334.00
Very Old & Separate Churchyard Lych Gate Restoration (200 +500)	700.00
VOSCY Safety Notice	150.00
VOSCY memorial safety inspections	600.00
VOSCY tree maintenance	225.00
Riverside Land posts (between £570 and £2075)	1,000.00
Clerk: use of private dwelling, storage, holiday (2006/7)	362.00
Clerk's Retirement Gratuity & pension provision starting 2007/8: in budget	
Village Transport Needs Survey grant money	202.00
Budget remaining at 25.10.07: approx.	<u>4,200.00</u>
	<u>11,773.00</u>

Cash at Bank 31.3.08

3,664.43

Parish Council - Payments 2007

1334	25.10.07	E.On Energy (street lighting to 9.10.07)	159.55
1335	25.10.07	YLCA re electronic copy Chairmanship and S.O.	14.98
1336	25.10.07	S Gregory (Clerks salary Oct 2007)	160.70
			<u>335.23</u>

Copy email, dated 8th October, 2007, timed 11.25am:

Dear Mrs Gregory,

Ken has discussed your email (copy below) with me.

You will recall that he emailed you on 31/08/07 following a similar request when he indicated that the County Council could not justify any significant expenditure on further measures in Burton-in-Lonsdale with respect to the 20mph zone. This subject was an agenda item at the Craven Area Forum on 12/09/07 when this position was explained again. It was agreed that 20mph roundels would be laid on the road but Ken did point out that they have been shown to have a very limited effect on driver behaviour. It was however suggested by C Cllr Ireton that a verbal report should be taken to the next Craven Area Committee on 01/10/07.

In view of the recent detailed discussions on this issue in both a public open forum and in correspondence and the fact that the matter will be discussed at the forthcoming Area Committee I asked Ken not to attend the Parish Council meeting as requested. I will contact you again after the Committee meeting to formally let you know the outcome.

Chris Craven

Area Manager (Skipton)
Highways and Transportation
NYCC

Dear Mr Martin

The parish councillors would very much appreciate if you are able to come along to the October meeting, on Thursday 25th October, starting at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall, High Street, Burton in Lonsdale.

In the light of residents' observations, and councillors' representations to NYCC and the Police regarding the traffic calming scheme since April 2006, the councillors wish to discuss with you further measures which might be taken to render the current traffic calming measures more effective.

The council understands you have undertaken to cost the provision of extra speed limit roundels through the village and looks forward to the information and the possibility of installing them as a first step to improving the scheme.

The council is also inviting Alan Atkins, of Craven Crime Reduction Partnership, to come along, as he will be able to explain the new regime for deploying the mobile speed matrix sign; PC McClurg of NY Police is also invited, as he usually attends meetings to make a short report.

Thanking you in advance

Yours sincerely

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