

Minutes

Burton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm Thursday 23rd March 2017

Village Hall, Burton in Lonsdale

Present: Cllrs. Handley (Chair), Mason, Salrein, Sedgwick and Shaw; Count Cllr. David Ireton; three members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Tate and Thompson

In attendance: the Clerk

1 Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

To record any Councillor's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to this Agenda's items

There were none.

2 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 23rd February 2017

Resolved

The Minutes of the above meetings were accepted as an accurate record, and o be signed at the end of the meeting.

3 Matters Arising from 23rd February 2017 Minutes, if not on Agenda

There were no matters arising.

4 Public Questions or Statements: see attached conditions

One member of the public asked for clarification regarding the Chairman's name, confirmed as Stuart Handley.

5 Reports

a) Police

In PC Parson's absence, the Clerk informed the meeting:

" Of over a hundred calls to NYP for the Bentham/Ingleton Wards during the last month only 3 relate to Burton:

04/03/17 – Neighbour Dispute, High Street (a different one to previously reported)

10/03/17 – Damage only road traffic collision, Ireby Road

12/03/17 – Nuisance telephone calls"

b) North Yorks County Councillor

Cllr. Ireton reported the road bridge at Coniston Cold is the subject of a feasibility study to improve both its (listed status) structure and traffic flows, as it suffered numerous collisions, and traffic flows have increased over the years. Options being considered: widening the bridge, building another bridge alongside, etc.

The A59 between Skipton and Harrogate, subject of major landslips after Storm Desmond in December 2015, is also being studied; three possible solutions are being considered; the project would have to be delivered in three years (not the expected 6 years).

In both cases funding would come from the Department of Transport rather than county funds.

Rathmell Primary School's future is now under consideration; the matter is out for consultation. Small village schools desperately need young families to come to live n the villages; however, house prices are too high for young families, and it tends to be people of retirement age who can afford to buy property in village locations. This points to more building development being required to satisfy

demand.

Settle Swimming Pool may be closing for a short period for repairs/an upgrade.

c) Craven District Councillors

Planning Matters

Applications

15/2017/17717: Tatham House, Low Street: internal alterations; single storey extension; first floor side extension; removal of dormer and replacement with rooflights; external works.

Resolved

Councillors had no comments to make.

15/2017/17793 Stone Bower, 10 High Street: LB application to remove one internal stud wall dividing entrance hall and kitchen

Resolved

Councillors had no comments to make, noting it was surprising planning permission is being sought for internal works to a structure that was not present in the original build.

Permissions were noted for:

15/2016/17642: 5 Coronation Mt, Ireby Road

15/2016/17658 and 9: Bull Farm, High Street.

Waste Collections: it was noted a new collection system will start on 1st April: all recyclables (paper, glass and cans) will be collected in one bin every two weeks; general waste will be collected alternate weeks.

d) Clerk

YLCA; Correspondence: nothing to report for these items.

The Clerk attended the Craven District Council Parishes Liaison Meeting on 22nd March and noted:

- should a building development of a significant number be proposed, any concerns regarding traffic density/flows should be notified directly to the planning and highways authorities and police, rather than just the planning authority.
- Emergency Planning: a new template is available for parishes' use.
- Road safety: 95 Alive campaign is under review

Additional notes will be circulated to councillors.

Cllr. Ireton noted the traffic calming scheme in Burton can be enforced as a Traffic Regulation order is in place. However, if it is not self-regulating (ie engineered to ensure traffic does adhere to speed limits), it is difficult to enforce.

6 Finance Matters

a) Bank balances, including receipts since statement date

The Clerk reported the bank balances as per the Appendix. As mentioned at the last meeting a possible surplus of £8,000 was subject to revision; the forecast is now approximately £2,500, taking into consideration both committed expenditure and this meeting's payments.

b) Approval of payments of budgeted and non budgeted items

Resolved

To approve the payments as per the Appendix.

c) Street lighting: future costs

NYCC has informed parishes which pay NYCC for street lighting power supply will be facing substantial price increases in the coming year. Parishes are

recommended to investigate other suppliers' electricity prices.

d) Annual Audit: internal audit date

The Clerk informed the meeting the internal audit will be from 20th April to 16th May, earlier than previous audits. The Annual Return must be completed and approved by the parish council and submitted to the external auditor by 12th June.

7 **Richard Thornton School Site:** progress report re disposal

Clr Tate reported prior to the meeting that discussions are ongoing within the Diocese and hopes some news would be forthcoming by the end of 2017.

Clr. Salrein expressed disappointment at the lack of progress to dispose of the school buildings and land, following the school's closure in August 2014.

It was noted a potential sale was halted following the property's inclusion in the draft Craven District Local Plan, itself due to be out for consultation again toward the end of 2017. The property's inclusion in the draft Local Plan may affect the final value of the site. The site is owned by the Richard Thornton Family Trust and the Trustees are legally obliged to seek the best outcome for the Trust's beneficiaries, hence the delay awaiting the outcome of the final Local Plan.

8 **Parish Councillor Reports**

a) Village Hall Committee

Clr Salrein reported there will be an AGM on 3rd April; it is possibly the first formal meeting of the committee for nearly twelve months.

b) Bentham Common Lands Charity: no report.

c) Woodland Trust: no report.

d) Local Footpath Volunteers: Partnership Working

A short meeting of the organiser, Sheila Laking and two of the four local volunteers was held last week, by way of introduction to the people and processes.

9 **A Village Orchard**

Proposal by Burton Pals with Trowels to provide a small fruit orchard

Clr Salrein stated her strong opposition to the proposal, citing the main purpose of the Recreation Field as being for sports.

The clauses from the original conveyance, dated 4th May 1920 transferring the land from R J Tatham's representatives to Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council were given to the meeting as including :

".....And whereas the said Leonard Tatham is desirous of dedicating the said land to the public use for the purpose of a Recreation Ground.....

To the intent and purpose that the said land shall at all times hereinafter be used and maintained as a public pleasure and recreation ground in accordance with such Bye-laws and Regulations as may from time to time be made by the Council."

A detailed discussion followed; Cllr. Mason praised the good work done to date by Pals with Trowels and proposed a site meeting to further explore the matter.

Resolved

To hold a site meeting on Thursday 13th April at 7pm, starting at the Recreation Field, and to include Pals with Trowels representatives, Parish Councillors, and Mark Christie (as current proposer/instigator of sports activities in the village).

4 for, 1 against.

Two members of the public left the meeting at approximately 8.30pm.

10 Annual Parish Meeting: arrangements

Resolved

To hold the meeting on Thursday 27th April, starting at approximately 7.30pm, following a short monthly meeting of the Parish Council. The agenda to include an opportunity for local groups to give reports about their activities during the past year. Publicity to include a short item in the *Burtonian*.

Cllr. Ireton left the meeting.

11 Recreation Committee

Play Area inspection reports

Cllr. Mason reported that Recreation Committee member M. Illesley, had done a play equipment visual inspection, in Cllr. Thomson's absence, and given his findings to the committee; there are no urgent items to attend to.

Pavilion: bookings, maintenance, including cleaning

The Clerk reported regular bookings by Lonsdale Archers, occasional bookings by Wray FC and children's parties. Inspection and cleaning continue on a regular basis.

12 Maintenance Reports

a) Village Green, including War Memorial: nothing to report.

b) Riverside Land

Cllr. Mason reported some work has been done to the damaged grass areas near the WwTW gates. Now waiting for warmer weather for seeding.

c) Very Old and Separate Churchyard: no report

d) Street Lighting: Greta Heath faulty light mended within five working days of reporting.

e) Public benches

The Clerk noted someone unknown had tidied around the benches at Ireby Road, and will put short item in *Burtonian* to thank them. Noted that Pals with Trowels look after the benches at the Village Green and will be looking after the bench outside the (now closed) school.

f) Public Footpaths: see item 8d above.

13 Items to be included by Clerk in press release

Resolved

To report new recycling arrangements and the date of the Annual Parish Meeting.

14 Date, time and venue next monthly Parish Council meeting

Resolved

27th April 2017, (before Annual Parish Meeting the same evening)

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

Signed

Dated

**Bank Balances, Commitments, & Payments
March 2017****Bank Balances, including receipts**

Current Account at 15.03.17	300.00
Business Reserve A/c at 15.03.17	25,139.89
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Less unpresented cheques at 15.03.17	-40.00
receipts for Mar 2017 included:	
Interest (at 28.02.2017)	0.20
Rec Field and Pavilion Bookings (Feb 17)	138.00
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	25,399.89

Commitments as at 23 March 2017

Contingency Fund	2,000.00
Very Old and Separate Churchyard:	
Lych Gate Restoration (200 +500)	700.00
Safety Notice, grass (150, 220.25) & memorials (850) & 190	960.25
Clerk's Retiremt Gratuity provn YLCA re-calc at 11/14 (£308 not reallocated)	2,156.00
Sports Pavilion Maintenance Fund (£1,000 pa, Minute 7e 28 Nov 2013, £644.25 insurance)	1,844.00
Budget remaining inc Feb. payments (net of VAT)	11,888.44
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	19,548.69

Payments March 2017

d/d	Extra Energy direct debit 6.3.17	104.48
2080	Hillary's Blinds Ltd (window blinds for pavilion)	318.60
2081	S Handley (print allowance 2016-17)	35.00
2082	M Mason (print allowance 2016-17)	35.00
2083	K Salrein (print allowance 2016-17)	35.00
2084	T Sedgwick (print allowance 2016-17)	35.00
2085	I Thompson (print allowance 2016-17)	35.00
2086	D Tate (print allowance to March 2017)	14.60
	C Edmondson re pavilion inspection/cleaning March	
2087	2017	30.00
	R K & E Hunter and Son (ground work and gravel, Rec	
2088	Field parking area)	1,522.80
2089	NYCC re street lighting energy 2016-17	774.02
2090	S Gregory (salary, travel costs March 2017)	285.09
2091	HMRC re PAYE March 2017	38.60
2092	YLCA re annual subscription 2017-18	199.00
	Gregory & Company (broadband service 4th qtr 2016-	
2093	7)	36.00
2094	Burton in Lonsdale Village Hall Cttee hall hire 2016-17	101.5
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		3,599.69