



## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

**Present:** C Beazley (Chairman)  
J Hesletine  
R Foster  
M Wilkinson  
R Appleton

**Attending:** Clerk  
10 Electors

**1** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Clr J Roberts

**2** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / PRIVATE BUSINESS**

None

**3** **MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

The minutes from January were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Jack Hesletine and seconded by Richard Foster.

**4** **MATTERS ARISING**

**A Dale House** – No updates were given for this item this month however it would be left on the agenda for future monitoring.

**B Highways Issues** – The clerk read out an email from David Wilson who had responded to a request for updates with regard to highway issues. It was also reported that the works to Coniston road had been carried out but the councillors reported that the standard of work was not at an acceptable level. It was resolved that the clerk would request a meeting with David Wilson so that the councillors could discuss the problems that had been reported.

**C Local Need Housing Kettlewell / YDNPA Development Framework** – No further updates were given

**D Street Lighting** – The clerk reported that a resident from Starbotton had raised concerns that 2 lights in Starbotton, 1 outside a house tug ghyll and 1 on the fox and hounds pub. MW to attend to them.

**F Langcliffe Garth** – The clerk confirmed that YEDL had a service standard of 25 working days to provide a quotation for the work to be carried out. Once the quotation had been confirmed and monies paid, it can then take 8 weeks for the work to take place. The clerk advised that a resident at Langcliffe has stressed to her how unhappy she was with the time it had taken to resolve this item. The clerk had advised that it was now out of the Parish Council's hand and now in the hands of YEDL. It was resolved that the as soon as the quotation was received the councillors would treat it with urgency.

**G Planning Comments** –

**Scargill Application** – It was resolved that the application was before the planning committee on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February and all councillors agreed to the chairman addressing the members. The planning officer's report was passed for circulation starting with Jack Hesletine.

**H** **Discussion of threat of School Closure** – It was reported that due to a huge amount of effort by the community, the school had been saved from closure. Moving forward the school would need help with issues and budgets that it faced. There is an ongoing discussion of bringing high-speed broadband into the valley enabling business to function better and for families to move into area. An email regarding this has been sent out to Kettlewell and Buckden residents. It was resolved that any other ideas to support the school as a parish council would be invited to be brought forward.

**I** **Precept – The precept meeting was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.** The precept was agreed at **£ 5,100.00** for 2011 / 2012 financial year. Proposed by J Hesletine seconded by R Foster, majority agreed.

The precept has not been increased since 2007 and therefore has been increased due to rising costs incurred by various supplies. The minutes of the precept meeting were signed.

**J** **YDNPA – Footpath number 41 – Modification order 2010** – The clerk read out an email from John Dwyer and it was resolved that a meeting would be arranged with Mr Dwyer and the residents of Rebar cottage. Clerk to organise.

**5** **Crime Report**

There were no acts of crime reported this month

**6** **Correspondence**

**A** Letter from YEDL regarding Langcliffe garth

**B** Consultation on library proposals

**C** NYCC letter update ref LEADER

**D** Planning officers report Scargill

**E** Environment agency regarding flooding

**F**

**Circulation**

**6a** YDNPA minutes meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan

**6b** Colne to Skipton railway update

**6c** The Royal British Legion

**6d** CDC – Community Governance Review

**6e** YDNPA – Planning agenda

**7** **Planning Applications**

**8** **Accounts**

The following was reported by the Clerk:

**A** **Balance as at 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Community Account £100.00

Business Premium Account £4153.58

**Liabilities**

Clerk Honorarium £166.00 (January & February)

Village Hall Hire £135.00

Mazars Audits £144.00

Society of local clerks £44

Total £489

The Clerk has also reported that she had completed the latest VAT claim of £343 which brings us up to date with all VAT re claims

Proposed by Jack Hesletine

Seconded by Mick Wilkinson

9 **Report on National Park Authority meetings & Cllr J Roberts**

Cllr Roberts was unable to attend the meeting so there wasn't an update to be presented.

10 **Urgent Business reported to the Chairman**

- Playground committee. There were no other updates so it was resolved that the chairman would write to the current committee and ask them to hold their meeting within 28 days so that all paperwork can be completed and the replacement committee can take over.
- RF presented an invoice for the replacement fence posts. The clerk issued a cheque for £153.42, this was proposed by Mick Wilkinson and seconded by Richard Appleton.
- The clerk reported that the dog warden had confirmed that residents should report a dog owner not clearing their dog waste and she would issue a on the spot fine of £50. It was reported that Jenny Howarth, a local resident, had taken it upon herself to place dog bags and bins along Coniston road and Lovers Lane and had so far collected 734 bags of waste. It was resolved that this issue had improved but would still need monitoring. The chairman had approached the Vicar with the possibility of banning all dogs from the churchyard. The vicar would take this information to the next PCC meeting and we await their comments.
- The possibility of placing a special open space condition on the Maypole site is ongoing and the clerk is awaiting further advice from YDNPA
- The issue of Threshfield quarry was discussed and the fact that all uses for the quarry were being discussed but nothing industrial. The councillors felt that this area should be used for business, which in turn would bring families into the dale. It was reported that a businessperson from Deepdale had taken an industrial space in Gargrave and this was a missed opportunity. It was resolved that the chairman would ask Cllr Roberts how the parish council lobby against this.
- It was discussed if the village would like a party to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding. The clerk offered to organise this and a separate committee would be formed.
- **It was reported that David Hood had brought broadband into the dale but this was to Grassington and would need updating from there. This is not true I would remove this item as I don't know what you it is supposed to mean**
- The clerk asked for a note of thanks to the chairman be recorded for all his hard work representing the parish council in the campaign to save the school **I was grateful for this and the way it was proposed and seconded by the councillors NOT!**

11 **Matters Raised by the Public**

- It was reported that there is a light out at Town Head and the light on Eller House is faulty
- It was reported that the work that took place along Coniston road was, over staffed for the job needed and that there was a large amount of cars and contractors. The edging was not finished correctly and it was a poor job
- It was reported that the island in the beck by the racehorses is getting bigger and bigger with stones from the wall. This matter will be discussed at the highways meeting
- It was stated that dog waste should be collected from everywhere, in fields and hedges not just in the village and on tarmac

12 **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**The Meeting Closed at 20.59pm**