



Committee Meeting, 7 October 2004

MINUTES

Present:	Gillian Jones	(GJ)	Chairperson
	Heather Thomas-Smith	(HTS)	Vice Chairperson
	Andrew Walkden	(AW)	Treasurer
	Gerry Allsopp	(GA)	
	Keith Grimshaw	(KG)	
	John R Mathews	(JRM)	
	John P Rodgers	(JPR)	
	Gavin Dewar	(GD)	
	Beverley Wrigley	(BW)	Secretary
	Samantha Glossop	(SG)	
	Peter Scott-Smith	(PSS)	By Special Invitation

1.0 Apologies

1.1 None.

2.0 Minutes

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (23.09.04) were agreed as a true record.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 **GJ** stated that she had spoken with Robert Cater who had an issue with Key Homes regarding the borehole at Jubilee Court; it was agreed that this was a private issue. Robert also stated that he had been in touch with the Highways Agency regarding traffic issues on the A65; it was agreed that **GA** would contact Robert and to discuss the matters involved in more detail with a view to agreeing the best way forward in this regard.

3.2 **GJ** stated that she had made a number of attempts to contact Andy Moon regarding his being a co-opted member of the committee. In light of there being no response, it was agreed that John Cressey be approached.

3.3 **GJ** informed the committee that this month's Parish Magazine contains an article outlining the progress of LoPRA to date together with a joining form with a view to increasing the membership.

3.4 **AW** stated that he had been in touch Goad & Butcher's Solicitors in Settle who may be able to offer free legal advice to LoPRA.

- 3.5 **AW** confirmed that the current membership stands at 96. **GJ** stated that she had a further 2 completed membership forms. **JPR** stated that he had listed residents whom he felt might be interested in joining but the response from many was that they were monitoring LoPRA's progress prior to committing to joining. **HTS & PSS** thought that the article in the Parish Magazine would have a positive response. **PSS** agreed to include the article together with a joining form on the village website.
- 3.6 **GD** confirmed that he had obtained a copy of the Hartley Trust deed, which was first, published in 1894 and amended in 1932. There was nothing within the deed that appears to covers the role they undertake today or indeed, how their assets should be governed. **GD** stated that he had recently had a conversation with a Hartley Trust member who confirmed that the deed had not been amended since 1932.
- 3.7 **GA** produced a letter of response from the Highways Agency regarding the matter of a flashing 30 mph speed warning sign. The letter stated that Long Preston was not to get such a sign but that there was a mobile version that was available for use. **GA** stated that the PC was pursuing the matter.
- 3.8 **KG** stated that he had searched the web but could find nothing regarding affordable housing in either Kettlewell or Grassington. It was agreed that we should contact both PC's to find out what their experiences had been. **KG** had however found an article on the BBC news page regarding YDNP looking to invite interested building firms to form a Partnership.
- 3.9 With regard to item 7.0 of the last minutes (23rd September) it was confirmed that **HTS** had sent out the lobby letters and **AW** now had a secure list of contacts. **KG** is to pass a list of contacts for NYCC to **AW**. **PSS** reminded the committee that if we are to keep such records we should be registered under the Data Protection Act, he thought the cost was about £50. **GD** to investigate.
- 3.10 It was confirmed that the compound at Hartley Green was being dismantled although there was not much progress. **JM** confirmed that the authorities have already started enforcement proceeding. It was agreed that the situation should be closely monitored.

4.0 Affordable Housing

- 4.1 **HTS** confirmed that she had spoken to Wilf Fenton regarding the date of the inquiry outcome and that he had agreed to the clerk to inform LoPRA when it was confirmed. **GJ** reported that Chris Moorby (at the PC meeting) thought that the results of the housing needs survey had been discredited.
- 4.2 A discussion was held regarding the need for a new survey, **PSS** stated that a professional survey would take the form of a 1 to 1 interview with 30-50% of the population. It was agreed that whilst LoPRA should challenge the survey it should the responsibility of the PC to carry out a new survey. **PSS** said that if LoPRA were to provide the PC with an outline idea and set a time limit it would be covered against any criticism. **SG** asked whether we should offer different options, **GA** said he thought we should. **GJ** said that YDNP will need help to re-survey otherwise they will go with what they have. It was agreed that **PSS** would produce a proposal for LoPRA and if suitable this would be sent to YDNP.

5.0 Newsletter

- 5.1 **HTS** produced 2 draft layouts for the newsletter in A5 booklet format. She stated that there was still a need to produce further articles for the publication. The following are to produce the articles as stated;

GA – Current position with the A65

KG – Affordable Housing

BW – Highway Authority's Responsibility for Reinstatement

AW – House Pricing Trends

All articles should be submitted to HTS by 13th October 2004.

6.0 Long Preston Website

- 6.1 It was agreed that LoPRA should have a message board on the LP website, **PSS** agreed to act as moderator of the submissions prior to posting.

7.0 Planning Application

- 7.1 It was confirmed that Colin Ward's application for Church Street had been recommended for refusal by YDNP planning officers. **GJ** has sent an official LoPRA letter in support of the application. A number of the committee had also sent letters of support. There had been 1 local objection from the Eldon Country House Hotel. **HTS** confirmed that the planning committee was to be held at Ingleton on Monday 11th October.
- 7.2 **JRM** informed the committee that the St Mary's Church had been approached by a resident of Church Street with regard to the purchase of a plot of land on Church Street adjacent to Colin Ward's plot. This land is owned by the Bradford Diocese, it was agreed that we should be aware of the activities of outside landowners.

8.0 AOB

- 8.1 **GJ** confirmed that Daniel Child is to inspect the British Fuels Site this week following concerns raised by Dr Imrie about access.
- 8.2 **SG** said that she also had concerns regarding excavation works on Western Terrace, which had taken 3 weeks, rather than the 3 days scheduled. **BW** agreed to check with UU Field Engineer, to see whether the works were being undertaken for them and let SG know the outcome over the weekend.
- 8.3 **JRM** asked the committee's opinion on what action should be taken if the outcome of the inquiry was not in our favour. **HTS** stated that she had arranged a meeting with Wilf & Hilary Fenton on Monday 18th October and asked whether anyone else would like to attend. GJ, JRM, KG & GD all expressed an interest.
- 8.4 **JPR** suggested that future meetings should be limited to 2 hrs. This was agreed unanimously.

**Date & venue of the next LoPRA committee meeting 7th November 2004
Maypole Residents Lounge.**