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## MINUTES

**Thursday 8 February 2007**  
**In the Residents Lounge at the Maypole Inn 7.30pm**

Present: Keith Grimshaw (KG)  
John Mathew (JM)  
Andrew Walkden (AW)  
Gavin Dewar (GD)  
Jackie Hunt (JH) – for first ½ hour  
Keith McBride (KM)  
Heather Thomas-Smith (HTS)

1. Apologies: Bob Cater, Elizabeth Gray, Gill Jones
2. Minutes of previous meetings: minutes from December and January read and approved.
3. Matters arising: A65, refer to item 6; land at back of Jubilee Croft was sold at beginning of December, some debate as to when to do search on sale of land and agreed that KG would look at free searches first; concern over Post Office on market led committee to resolve looking at the possibility of forming a co-op of local people to run PO if necessary in future; regarding concern over mess around recycling bins KM agreed that PC would speak to Craven District Council on this issue; KM also added that the PC are still looking at the role, duties and pay for a future lengthsmen.
4. Correspondence: an email from John Clark to Keith stated, “My family cannot agree with the land becoming a conservation area for the use of villagers, even though they know that I have been involved in work of this nature in Ilkley. This is understandable as it would rule out any possibility of development at any time in the future.”
5. Membership review: the membership list provided by Andrew shows current membership at 92.
6. A65 and possible joint Public Meeting: a report from JH, who attended the PC meeting earlier that week, said that the PC were not in favour of shutting off the eastern exit at the bottom of Moor Lane to traffic, which was a motion put forward for the Pennine Bridleway, as this would not be acceptable to residents due to the difficulty in making a safe exit onto the A65. The PC asked the clerk to point out to those managing

the Pennine Bridleway that very few vehicles used this road and that 'not' seeing a horse was very unlikely as there is a clear view up the road. KM added that there will be a ½ mile extension out of the village to the 30mph limit and an advance warning sign that will flash on when a pedestrian or rider has pressed the button on the proposed Pegasus Crossing. It is also possible that the crossing will be lit. All Parish Councillors were in favour of the crossing, as plenty of pedestrians at the West End will use it anyway. In lieu of LoPRA's last Public Meeting Philip Johnston (PC) had approached the PC regarding a joint Public Meeting regarding the future of the A65 but it was suggested that LoPRA attend the next meeting to clearly state what was to be proposed. HTS agreed to ask the PC clerk for a slot at their next meeting and to ask Bob Cater for his input regarding NYCC and future moves for a bypass.

**7.** TRAMPS: Ian Evans had suggested at the last LoPRA Public Meeting that TRAMPS may tempt further custom if a raffle included a free glass of wine (ie the adults that are otherwise more likely to frequent the pub on a Saturday!). GD to research and further ideas were requested for future films. GD also said that there was a possibility that we could join up with Austwick for WE for a film to split cost of license – ie one showing at each venue. Blackout blinds in the Village Hall should also be shortly in place.

**8.** Review of Craven Community Strategy: HTS had received a copy of this and it was agreed that GD would copy and email for committee to view. Deadline for responses is 10/04/07.

**9.** Planning issues: it was agreed that we need to contact YDNP and reconfirm their position regarding the village boundary – ie is there chance of expansion after the current plan expires (which would be fought by PC and locals) – and to express any present concerns regarding land outside of boundaries (ie land behind Jubilee Croft) and their policy regarding conversion of barns within village boundaries. HTS to draft letter to Daniel Child.

**10.** 'Beautifying the Village' – dog mess, litter, parking on greens, etc: many of these issues are also being covered by PC (especially parking on greens) but KM will report back to PC re with our concerns. It was voiced that we may need to consider another campaign due to the number of dog 'poo bags' being left on the verges. Also chance of getting involved with researching history and creating public signage or leaflets for village in bid to raise money for the St Mary's bells (Long Preston Community History Project – LPCHiP). Other ideas for future may include flower troughs but would need to be watered and maintained – ie if village has lengthsman.

**11.** Any other business : the poor state of the railway carpark was mentioned, the PC are awaiting a response from the Railways at present. The Village Hall Committee expressed their thanks for LoPRA's support and were very happy with TRAMPS using the facility. They have completed works on the snooker room and appointed a new treasurer - now that Chris Hammond has moved - Jean Rodgers.

**12.** Date of next meeting: 8 March 2007