



Committee Meeting, 8 November 2004

MINUTES

Present:	Heather Thomas-Smith	(HTS)	Vice Chairperson
	Andrew Walkden	(AW)	Treasurer
	Keith Grimshaw	(KG)	
	John R Mathews	(JRM)	
	Gavin Dewar	(GD)	
	Beverley Wrigley	(BW)	Secretary

1.0 Apologies

Gillian Jones	(GJ)	Chairperson
Gerry Allsopp	(GA)	
John P Rodgers	(JPR)	
Samantha Glossop	(SG)	

2.0 Minutes

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (07.10.04) were agreed as a true record.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 **GD** confirmed that he had made enquiries regarding the data protection act and that providing the details we hold are for LoPRA use only then there was no need to be registered

3.2 **HTS** stated that there had still been no contact with Andy Moon, she had therefore spoken with John Cressy regarding becoming a committee member, he would be happy to do this. It was agreed that we should formally ask him to join the committee.

3.3 It was confirmed that 5 committee member would attend the David Curry meeting, **BW** confirmed that currently there was a list of 9 members who wished to attend this has been sent to **HTS**. If any further requests arrived before Friday **BW** would forward to **HTS**.

3.4 **KG** confirmed that he had contacted the Electoral Reform Association who stated that they carry out fee only work, with regards to a questionnaire they were not interested. He stated that he would try the Market Research Ass for advice maybe they would be able to point us in the direction of someone who could give an opinion as to the validity of the LP survey.

3.5 **HTS** confirmed that she had spoken with the clerk at Kettlewell PC who had given her the name of the local Councillor - Ian Cuthbert. As yet she had not managed to make contact with him.

With regard to she had had a good response from Andrew Earnshaw, who had sent literature through for the Garr End Lane Conservation Group. Grassington too had been the subject of a Mary Russell 'Housing Needs Survey' which had indicated that there was a need for 15 houses in a village of only 300 residents, this was subsequently reduced to 8. The ensuing planning application was opposed in the village but accepted by the PC. Once this was done YDNP gave an exception to a Greenfield site thereby allowing the building. It was agreed that we should question these surveys and their validity with David Curry.

3.6 **HTS** gave a brief report on the meeting with Wilf & Hilary Fenten, they suggested that LoPRA should not go overboard on trying to disprove the survey, as this may harm LoPRA's reputation. They highlighted how restricted YDNP are on planning applications and that it is almost impossible to refuse. They were pleased that the survey had been carried out because this allowed them to restrict building development within the village (allow for affordable but not commercial development). They suggested we write to other YDNP officers, as many were based in areas far removed from LP, to highlight our concerns. They also stated that once houses were built it was almost impossible to get them removed and that if anyone had concerns regarding a developer not complying with planning approvals they should be highlighted at the earliest opportunity to enable the works to be stopped.

4.0 Affiliated Membership - Proposal

4.1 With regard to the Maureen Ward request for affiliated membership, it was agreed that we should set out a proposal for affiliated membership and put it to a vote at the Public Meeting. **JRM** suggested that we should be careful not to alienate friends of the village provided that the interest was positive. This was agreed. **AW** to speak with Mrs Grimboldsby?! and explain the situation.

5.0 Company Formation

5.1 **AW** confirmed that he had spoken with Steve Bird regarding his daughter setting up LoPRA as a Ltd company at Companies House, she had agreed to do this for us at a cost of £20.

6.0 David Curry

6.1 It was agreed that we should provide copies of LoPRA constitution and the housing needs survey for Mr Curry.

6.2 The following topics for discussion at the meeting were suggested;

- David Curry's views on a relief road.
- A65 Accident Statistics
- Traffic Calming
- Green belt and the development of Greenfield sites
- National Parks

- Affordable Housing
- Protection of the existing building land
- Ensuring status of railway station

It was agreed that as the meeting is only likely to last for 30-40 minutes and there were 9 members also attending we should limit the questions to 5.

HTS to finalise a list of points for the meeting.

6.3 **GD** agreed to get to the meeting early to help **HTS** set up and run through the points to be raised.

7.0 **AOB**

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