



Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held on 8 December 2005

Present: Heather Thomas-Smith (Chairman), Gavin Dewar, Robert Cater, Keith Grimshaw, Gillian Jones, John Mathews, Andrew Walkden, John Rodgers plus John Goodall (A65 group) .

Apologies: John Finnigan and Helen Firth.

Absent: Malcolm Beresford.

Minute

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November were accepted as a true record.

2. Matters arising

- YDNP Planning Committee had not yet reached a decision re the application for additional houses at 1 Pendle View.
- YDNP's decisions re development at Town Head had now been received in writing.
- GD will explore the TRAMPS film scheme shortly.
- A paper copy of the outcome of the YDNP peer review meeting was now held by GJ. An electronic version is to be sought.
- An electronic version of the report on Craven DC's Housing Needs Survey has not yet been seen. HT-S reported that Peter Scott-Smith had commented formally to Craven DC that only 24% of forms had been returned. He has said that a 50% return is necessary for a survey to be statistically robust.
- JM reported on Daniel Child's attendance at LP Parish Council meeting on 5 December. His main conclusion was that planning law is very complicated and not as 'cut and dried' as we might have thought. It seems that it is only an offence if a builder actually ignores or contradicts a specific planning instruction or condition placed on any permitted development. Variations to permitted aspects not subject to conditions are looked upon leniently. It is also not illegal to carry out works and apply for permission to do so later. YDNP now have two Enforcement Officers to look into infringements of approvals and conditions placed on them. Discussion ensued on the legal implications of alteration to listed buildings.

- It was reconfirmed that there is need to speak with other village groups about the securing of regional/national grants for village activities.

3. Public Meeting

Plans were formulated for the meeting on 13 December.

- Margaret Benson, the secretary of Craven Neighbourhood Watch Association will speak about setting up more schemes in the village. In this context, JR gave information he had received from the Craven Neighbourhood Policing Team, specifically about possible burglaries involving peddlers. It was thought that an article on this in the Parish Magazine would be useful.
- The forthcoming Public Inquiry on revocation of the line orders for the Hellifield & LP Bypass (starting on Tuesday 21 February at Gargrave School) and the Inspector's Pre-enquiry Meeting (Thursday 5 January at Skipton Town Hall), will be addressed. JR reported on a recent meeting of the A65 Group and the data already collected and still to be collected. Ian Evans will be LoPRA's spokesman at the Enquiries. JR is to prepare a résumé of our evidence for the Pre-enquiry Meeting. This will be discussed and assembled on 12 December at HT-S's. JR is to keep NYCC informed about our actions.
- Villagers will be encouraged to respond to the advice circulating about increasing the frequency of trains stopping at LP.

4. Statement of Community Involvement

A fresh version is now available on line following comments received on the original draft. HT-S will comment on it and asked for comments from others by 4 January. The deadline for comments to be submitted is 9 January.

5. Membership, next Public Meeting and Newsletter

- AW reported that a further 10 renewals of membership had been received and a few new ones. Some 40 individual members appear to have lapsed. He will shortly supply information on household membership.
- The next Public Meeting was agreed for March with the next Newsletter at the end of February.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm at The Maypole on Thursday 12 January.