



Committee Meeting, 9th June 2005

MINUTES

Present:	Gillian Jones	(GJ)	Chairperson
	Heather Thomas-Smith	(HTS)	Vice Chairperson
	Keith Grimshaw	(KG)	
	Samantha Glossop	(SG)	
	John Finnigan	(JF)	
	Malcolm Beresford	(MB)	(PC rep)
	John Mathew	(JM)	
	John Rogers	(JR)	

Invited guests

Gill Dixon (Craven Chief Executive)

Duncan Hartley (Director of Environmental and Planning Services)

Helen Firth (District Councillor) (HF)

Chris Moorby (Chair Parish Council)

1.0 Apologies

Andrew Walkden (AW)

Gavin Dewar (GD)

2.0 Housing Needs Survey

2.1 Briefing note prepared by Keith was talked through. GJ briefly outlined LoPRA's concerns for the new housing survey, i.e. robustness of the questionnaire and the methods of analysis to be used. DH informed us that the contract for the housing needs survey had been given to David Cummings Ltd. A professional market research company that has a good track record having completed surveys in other areas. DH also handed out copies of a draft survey that is being considered for use. The date of this survey did say to be returned by 1st July 2005, which when DH was asked about, he said it was only a suggested date and no definite send out date had been decided.

2.2 GJ requested that LoPRA have a copy of the briefing document that Craven District Council gave to David Cummings Ltd. GJ also expressed concerns that David Cummings Ltd would be a totally impartial. Gill Dixon (GD)

said she we could contact DC Ltd. To get reassurance. DH suggested he would get David Cummings to contact GJ.

- 2.3 **DH** discussed that housing policy around use of brown fields. The exceptions policy (i.e. Greenfield) would be subject to very tight controls, that would be only small scale and have to have “local needs” use. **HTS** said we have concerns over losing “**Affordable**” housing to the open market.

3.0 Proposals at Galliber

- 3.1 **GD** and **DH** apologised for not realising that the letter **GJ** had sent asked them to also discuss Galliber. They had not prepared anything to tell us and **DH** said he would send an update to **GJ**

- 3.2 **Gill Dixon and Duncan Hartley and Helen Firth Left the meeting at this point.** **GJ** thanked them for coming as she knew they had both been at the conference and had a meeting with the P.C. at 6pm before our meeting.

4.0 Feedback from the Shaping Places and Spaces Conference.

- 4.1 **HTS** there were approx 100 people there from Parish Councils, Agents and Developers and District Councillors including Gill Dixon and Duncan Hartley. LoPRA had been noticed as quite a few people asked **HTS** about what we were about.

- 4.2 The day was based around “The vision for Yorkshire and Humber” This means that the large area and varying demographics could influence policies for our local area and vice versa.

- 4.3 End of Consultative process in 2006 – then it will be closed off to the public.

5.0 A65

- 5.1 No further update, from working group. Letters have been received to say there will be a public inquiry and it will be at a local venue.

- 5.2 Representations to the public inquiry: do individuals want LoPRA to represent them or would it carry more weight to have many representations rather than one group one.

- 5.3 GJ asked MB to check how the parish council will be putting their case forward so we can make sure ours is presented with a supporting argument.

- 5.4 JR said Robert Cater was involved in the Newbury and Winchester bypass and will have a very good knowledge of to proceed.

- 5.5 JM said we should remember to encourage as many people as possible to go to the inquiry and maybe help them in making an address to the inquiry.

- 5.6 **HTS** suggested organising a traffic survey for Long Preston before the Public Inquiry.

- 5.7 JR will check how long it will be before the Public Inquiry.

- 5.8 GJ – Will see if NYCC will provide equipment if we do the “donkey work”.

6.0 Newsletter

- 6.1 Including Tidy up day, **HTS** to see if the School has grabbers and if the Parish Council will support us in some way. Either 16th or 23rd July suggested days, Delivery first weekend of July.

- 7.0 **AOB**
- 7.1 **GJ** doesn't think she will be able to continue as Chair due to family commitments
- 7.2 Add to Newsletter that Committee has agreed to extend membership to the end of Sept 2006 and will continue from 1st Oct to 30th Sept in the future – **HTS**
- 7.3 Date for AGM – Monday 19th Sept 2005. – need to publish this in Newsletter as well.
- 7.4 Need to keep people interested in LoPRA as so much work has been done this year it could be easy for residents to think there is nothing else for us to do, but there will be the public enquiry and there will still be on going issues of the A65.
- 7.5 Next meeting will be with the A65 working group.
- 7.6 **SG** asked **HTS** if there had been any progress from Mayday committee. to publicise in the newsletter, No progress due to not been able to get in contact with the people now on the committee.

Date & venue of the next LoPRA cttee. Meeting: 14th July 2005 Long Preston. Village Hall 7.30pm

Foot note: after this meeting it was agreed via email to have an open Committee. meeting for any LoPRA members who wished to come and contribute to the discussions.