



Committee Meeting, 11th January 2007

MINUTES

Present: Keith Grimshaw (Chairman), Keith McBride (LP Parish Council), John Mathew, Gillian Jones, Gavin Dewar.

1. **Apologies:** Heather Thomas-Smith, Elizabeth Gray, Robert Cater, Jackie Hunt, Andrew Walkden.
2. **Minutes of Meeting:** 14th December, 2006
– will be available at the next meeting.
3. **Correspondence:** Will be available for the next meeting
4. **Membership Review:** Will be reviewed at the next meeting
5. **Sale of land at rear of Jubilee Croft:**
It was agreed that LoPRA should obtain definitive information on the transfer value of the land, the purchasers, and if a company, the directors names and addresses. To be obtained from the Land Registry and if necessary, Companies House. Cost believed to be in the order of £30 – 40. This will allow publication of disclosable details, and presentation of bare facts to the Planning Authority, Elected Members, press, and LoPRA membership. It should raise the vigilance and accountability of elected members and the Planning Authority in enforcing current planning policies.
6. **Ribble Catchment Consultation:** No further feedback.
7. **Resurfacing A65:**
In progress, base course being completed in sections before finish is laid as continuously as possible subject to the limitation of 500M maximum length of traffic convoy system. No significant issues reported.
8. **LP drainage and other issues:**
Gill reported that the survey and report work in cooperation with PC was completed. Keith McB. had not had any response after informing NYCC.
Re: Moor Lane Keith McB commented on the half hearted ditch and

drainage clearance and the undermining of the pavement edges. PW Bridleway construction appeared to have commenced at the top of the track down to West End and in view of the slope, proposed horse traffic, and drainage, the fine aggregate used seems inappropriate and likely to cause problems.

9. **Newsletter / Open Meeting:**

Newsletter printed and available for distribution but it was realised that the open meeting clashed with the unavailability of two key members. It was decided that postponement of the open meeting to the **1st February** was the best course of action. Gavin has already printed stickers to amend the Newsletter before distribution this weekend.

The open meeting topics are as the notice in the Newsletter:

- **A65** – a double act with Ian reporting on the procedures leading to revocation, detrunking and beyond, as his front page feature in the newsletter, and a follow up by the Chairman stressing the political context, “a week is a long time in politics”, and generally that we should not accept that the bypass is dead.
- **Pennine Bridleway** – Jackie is to do an outline of this based on the research she has done and knowledge of the subject.
- **Dog litter issues** – are worsening with full blue bags being left behind on a regular basis by some. To be presented by the Chairman as penance.

10. **Tramps – Filmshow Sat 20th Jan – The March of the Penguins:**

Gavin has produced a Long Preston version of the film distributor’s poster for this and copies are being posted around the village.

- Gavin needs assistance: screen and equipment set up must be completed by 6.15 to allow final projection tests, and needs help from about 5.30.
- Additional chairs need to be sourced – Keith McB. to speak to his daughter in law or John Rogers re loan of school chairs.
- Stuart Thomas-Smith will be available to transport chairs.
- Refreshments - needs volunteers for tea / coffee duty, soft drinks, sweets and biscuits, washing up and clearing away. KG / GD to ensure.

11. **Affordable Housing.** Gill has had no feedback on the recent CDC survey. She has had indications that there may be developing “industry” interest locally in shared equity solutions for buyers sourcing their own choice of housing.

12. **Railway:** Chairman raised the issue of damage to the shelters and other general damage. Also the muddy waterlogged surface of the carpark. The train operating company are responsible for the platforms, and Railtrack, who own the carpark, for the damage to the carpark by their contractors. There should be sufficient provision in the contract to

allow substantial improvement in reinstating the damage the contractor has caused to the car park. Inadequate lighting between the platforms and the first functioning light on Station Road was mentioned by John.

- It was resolved that LoPRA would prepare a survey report with photographic evidence and plan for the PC. Keith McB agreed that he would lead the issue through PC with a view to PC liaising with the relevant operators and contractors on the reinstatement / repair issues. Action by KG / GD

13. **Dog Litter:** Chairman raised the issue of large numbers of full blue bags being discarded by dog walkers and having to be cleared away in quantity. He asked if the PC would be willing to take a firm position on this and if supportable evidence became available, demand prosecution by CDC. If PC makes such a position absolutely clear it can be given proper publicity and it should concentrate minds. If it doesn't, then evidence will be gathered.

- Keith McB agreed to lead this through PC and thought that it would give clear support to enforcement action.
- Chairman to raise the topic at the next open meeting.

14. **There was no other business.**

15. **Date of Next Meeting.** The Maypole, 7.30, 8th February 2007