



*Minutes of committee meeting
Thursday 11 October 2007
Held in the Residents' lounge at the Maypole Inn 7.30pm*

Present: Keith Grimshaw (KG)
Andrew Walkden (AW)
Keith Mc Bride (KM)
Jackie Hunt (JH)
Gill Jones (GJ)
Gavin Dewar (GD)
John Mathew (JM)

- 1. Apologies:** Heather Thomas-Smith and Robert Cater.
- 2. Chairman's welcome:** KG welcomed all members to the new committee after the AGM the previous week.
- 3. Minutes of the September meeting:** read and approved.
- 4. Matters arising:** KM asked if there were vacancies and it was noted that there were so that the committee had a maximum membership of 12.
- 5. Correspondence:** It was noted that a LoPRA reply about the North Yorkshire Transportation Survey had been sent to NYCC and Jacobs and the views of 12 households who had completed the NYCC questionnaire at the AGM had been sent to Jacobs.
- 6. May Day Raffle:** It was proposed by KM and seconded by GD that the £25 raised should be given to the May Day Committee. This was agreed. GJ suggested that it be noted on the LoPRA website and this was agreed. JM to ask HTS to record this donation in her Craven Herald column if possible. KM invited LoPRA to take another stall at next year's MAY DAY.
- 7. North Yorkshire Transportation Survey:** It was hoped that we would be invited to take part in the next stage of the consultation process. It was noted the matters being discussed are small scale issues but they might be achievable and they were a good attempt by NYCC to get the views of

the people. The next stage should be another meeting in Victoria Hall in Settle to try to find which “projects” or “needs” from the Settle area might be considered worthy to take forward to bid for funds against other areas who were doing the same sort of local consultation.

8. **A65:** It was agreed that LoPRA would make a report about the condition of the footways (footpaths). This will be done by GD/KM/KG. It will include photos to show what sort of hazards are in the village and KM & AW estimate there are at least 10. This follows from the comments made at the AGM. The report will be done in the next 2 weeks and so KM will be able to take it to the November Parish Council meeting to try to gain their support so that the problems can be raised with the Highways Agency before the A65 is detrunked and given to NYCC. Such items as drop kerbs at junctions and footway width were regarded as very important.

9. **Article 4 Directions:** After some discussion it was agreed that GJ would contact Daniel Childs informally to sound out the chance of an Article 4 Direction being applied to Long Preston and check what items are covered by this planning control. It was agreed that KM would take the matter forward to the next Parish Council if the response to GJ was favourable. (By now you will have seen that the response is favourable so the next move lies with KM and the Parish Council.)

10. **Core Strategy Workshops:** It was noted that the postponed workshop will take place in Settle at St John’s Methodist Hall on November 8th between 9:30 and 4:00. JM and KG said they would attend so that they could pass their comments to HTS so that the LoPRA view could be submitted by the deadline date of 23 November. Other members agreed to look at the electronic copy and submit their views to HTS to meet this deadline. GJ - Housing; KM - Transport; GD & JH - Environment & Design.

11. **YDNP Statement of Community Involvement:** It was suggested that committee members should study the electronic copy and pass their comments to HTS by the end of October so that she can pass on the LoPRA comments by 9th November.

- 12. Core Strategy Preferred Options:** There followed a long and largely unanimous discussion about empty houses especially in the village. KM noted how strongly Craven District Council were pushing to get empty properties repaired and used
- 13. PO Closures:** JH reported that we are waiting for a reply from PO to tell us when the closures affecting this area will be announced. She noted that the consultation period is 6 weeks from the date of the announcement. She noted also that for unknown reasons Keighley is to be treated separately from Bradford.
- 14. Village History Project:** JH reported that the pre application form had been sent a second time and that a response was awaited. KM said that we should remain upbeat and remember how much valuable information was there to be had from the “minds” and “memories” of the village OAPs. GJ told us that the chalice in use today had been donated to LP church by a former Prior of Bolton Abbey in the 16th century because he came from LP. KG told the story about Long Preston Meg who joined the army on its way to capture Manchester during some almost forgotten campaign. These and memories much more recent are needed to be recorded so that all might share in them easily and it can be done if we are prepared to get our act together.
- 15. AOB:** Discussion followed about email addresses and lack of care could so easily lead to people feeling that all is well when that was far from the truth!!
- 16. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 8th November at 7:30pm in the residents’ lounge at the Maypole.