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## Committee Meeting 12th October 2006

### Minutes

In the Residents Lounge at the Maypole Inn 7.30pm

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Keith Grimshaw</b>	<b>Chairman (KG)</b>
	<b>Ian Evans</b>	<b>Guest Speaker (IE)</b>
	<b>John Mathew</b>	<b>Vice-chair (JM)</b>
	<b>Andrew Walkden</b>	<b>Treasurer (AW)</b>
	<b>Heather Thomas-Smith</b>	<b>Secretary (HTS)</b>
	<b>Bob Cater</b>	<b>(BC)</b>
	<b>Gavin Dewar</b>	<b>(GD)</b>
	<b>Jackie Hunt</b>	<b>(JH)</b>
	<b>Gill Jones</b>	<b>(GJ)</b>
	<b>Keith McBride</b>	<b>(KM)</b>

1. **Apologies:** none
2. **Minutes of meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006.** Accepted as true record.
3. **Matters arising** – any issues arising already covered under this meeting's agenda
4. **Correspondence.**

Letter from Maureen Ward to renew membership and regarding a number of flower bulbs which she would like to donate to the village [which came from Yorkshire originally]. **KG** to ask Parish Council where to put them. A digging/planting party required ...!

No response from Craven District Council (CDC) regarding Gill's letter on housing (also see our response on housing for CDC core strategy) which she sent to Carl Lis, the Housing Department, the Rural Housing Enabler and copied to the Craven Herald. Eventually **GJ** had to re-contact Wyn Ashton after waiting for over a month (Housing Manager for Craven) but only ended up with a rather dismissive reply stating that Craven would be publishing their chosen housing strategy on the CDC website when finally agreed at CDC. **GJ** has sent further correspondence to Wyn Ashton and

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not yet had a reply. **GJ** to speak to Helen Firth to express concerns regarding CDCs lack of communication on an issue that forms part of their Public Consultation for the LDF. Interest in the response given by **GJ** on housing has been shown by both the YDNP and CPRE despite lack of communication from CDC.

**HTS** to write to Kate Senior, Carl Lis, Gill Dixon and Helen Firth regarding our lack of involvement or invitation to the Community Strategy Review Conference, which was felt to be extremely remiss of CDC considering our involvement and input at the 'Shaping Places and Spaces Conference' (which related to the community strategy and LDF) and request to remain involved on a form supplied at that conference, and our subsequent involvement in responding to the Statement of Community Involvement and LDF Core Strategy and Options. As the exercise was supposed to be part of a Public Consultation it needs to be pointed out that by using a facility which was unable to accept the numbers that wished to attend that by offering only one consultation does not allow for input from those parties for whom there was 'no space'.

**5. 'Integrated Catchment Management Plan for the Ribble' Consultation - Ian Evans' report on this preliminary consultation.**

Ian already covering this issue with Parish Council and has also offered to respond to the consultation on our behalf to which extra comments from LoPRA committee members may be added if required. The deadline for response is November 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 and the Committee agreed to take up Ian's offer. Comments to be emailed/forwarded to Ian by 31 October\*. **GD** to copy key points from document and to email/give copies to Keith Wilson, Long Preston Water Trust (Sarah Middleton?) and LoPRA committee.

**6. LP drainage and other issues – info / help for LPPC – Ian Evans**

Ian has spoken to Chris Moorby (PC Chairman) regarding drains and issues of wastewater draining into Long Preston Beck without treatment. An environmental survey was undertaken in around 2000 by HA and they did not perceive there being a major problem with pollution from A65 but, as **BC** said, there should be an up-to-date survey with respect to present surface works being undertaken. However, there are many properties with old drains (ie potentially sewage in drainage system) and drains (requiring oil traps) that may take surface water from A65 straight into beck, so these are issues that need to be addressed by the environmental agency via the consultation. General discussion followed and issues with faulty drains and flooding caused by further development and drainage from A65. \*See above but also suggested that need to talk to Long Preston Water Trust (**GD** to speak to John Parker) and Long Preston Drainage Board (?) (**KG** to speak to John Mellin).

**IE** also said to PC that would be good idea to approach LoPRA for areas that require help, ie lighting/drains. Generally agreed that this is fair

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enough and that working with PC on such issues fit in with our constitution although must not compromise other constitutional objectives when the need arises.

**7. Membership review – Andrew**

Only 35 renewals so far. Requires written piece (**HTS** to précis Keith's chairman's report Friday) plus membership form as insert into Parish Magazine (which can also go to PO).

**8. Committee / AGM - Chairman**

Need to raise issue of proxy voting and importance of our members attending AGM meeting to ensure continuing management by LoPRA committee, IMPORTANT IF WE ARE TO KEEP GOING FOR THOSE TIMES WE REALLY NEED TO BATTLE AND TO MAINTAIN RESPECT /RECOGNITION FROM GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AROUND US – to put in newsletter prior to next AGM. **HTS** approached Canon Bettridge who said would possibly join committee next year. Committee to see if anyone else wishes to consider as potentially three vacancies including co-opted places.

**9. Newsletter/ next Public Meeting**

Need to space out meetings whilst no major issues pending as do not wish to unnecessarily encroach on members'/residents' time, therefore look at holding next meeting early next year unless hear news regarding Public Inquiry, etc. Aim for mid-December newsletter to whole village; include Ribble Water Catchment Area (**IE**); **KM** to ask PC for piece; report on TRAMPS (**GD**); recent developments on Pennine Bridleway/business development opportunities (**JH**); housing paper (**GJ**); importance of membership in continuing work for now and the future (**HTS**); other issues that arise and suitable Christmas pieces (rest of committee please!)! Deadline December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**10. TRAMPS – choice of film - Gavin**

18<sup>th</sup> November, Poseidon Adventure or Cold Mountain [Book second one for January 13<sup>th</sup>.] **JM** to bring crisps; **BC**, **JH** & **HTS** to help **GD** on day. **GD** to check if Julie (PO) can do refreshments sale or return (trade price).

**11. Scottish de-trunking feedback – Heather**

Newspaper article pertinent to A65 given to committee for future reference – the cost of detrunking.

**12. Mr Clark's land**

**KG** spoke to Mr Clark regarding long-term lease for allotments/amenity area or orchard at peppercorn rent and Mr C is thinking about issue seriously as thinks good idea. Mr C likes possibility of leaving as semi-wild area with native trees, etc. **JM** wondered about possibility of use for car park (landscaped and not tarmac) – something village in need of - but this would require planning permission. **KM** to look to PC for ideas for use which could approach Mr C with if agrees to long-term lease.

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**13. Affordable Housing - Gill Jones update**

**GJ** handed out Discussion Document (1) on Affordable Housing (see attached document for details). **GJ** asked if **PC** could be involved in discussion. **AW** brought up issue of final value at resale, which would need to be agreed between Building Society and Part owner – ie requirement for independent evaluation. **KG** suggested subsidy from Housing Court, **GJ** to check against that of government's present criteria undertaken through Housing Associations etc. **GJ** also to contact Mr Annison, who has been looking at similar housing strategy model, (YDNP – Richmond area), regarding Discussion Document (1) for further comment.

**14. Resurfacing of A65 - any issues**

Brief discussion – **BC** said need to see **HA** for changes to current programme if necessary. **KM** said drains do not appear to be properly cleared so route manager for A65 needs to be contacted. **BC** to find out who route manager is and to let **KM** (**PC**) know.

**15. Any other business –**

'Dog poo-sters' posters given out and to be put up round village, some retained for school use

Bonfire clutter (The Edge) still to be cleared (**KM** to speak to Parish Council)

Need a Craven Herald correspondent – **GJ** suggested **BC** as already collated for Parish Magazine but already over-committed so need ?? who can cover all info for ALL village – item to be covered for Parish Magazine and LoPRA newsletter by **BC**. **HTS** to check with **CH** if **LP** has correspondent.

**JM** to become our representative on Village Hall Committee.

**16. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

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