



## *Committee Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2006*

### MINUTES

**Present:** Keith Grimshaw (Chairman), Heather Thomas-Smith, John Mathew, John Finnigan, Gavin Dewar, Malcolm Beresford, Chris Moorby (Chairman Parish Council) and Robert Cater.

**Apologies:** Gillian Jones, John Rodgers and Helen Firth (Craven DC councillor).

#### 1. **Correspondence**

HT-S reported that she had not yet heard from David Butterworth in reply to her communications concerning the development at Town Head, which she would follow up.

#### 2. **Membership Review**

It was reported that membership now stands at 115 individuals, a reduction of 10 from that at LoPRA's commencement. This includes some new people.

#### 3. **Recent Open Meeting**

With an attendance of 36, the meeting was considered a success.

CM reported that further meeting had been held between the Parish Council and those running the new **Youth Group**. This is now operational for the small number of young people involved, with monthly activities, mostly outside the village. HT-S will follow up possible further activities. It was considered that an article would be suitable for the Parish/Village magazine.

#### 4. **Parish Council vacancies.**

CM reported that at the close of nominations, 5 people had put their names forward and as a consequence they were now appointed. There are a further 2 vacancies. Persons, who can be co-opted, will again be asked to volunteer for these posts.

## **5. May Day Celebrations (6 May).**

Detailed arrangements were made for LoPRA to have a stall at the celebrations, including erecting and manning the stall and information to be on display. It was agreed to hold a raffle at it, with surplus money being donated to village activities.

## **6. West End Development.**

MB reported that the Planning Inspectorate had upheld YDNP Planning Committee's enforcement order for demolition of the unapproved wall, although the developers still have time to object to this at a higher level. Planning permission will still be required for whatever replaces it, beyond the fence originally approved.

It was reported that the issues of principle LoPRA has raised about retrospective planning permissions being sought, especially for listed buildings, will be discussed in depth at a future YDNP meeting.

## **7. TRAMPS Film Show.**

Measurements had now been taken for blackout curtains for the Village Hall. Some funding for this will be forthcoming from CDC. The timing of the first show will depend on installation of the curtains.

GD discussed some 25 responses he had received to the questionnaire on the types of films to be shown etc. This showed an equal spread between a choice of Fridays and Saturdays for shows. Good advertising will be needed for the first show.

## **8. CPRE**

There was discussion on Early Day Motion 1770 to Parliament, which the CPRE is supporting. It covers the protection of greenfield land, protection of green lanes and the prevention of undue light pollution. JF reported that he is encouraging the MP, David Curry, to support the motion, and has had an encouraging interim reply, but not yet received confirmation of his formal support. HT-S is to write to DC on behalf of LoPRA, soliciting his support for the motion, once JF has received a reply.

Information on new laws to tackle light pollution are to be forwarded to the Parish Council, once they are known in detail. Issues on greater protection for green lanes now in force are to be raised by HT-S at the next meeting of CPRE she attends.

## **9. Listed Buildings.**

JM reported on a two-day YDNP workshop he had recently attended on works – and their planning requirements – to listed buildings, which had been very informative. 20 to 30 people were there. The overall thrust of the workshop was to encourage people to look after their own listed building. YDNP do not have adequate staff to police all alterations. JM is to circulate his notes.

## **10. Affordable Housing.**

There was discussion of CDC's recent survey showing the need for 61 such houses in the Hellifield/Long Preston are in the next five years. It was suggested that LoPRA could encourage organisations to promote responsibly such housing at appropriate sites.

CM reported that the PC has approached YDNP concerning the planning requirement that some of the new houses in Hartley Green are reserved for people aged over 55, and which now appears to be being flaunted. It has asked how the YDNP intends to enforce the requirement.

## **11. A65**

Ian Evans and team were thanked for presenting LoPRA's and the PC's collective case at the Public Inquiry into revocation of the line orders for the Hellifield and Long Preston By-pass. There was discussion on necessary actions if the presented case fails. RC said that IE reported that it may be possible to challenge the removal of Trunk Road status from the A65 if the Highways Agency then sought it. If this also failed, then NYCC must be strongly pressed to include a relief road for the village in its intended future road construction plans.

It is intended to resurface the A65 through the village this coming summer. A timetable for this should be sought from the contractors and publicised locally.

## **12. Traffic Regulation Orders.**

It was reported that the YDNP hopes to be able legally in the future to place TROs instead of NYCC. CM reported that the PC has asked YDNP to prohibit 4WD vehicles from using Langber Lane and to police green lanes more vigorously than at present.

There was discussion concerning recent wide agricultural and commercial vehicles using narrow roads and seriously damaging the verges and adjoining properties.

### **13. Tree Preservation Orders.**

RC asked about TPOs in the village. It was reported that as the village is a conservation area, trees already have some protection. (JM later distributed the detailed requirements of such for that part of the village in the YDNP). It was felt that the information and requirements need spreading more widely, particularly to new residents.

### **14. Division of Village between Planning Authorities**

The village is split between the CDC and YDNP planning authorities. It was agreed that LoPRA needs to consider the village – and indeed the Parish – as a whole. It was suggested that those residents in the CDC's planning area might like to be within the YDNP's area. It was suggested that the PC be asked about the issue in the first instance.

### **15. Dog Mess.**

The PC has recently had erected more signs about the need for people to take responsible action concerning their dog's mess. It was hoped that village residents will police the clearing up of such mess by dog owners. It was suggested that the school children could spearhead a campaign, with a prize being awarded by LoPRA for the best contribution, and that the school could make a formal complaint to the PC about the increasing incidence of mess.

### **16. Vehicles on the Village Greens.**

Following such recent traversing of the Greens by vehicles, it was hoped the PC can erect more signs prohibiting it.

### **17. Old School Building.**

The building near the Church appears not to be a listed building. HT-S will speak with CM about it.

### **18. Web Sites.**

It was agreed that LoPRA's web site should be separate from that promoting the village in general.

### **19. Committee Membership.**

MB was thanked for his work on the committee as member representing the PC, which he will now be leaving as he is no longer a councillor.

### **20. Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was agreed for 11 May.