



Committee Meeting, 13 July 2006

MINUTES

Present:

Keith Grimshaw	(KG)	Chairperson (incoming)
Heather Thomas-Smith	(HTS)	Secretary
Andrew Walkden	(AW)	Treasurer
John Finigan	(JF)	
Gavin Dewar	(GD)	
Gillian Jones	(GJ)	
John Mathew	(JM)	
John Rodgers	(JR)	
Bob Cater	(BC)	

1.0 Apologies

Chris Moorby
Keith McBride

2.0 Matters Arising (incl. March Minutes)

- 2.1 The March Minutes were accepted as being an accurate reflection of that meeting.
- 2.2 **JF** stated that at Town Head, the offending wall had now been dismantled following the planning inspector's enforcement, and that it has recently been rebuilt as a dry-stone wall.
- 2.3 **KG** reported that he had not written to anyone regarding Bendgate, but that he intended to.
- 2.4 **GD** told the meeting that the curtains presently at the Village Hall are fireproof, so there will be less cost involved in blacking them out. He had appropriated the Craven District Council application form for a grant to help meet the cost, but they need to see the accounts of the applying body. Also, there need to be two quotes for the work presented. It was agreed that the Village Hall should be the body to apply for the grant. The cost should be around the £500 mark, but the committee that decides the application's fate meets on the 15th of every other month, and so funding could not appear before October.
- 2.5 **GJ** confirmed that CDC would expect the grant application to come from the building owner.
- 2.6 **HTS** commented that she didn't think that the Old School House is a listed building, and that she'd ask Hilary Baker (**HB**) if we should write to get the building listed (or if the Parish Council (**PC**) would wish us to).
- 2.7 **KG** confirmed that he still has to talk with Chris Moorby (**CM**) about the footpath from Long Preston to Settle, and about the idea of having notice boards at the station, etc., promoting Long Preston.
- 2.8 **JR** told the meeting that he suspected there will be nothing to report from the A65 revocation inquiry until after the New Year.

3.0 Correspondence

- 3.1 **HTS** reported that an article from Peter Scott-Smith (**PSS**) may appear in the Craven Herald tomorrow, but that it was quite animated in parts, and that the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (**CRPE**) were being quite cautious about becoming associated with it.
- 3.2 **HTS** had received a letter regarding guidelines regarding local referenda from the CPRE.
- 3.3 **HTS** also received a piece of research from the CPRE regarding affordable housing in Craven, bearing in mind that Skipton is now classed as a development area.
- 3.4 **GJ** said that there was an article in the Sunday Times that claimed an appetite in Banks and Building Societies for entering into shared ownership of properties, so why do we need to have housing associations to achieve this for affordable housing?
- 3.5 **JM** brought attention to a letter from 1993 circulated to Long Preston residents from **CM** (on behalf of the Parish Council) on the topic of affordable housing and shared ownership, so it's not a new fad.

4.0 Membership

- 4.1 **AW** reported that the Association currently has £1051.40, and 119 members. There has been 1 new joiner since the last meeting, namely Tony Scaife.
- 4.2 **HTS** noted that he's recently erected an extension without the necessary approval, and he may want our help in resolving any issues arising.
- 4.3 **JM** said that it appears that he did submit a planning application that was rejected, but that he proceeded anyway.
- 4.4 **JF** pointed out that we must be careful to be in possession of the truth before we draw any conclusions about what he may or may not have done.
- 4.5 **AW** told the meeting that he had approached the Association's bankers about the possibility of setting up Direct Debits, but that they had said that our turnover was too small to consider sponsorship of such a nature.

5.0 The Dog 'Pooster' Competition

- 5.1 The Winner of the competition was Robert Capstick, who will receive £25. There were also 3 runners up (who each receive £5) and a further 24 entries besides.
- 5.2 **HTS** said she's try to line up Vivien from the Craven Herald to cover the competition, and that she'd approach the parents of the winners to see if the posters can be used publically.
- 5.3 **AW** asked if we could get 25 packets of crayons or similar to distribute to all the entrants, as 28 is a very good effort. It was agreed that we could, and £40 was given to **HTS** to cover the prize money. The extra prizes would be appropriated as available.

6.0 Resurfacing of the A65

- 6.1 **JR** said that the current A65 improvements are part of a rolling survey. They're having to survey all the drains, and have found that they all need replacing (due to wear and tear). They'll need to be replaced before the resurfacing work starts. The resurfacing is due to start at the end of September, and there are no plans for wheelchair access to the pavement from the road.
- 6.2 **BC** commented that replacing the drains was a major job, and a major component of the resurfacing work.
- 6.3 **HTS** reported that numerous people had asked her to approach Amey Mouchel about dropping the kerb for wheelchair access.
- 6.4 **BC** suggested that we need to see what the contract says.
- 6.5 **GJ** wondered if the A65 Group could get together to prepare some questions for the Amey Mouchel and Highways Agency representatives at the meeting on 26th July.
- 6.6 **KG** thought it would be worth inviting **CM** and Keith McBride (**KM**) to the A65 Group meeting.

7.0 Local Development Framework (LDF)

- 7.1 **HTS** distributed sections of the LDF to the relevant committee members. Section 1 – **HTS** and **GD**. Section 2 – **GJ**. Section 3 – **JF**. Section 4 – **JR**. Section 5 – **BC**. Responses are needed by the end of July.
- 7.2 **JF** asked if we should all make individual submissions and then collate, or if we should present the response as a single LoPRA entity?
- 7.3 **HTS** responded that we should leave the personal details sections blank, and we'll submit as LoPRA. Need to respond individually, but within LoPRA's bounds. She'll need to have the completed forms by 27th July (pm).
- 7.4 **JF** wondered if the LDF only applied to Long Preston outside of the National Park.
- 7.5 **HTS** thought that only planning issues are like that. That issues of transport, housing, etc., will apply to all of the village. She went on to say that she'd enclose a covering letter saying why it's appropriate for LoPRA to respond on the matter of the LDF, as some of the village is within, and some without of the National Park.
- 7.6 **JF** resolved that we should all respond to **HTS** by the 24th July, to give **HTS**, and **Kg** time to moderate the replies.

8.0 Newsletter

- 8.1 **BC** offered to have the TPO article written by Monday.
- 8.2 **KG** offered to write something small by Monday.
- 8.3 **JM** offered to write a piece on listed buildings.
- 8.4 **JR** offered to write a filler on the school open day tomorrow.
- 8.5 **HTS** said we should hold the AGM and the next public meeting together on 21st September.

9.0 Planning Applications

- 9.1 **GD** believed that it is not the committee's role to voice opinion on individual planning applications.
- 9.2 **HTS** asked if we shouldn't review all planning applications.
- 9.3 **BC** said he didn't need to know about individual planning applications.
- 9.4 **JM** agreed with **GD**, adding that he went to the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, and they'd discussed in great detail 8 planning applications, so we mustn't step on their toes.
- 9.5 **HTS** though that it may be worth putting in the newsletter that if people have planning issues, then their first recourse should be to the Parish Council, and only after that should they involve LoPRA.
- 9.6 **JF** added that it can still be our role to lobby when liberties are being taken after planning applications are granted.

10.0 John Clark's Field

- 10.1 **KG** pointed out for the members who were unaware, that John Clark's Field is between the Methodist Cemetery and Mount Pleasant. One can see where the field was levelled to form a bowling green up until the war. We need to talk with the Playing Fields Committee to see if there's anything they'd do with the site. Failing that, how about allotments or affordable housing?
- 10.2 **JM** said that the Parish Council are considering employing a lengthsman, and maybe he could be responsible for keeping the field presentable as a retreat? Or maybe a village orchard?

11.0 Gallaber

- 11.1 **KG** reported that the Gallaber Caravan Park people used to own the field in the line of the (proposed) bypass. This means that they cannot develop on it while the bypass is still a possibility. This field forms the only part of the bund around the site that is incomplete. If the

bypass order is revoked, they'll buy the land back off the HA and progress their plans to site caravans there.

11.2 **BC** said that we're sure to lose the public enquiry, but that this is an opportunity for LoPRA to pursue the continuation of the bund when Gallaber try to put caravans there instead.

11.3 **KG** offered to write a letter to Craven District Council, requesting that the bund be continuous, whatever the development boundary. Additionally, Gallaber have made a revised application for the riding centre, but not sure what's changed.

12.0 A.O.B.

12.1 **GJ** urged that we need to find out from the Parish Council how LoPRA can be of best service to them, i.e. to get a workflow back from them.

12.2 **HTS** pointed out that **KM** seemed very disappointed to not be here, and seems very genuinely interested.

12.3 **JF** wondered if we could ask **KM** to find out how we can help out the Parish Council (being a Parish Councillor).

12.4 **JR** pointed out that we must emphasize that we want to be supportive of the Parish Council.

12.5 **BC** asked if we could have another cleanup day in Long Preston.

12.6 **KG** interjected that the Gypsies staying overnight at Thompsons Farm on the A65 had been very tidy.

12.7 **HTS** returned to the point and suggested a date of 9th September for the cleanup day.

12.8 **JF** chose this moment to stand down from the LoPRA committee on account of his imminent relocation to Harrogate, and proposed that Jackie Hunt be co-opted into the committee (she is the new owner of Cromwell House at Town Head).

12.9 **BC** asked that we consider how to beautify the village.

12.10 **JM** proposed that we thank **JF** for all his hard work and help as a committee member, and that we wish him all the best in the future.

Next meeting at 19:30 in the residents' lounge of the Maypole on Thursday 10th August 2006.