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## MINUTES

**Thursday 14 June 2007**

**In the Residents Lounge at the Maypole Inn 7.30pm**

**1. Present:** Keith Grimshaw (Chairman), John Matthew, Andrew Walkden, Heather Thomas-Smith, Robert Cater and Gillian Jones

**Apologies:** Gavin Dewar, Jackie Hunt and Keith McBride

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting of 10 May were held as a true record.

**3. Matters arising:** issues from the previous meeting already on this month's agenda & therefore discussed as below.

**4. Correspondence:** One new membership, a copy letter from CPRE objecting to NYCC becoming a Unitary Authority, a draft order for the De-trunking of the A65 and a letter from The Long Preston Heritage Project Group.

**5. YDNP's LDF:** It was agreed that Heather would write to Peter Stockton requesting LoPRA's involvement in the forthcoming YDNP.

**6. A65 de-trunking:** The deadline for a response to the draft order is 27<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that LoPRA need to know the Parish Council's (and Villagers') view and the route that they are going to take so that we can act together, if at all. Questions were raised – i.e. is there potentially less chance of a bypass if detrunked as less funding may be made available? The PC are to invite a Road Engineer to an Open Meeting as they are also very concerned about poor funding for road repairs/ maintenance, etc if the A65 is detrunked.

**7. Community Owned Village Stores:** It was agreed that villagers need to be involved in any local consultation regarding the PO, as this is supposedly undertaken before any notice of

closures. We agreed to keep in touch with our PO – who have not currently heard anything – and that Heather would contact Jackie (who has been looking into this issue) and ask her to check the consultation timetable.

**8. North Yorkshire Unitary Authority Proposal:** There was some discussion as to whether we should object but it was felt that this may not be necessary as so much is duplicated by NYCC and CDC and therefore administration could be cut down. It was questioned as to whether other organisations and PCs would therefore gain more responsibility and structure (and if so would there be more paid council work at village level?!). Concerns were raised regarding peripheral areas of NY where funding may fall short – ie for Skipton General Hospital. It was also noted that NYCC has a tendency to let groups fight for funding themselves. Keith agreed to look at the proposal and make comment if necessary.

**9. TRAMPS:** Keith had not yet spoken to TRAMPS regarding teaming up with Austwick but agreed to ask about doing so for the film ‘Miss Potter’.

**10. Recruitment campaign leaflet:** It was agreed that we need to reword some of the leaflet and to add extra information on subjects such as TRAMPS before publishing any more for a ‘village drop’. Heather and committee members to look at individually for next meeting.

**11. Calendar competition:** Gill thought that it would be a good idea to use a photo exhibition as a precursor to the production of a village calendar, postcards, greetings cards, etc using old photographs of Long Preston and environs. It was agreed such a project should be activated to produce a calendar for 2008.

**12. Newsletter:** The next newsletter will require reports/articles on: de-trunking; the YDNP LDF; LP Calendar; Unitary Authority; TRAMPS and any future open meeting on A65 with PC and village (if a date is given); transport strategy and some light-hearted articles &/or pieces from other likeminded organisations. (ie Heather to ask for update from Lindy and Danny, Jackie to write pieces on studio and PO?) Possibly go for a September edition.

**13. Church bells:** LoPRA to offer their support in the raising of funds for the Church Bells through organised events such as a Cheese and Wine evening, which could be undertaken when a

bid has been put in, ie when commitment to the project has been given. Heather to write an appropriate letter of support to Rachel and the Steering Group for the Church Bells/Heritage Project. It was also noted that private fundraisers for the bells should ask for the PCC's approval/advice before going ahead with an event.

**14. AOB:** PC news: there now appears to be a chance of having more dog bins and it was suggested that we ask/look around the village for appropriate spots. Drugs were found at the Playing Fields and therefore should warn folk to remain vigilant. In addition there has been further vandalism to the railway.