



## Committee Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2006

### MINUTES

**Present:**

Keith Grimshaw	(KG)	Chairperson
Bob Cater	(RC)	
Gavin Dewar	(GD)	
Gillian Jones	(GJ)	
John Mathew	(JM)	
Keith McBride	(KM)	
John Rodgers	(JR)	
Helen Firth	(HF)	Craven District Councillor
Jackie Hunt		LoPRA member as observer

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#### 1. Apologies

Heather Thomas-Smith  
Andrew Walkden

#### 2. Minutes of Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July

The July Minutes were accepted as being an accurate reflection of that meeting.

#### 3. Matters Arising

No matters were arising other than those covered below.

#### 4. Correspondence – Stuart Robertshaw

It was noted that The Village Hall Committee had invited LoPRA to have a representation on their committee. John Rodgers said he would be willing to do this – and this offer was accepted.

#### 5. Affordable Housing on Open Market

**GJ** reported on the apparent advantages of Shared Equity Schemes over Social Housing;

- Quicker to organise than Social Housing, as it can use existing housing stock.
- More flexible to the buyer.
- More flexibility in the supply of properties.

**HF** pointed out that in her experience of two recent schemes in Skipton, the advantage to the buyer was less than it might appear, as the buyer still had to pay rent on the proportion they had *not bought*.

**GJ** said she had a meeting arranged with Steve Aldous the General Manager of the Skipton Building Society to discuss how they planned to implement their proposed £10M scheme, and would raise this point with them.

**HF** reported that a new Housing Enabler had been appointed by CDC.

## 6. John Clark's Field

Land adjacent to Baptist Church Cemetery Site, which has remnants of the long disused village bowling green.

**KG** reported that he had discussions with Roy Newhouse and Chris Moorby regarding Mr Clark's offer of the use of this field for the benefit of Long Preston. Both had some reservations, mainly about whether this offer was for permanent use or just for the foreseeable future.

Possible uses included bowling green, allotments or community orchard.

**KM** reported that the Playing Field Committee had not found sufficient support for their proposed bowling green, and it would be very expensive to re-instate this old one. **HF** said CDC had a recent quote of £68,000 to move a bowling green.

The National Park Planning Officer was reported to have stated that the NP would be unlikely to allow this field to be used for Affordable Housing as it was opposed to such *in-fill*.

It was agreed that this was a matter for the Parish Council, and **KG** would pass the correspondence to **KM** to take up with the Parish Council.

## 7. Resurfacing of A65

It was felt that the Highways Agency gave a good presentation at their open meeting last month, and there should not be too many problems if all went as planned. The plan was to replace the top 6 inches of the surface. This was expected to provide a 20 year life with a 2 inch replacement after 10 years – this being considered to meet the *Best-Value* criteria. The work was expected to take 6 to 8 weeks and would be carried out between 09:30 and 15:30 on weekdays only, under part time supervision of a highways engineer.

**RC** noted that the HA had taken 6 core samples through the village, and that he had been led to believe, some of these showed disintegration of the base below the 6 inch depth. The results of the CCTV survey of the drains had not been seen yet.

**KM** reported that the Parish Council had complained to the HA about misleading data on the cores.

## 8. Gallaber Caravan Park

**KG** reported that the owners of the caravan park had stopped work on the extended roadway and would be constructing the missing bunds as per the original plans. **HF** reported that the CDC planning Enforcement Officer was keeping an eye on this.

It was noted that the field adjacent to the park was currently owned by the Highways Agency as part of the protected line for the bypass.

It was also noted that there had also been problems at the riding school where an attempt had been made to restrict access to what was actually a public road and to move a public footpath.

## 9. TRAMPS Filmshow

**GD** reported that a second quote had been obtained for blackout curtains for the village hall and passed to Stuart Robertshaw who would be applying, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, to CDC for a grant.

## 10. Next Newsletter

Discussion of contents were deferred as this would be published mid to late October, and contain report of the AGM. (*Last years went out in November. Date of previous issues: Oct 04 – Feb 0 – Jul 05 – Nov 05 – Mar 06 – Jul 06*)

**11. September Open Meeting**

The date was confirmed as 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

**KG** asked committee to send any items for the agenda ASAP and would liaise with HT-S re agenda for approval of committee.

**12. Footpath – low level route to Settle**

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has started negotiations with land owners to link Long Preston to the Riddings.

**13. A65 – Inspectors Report**

**14. Any Other Business**

**GJ** reported that the owners of the Eldon Country House Hotel had offered the use of their function room to aid local organisations; e.g. for a Cheese and Wine Party to raise funds.

**GJ** advised the meeting that Ian Evens had received correspondence from the Environment Agency regarding the *Ribble Integrated Catchment Management Plan* and would keep LoPRA updated on this.

**15. Date of Next Committee Meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Maypole Residents Lounge.