



Committee Meeting, 14th July 2005

MINUTES

Present:	Gillian Jones	(GJ)	Chairperson
	Heather Thomas-Smith	(HTS)	Vice Chairperson
	Andrew Walkden	(AW)	Treasurer
	Keith Grimshaw	(KG)	
	John R Mathews	(JRM)	
	John P Rodgers	(JPR)	
	Samantha Glossop	(SG)	
	John Finnigan	(JF)	
	Robert Cator	(RC) A65 group	
	Phillip Johnson	(PJ)	
	Mr Bolton	(Mr B)	
	Mr A Birrell	(AB)	
	Dr Imrie	(Mrs I)	
	Mr & Mrs Lambert	(Mr & Mrs L)	

1.0 Apologies

- 1.1 Gavin Dewar, Malcolm Beresford, Susan Brooks, Peter Scott Smith
John Goodall (A65 group)

2.0 Minutes

- 2.1 Minutes were not discussed on this occasion and will be agreed at the next meeting. SG apologised for not having been able to completed them before the meeting.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Therefore no matters arising at this time.

4.0 A65

- 4.1 Sub group chaired by **JR**. **JR** gave a report of what the current situation was. There will be a pre-inquiry meeting when an inspector is appointed. He urged as many people need to attend this meeting as this is when the inspector will be looking at the issues. Publicity is required to highlight the predicament of having to live with the A65 as it is now. Show the true

feelings of the people. Should we be contact the local/national press? See **JR**'s report.

- 4.2 CDC argument is that it is premature to abandon the bypass when no appropriate alternative has been given by the Highways Agency.
- 4.3 NYCC – have suggested a minimum length bypass would be the preferred alternative, significantly reducing the cost of such a project and therefore making it more economically viable than the present scheme would be. Also minimising environmental impact. **JR** also mentioned 5 other points (all in the report)
- 4.4 **GJ** opened the issue up to the floor for discussion: **HTS** said a traffic survey was needed to provide up to date information for the inquiry to consider. **HTS** asked **RC** if he knew who would be responsible for commissioning a survey? **RC** said it would probably be the Highways Agency. **RC** urged us to use publicity to get the Highways to do a survey, (Is this because they will have not performed their duty of care if they do nothing whilst there is lots of grumbling) **KG** pointed out that the A65 had been the 5th highest of all the issues at the Conference. **HTS** said many people there has said to her how badly the A65 affects them having to travel along it everyday, never mind having to live with it as in Long Preston.
- 4.5 **HTS** – need a letter to ask if we can have a road safety survey. **GJ** suggested **RC** and **JR** would go and lead this with the A65 group.
- 4.6 **Mr B said he had been inconvenienced with the traffic lights for the small area of road works up at west end.** Would it be possible to complain due to the number of days delays and backlogged traffic through the village. **SG** noted she had counted 80 cars queuing coming into Long Preston on the settle side at 8.50am last week due to the lights. Advise was given to ring the Route Manager for the A65 to complain.

5.0 Housing Needs Survey

- 5.1 **GJ** – reported that she had talked to the consultants and informed them that not all residents of Long Preston had received the survey (as promised by Gill Dixon). There then followed a discussion on what “affordable housing” means to different people. LoPRA committee to follow up when the results come out.

6.0 Shaping Places and Spaces Conference. (SP&S)

- 6.1 **HTS** talked about the SP&S – it was a consultation process to help develop the Craven Community Strategy. We are now in the “ Leeds city Group”. It was concerned with industrial and economic developments. There was a lack of enthusiasm for developing the rural economy and more on how to bring in industry and people into the area to build the economy. This is what concerned **HTS** the most. Do we want to loose our rural industry to be replaced by industrial parks and manufacturing on a large scale.
- 6.2 **HTS** – asked the question do we want to be part of the Strategic Plan as part of LoPRA's remit? **GJ** said it was probably best to keep in touch.
- 6.3 There were discussions around bringing in employment to rural areas the concerns/benefits this may bring.

6.4 KG said that the Local Plan will no longer apply to south of the Railway Line in Long Preston when the new “Framework” will come into being. It will incorporate the Local plan, but the framework is a series of individual topics and these can be reviewed and modified continuously – Will this give the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister a vehicle to push through their own issues as Government policy changes.

7.0 Clean up day – July 16th 2005

7.1 GJ asked for volunteers from the room and the committee to meet at the village hall on Saturday morning. **HTS** will bake a cake and **SJG** will make the Teas/coffees (as she has no babysitter). RC and Mrs I also volunteered as did all the committee. **AW** gave apologies he will be on holiday.

8.0 AGM (Taken after AOB but minuted at 8)

8.1 **AGM** now to be on **Thursday 22nd Sept.** **GJ** to book the Village Hall.

8.2 Need to have nominations for Chairman and Secretary. Need to decide on the level of Subscriptions, constitutional changes. What we are going to spend money on? (Digital video camera to show clips?) How are we going to get people to join for another year.

8.3 **GJ** to ask **David Heather** to come to Committee meeting (if he can come to next meeting **GJ** will book the village hall.

8.4 **Aw** suggested that we could spend money on paying for a minute secretary. Would we need constitution change for this?

9.0 AOB

9.1 **PJ** said he was very concerned with the retrospective planning application that had been submitted for the old farmhouse at town head, and had brought the documents for the committee to look at. There has also been removal of 100yr old tree and various other trees removed from the site.

9.2 **JF** said the Parish council have objected to the retrospective planning application. There are 8 wks for any other objections (28th Aug) **GJ** said she would take the documents home to have a look at them.

9.3 **Galliber development** : Duncan Hartley has now left craven district council and **GJ** has been told to follow up with **Ian Swaine**

**Date & venue of the next LoPRA committee meeting 18th August 2005
Maypole Residents Lounge. (or Village Hall if D Heather is available)**