

LUTTONS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held in the School Hall, Back Lane, West Lutton on 15 November 2011

Present:

Christine Carpenter
Jenny Clarke
Tony Crawford
Rod Eady

Stephanie Fidell
Andy Macdonald (Clerk)
John Wane (Chair)

Apologies:

Joe Lacy

Item	Action
1.	Declarations of Interest - None
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 September 2011 Proposed by SF and seconded by CC. The Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes which the Chair signed.
3.	Matters arising not on the agenda - None
4.	<p>Verbal Reports from Councillors</p> <p><i>4.1 Speed Training on Emergency Planning – 27 Sept 11</i> This had been an informative event set up as a series of mini workshops. Flooding, heavy snow and loss of electricity and landline telephone were the main risks for this Parish. It was agreed that a representative from CE Electric UK would be invited to talk to the Council after which a decision could be made as to whether the Parish was of the size to warrant an Emergency Plan.</p> <p><i>4.2 Parish Council Liaison Meeting</i> JW reported that among other initiatives, New Homes Bonuses, Localism Bill and Parish Development Plans were discussed. The Post Office Scrutiny Panel reported on their work, and JW took the opportunity to talk about the post bus situation. Street Scene reminded Parish Councils of money that was available for cleaning materials for cleaning road signs etc. Windfarms were discussed and JW had highlighted the issue of the two separate consents that were needed and the proliferation of planning requests for windfarms. JW had also talked to Richard Marr about the state of the footpaths in the Parish. A letter has been received which would be discussed later in the meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Correspondence Councillors were reminded of other correspondence which had been circulated previously.</p> <p><i>5.1 Winter precautions - free equipment from RDC.</i> A salt bin, a push-along gritter and shovels have been ordered. There would now not be a requirement Council to buy a salt bin as previously planned (a saving of £100+ VAT)</p> <p><i>5.2 Post Bus.</i> NYCC have confirmed that Royal Mail would withdraw from providing this service as from 29/4/2012. The service is being re-tendered and NYCC will write again with more information. It was regrettable that NYCC had not spoken to Parish Councils re their communities' requirements as these were known to be different to the service currently offered. The Parish Council determined to respond to NYCC's letter questioning how and when it would have input into the new specification. The Parish Council further agreed to talk to a member of the Postal Services Scrutiny Review Committee. Because of her extensive work into the Post Bus, Val Crane would be invited to any meetings.</p> <p><i>5.3 Footpaths and speed initiatives.</i> Two years after the bid, money is available to improve footpaths in West Lutton and for speed initiatives in East Lutton and Helperthorpe. The planning work would be undertaken by Highways in this financial year with the physical work commencing in the next year (from April 2012). NYCC will discuss the plans with the Parish Council. Councillors were keen that any speed initiatives were appropriate with the environment. The Parish Council agreed to link their maintenance programme with this work.</p>

	<p>5.4 Queens Jubilee. The Parish Council agreed not to register for a Jubilee Beacon. There was agreement from Councillors that the Jubilee should be marked in some way. Ideas would be given and the Clerk who would place an article in the Warbler.</p> <p>5.5 High Speed Broadband. Councillors were reminded of the event planned by Rural Action Yorkshire for the following night in the School Hall which would look at how high speed broadband might be brought to the valley. The NYCC IT bus will also be there.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p>
6.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><i>7.1 Recent determinations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor ménage, Dotterall Farm – consent • Wind turbine, Spaniel Farm – no new information <p><i>7.2 New applications</i></p> <p>Application for wind turbines for farm use at Thirkelby World Farm – AM proposed that the Council object to the planning permission and this was seconded by JW. The Parish Council unanimously voted to object on the grounds of a) the size of the turbines and their impact on the landscape, b) the amount of energy generated against the amount of energy required for the farm’s use, and c) the lack of option appraisal that shows that wind turbines are the best source of green energy. A statement that the PC is not against green energy schemes or wind turbines would be included.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>Finance</p> <p>Since the last meeting, and by using e-mail, the Parish Council had unanimously approved the sum of £200 to be paid to Luttons Bonfire Committee.</p> <p><i>7.1 Income and expenditure statement for year to date</i></p> <p>This was tabled by the Clerk (see attached)</p> <p><i>7.2 To receive tenders for contracts – Clearance of Gypsy Race</i></p> <p>It was agreed that the Vice Chair (RE), the Finance Officer (SF) and the Clerk meet to formulate a recommendation to the Council. The work would take in the area from the Malton Lane culvert to the culvert at the other end of the village. All property owners along this route would be contacted before the work started. It was hoped that this work to complete the work this financial year.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed that all and any tenders would be assessed on the basis of most economically advantageous rather than the lowest cost.</p> <p><i>7.3 Budget for 2012/13 and precept for 2012/13</i></p> <p>The draft budget for 2012/13 (see attached) was based on this year’s forecast outturn without any addition for inflation, with the precept being held at the 2011/12 level of £1,150. The proposed expenditure decreases the high reserve currently held and questioned by the auditor. AM proposed that the precept be set at £1,150 and that the draft budget be approved. RE seconded the proposal. The Parish Council unanimously voted to set the precept at the same level as 2011/12 and adopt the draft 2012/13 budget.</p>	RE/ SF/Clerk
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><i>Luttons Bonfire</i> – The Chair of the Luttons Bonfire Committee (in attendance) reported that enjoyable evening had by all. The bucket collection and raffle raised a good amount of money and with a small fund raiser in the summer the bonfire event could be funded the following year.</p> <p><i>County Councillor elected</i> – Janet Sanderson had been returned as the member for Thornton Dale and Wolds constituency.</p> <p><i>Invitation</i> – Councillors were invited to Carols around the Christmas Tree at Luttons School on 13/12 at 2pm and the Christmas Production in St Mary’s Church on 15/12 at 6pm.</p> <p><i>Weaverthorpe Memorial Service</i> - The Chair reported that the Parish Council had been represented at this well attended event, which included a dedication to a new name.</p>	
11.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>17 January 2012 at 7.15pm in the School Hall, Back Lane, West Lutton PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO START TIME</p>	

Minutes to be signed when approved by the Council:.....(Chair)