

CRIDLING STUBBS PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING JULY 15th 2015 7pm

Members present: Alan Anderson-Coe, Lorna Haddock, Robert Klaasen, Mark Stringer
Clerk: Lynda Anderson-Coe

1. To receive apologies for absence

Ian Phillips. Debbie White (District Councillor)

2. To receive any declarations of interest in the following business to be transacted

None.

3. To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2015 as a true record

Agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 10th June 2015

- Bank mandate – still not complete, MS to take in photo ID.
- Letter to DQ – the Chairman has written to Darrington Quarries to ask for a meeting about the land at Darrington East and possible community use.
- Website – the new website is up and running so that we comply with the Transparency Regulations. The website address is on the notice board outside the village hall and the Clerk will inform Selby DC of the new address.
- Clerk's hours – the Clerk had prepared a schedule as requested of hours spent on Parish Council business. They totalled 15.5 hours but included several hours spent in creating the website and setting up a database for accounts so were not representative of a normal month's work.
- Speed cameras – the Chairman reported that he had investigated hiring a speed camera to check the speed of the lorries but the cost was prohibitive. It was suggested that the police might help.

5. Public question time

A question was raised about the buses and whether they would continue to run. No contrary information had been received.

6. Correspondence

- Letter to DQ – already mentioned
- A letter had been received from HMRC confirming the VAT refund

7. Standing Orders

The Chairman reported that he and the clerk had been looking at standing orders for other councils, and would like to suggest some minor amendments in the light of transparency regs. The aim would be to clarify and simplify. It was agreed that draft changes would be circulated before the next meeting and a discussion would be include on the agenda.

8. Payments

Training £250 - agreed

A contribution to Womersley Parish Church in memory of Arnold Hallam – agreed.

9. Transparency Regulations

Have not yet received audited accounts from external auditor – the clerk will chase.

10. Feedback from Training

Lorna Haddock reported on the training that she and Ian Philips had attended. The training had covered the general role but was geared to large councils and there was little on the finance aspect. However it had been useful and worthwhile. It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase an up-to-date version of the Good Councillor Guide.

RK had been in touch to rearrange his training for later in the year. The Chairman would complete his training the following day.

11. Grass cutting

Northfield Lane/Verges etc have been cut and we will receive some money from NY (£34.56) towards grass-cutting undertaken by the Parish Council but this is only for the verge near the stone sign.

The verges at the other end of the village are dangerously high but NYCC have from April 2015 changed their policy and will not cut verges. As a parish council we have a responsibility but it will impact on our costs and we will have to include an element in next year's precept.

12. Planning applications

An application from Manor Grange Equestrian had been received to demolish a log cabin currently used as a residence, remove a static caravan and replace them with a two bedroom bungalow. Responses were due by the 29th July. Concern was expressed that the development was outside the village limits and in Green Belt, and that the new property was considerably larger than the log cabin. The Chairman agreed to contact the Planning Officer and request an extension so that further information could be obtained prior to a further discussion.

13. Reports from various meetings

None had been held

14. Play Area Report

The chairman reported that he was getting little response from the company that had supplied the equipment and would attempt to contact other companies. It was agreed that Councillors would undertake training in the autumn regarding inspection of the equipment (AA-C and either LH/IP).

An offer had been received for assistance in clearing the undergrowth below the trees and this would be gratefully accepted.

The Chairman had investigated the cost of concrete waste bins to replace the bins that had been damaged and was awaiting prices.

15. Minor items and items for the next agenda

None

16. AOB

It was reported that there were several instances of overhanging trees in the village and RK agreed to speak to residents.

17. Date of next meeting September 9th 2015

Signed:

Alan Anderson-Coe, Chairman

