

CRIDLING STUBBS PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING September 9th 2015 7pm

Members present: Alan Anderson-Coe, Lorna Haddock, Robert Klaasen, Ian Phillips
Clerk: Lynda Anderson-Coe

- 1. To receive apologies for absence**
Mark Stringer. Debbie White (District Councillor)
- 2. To receive any declarations of pecuniary interest in the following business to be transacted**
None.
- 3. To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2015 as a true record**
Agreed and signed.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of 15th July 2015**
 - **The Bank Mandate** has finally been sorted
 - **RK** reported that he has spoken to several residents about overhanging trees and they have responded positively. There will be a further review at the next meeting.
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- 5. Public question time**
 - The matter of informing residents of meetings was clarified. The date and time of the meeting together with the agenda are placed on the notice board outside the village hall and on the parish council website, www.thepec-cs.uk.
 - Concern was again expressed about the speed of the lorries and the state of the by-pass road as a result of the excessive washing by UK Coal.
- 6. Correspondence**
 - An invoice had been received for election expenses.
 - The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed and would be displayed for 14 days.
 - The Chairman reported on email correspondence with Highways about the slurry filled ditch alongside the play area. It was agreed this should be pursued.
 - SDC had been informed of the new email address.
 - A letter had been received about a proposed solar farm on Darrington Quarry.
- 7. Standing Orders**

The Clerk had prepared draft standing orders to replace the current ones. There was discussion and some minor amendments. These will be included and considered for adoption at the next meeting.

The Clerk suggested a format to ensure that the Council complied with the information published as a result of the Freedom of Information Act. This was agreed.

It was agreed that the October meeting each year should include Risk Management as an agenda item.
- 8. Payments**

The Clerk, in her position as RFO, gave an update on the state of the accounts, and of expenditure against budget. The Councillors discussed and approved them.

Various cheques totalling £426.45 were agreed.
- 9. Feedback from Chairman's Training**

The Chairman reported that he had attended training in July which had been informative, worthwhile and value for money.
- 10. Grass cutting**

The Chairman reported on ongoing problems with the handmower and tractor due to misuse and lack of cleaning which had resulted in a greater than expected expenditure on repairs. It was hoped these were now at an end.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to comment on the planning applications that were before the Council.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

11. Planning applications

- **Manor Grange Equestrian 2015/0747/FUL**
A decision was taken to forward the council's concerns and objections and to request a meeting with the planning officer.
- **Manor Farm Bungalow 2015/0778/FUL**
A decision was taken to object to the application.
- The **UK Coal** application to extend tipping at Womersley Quarry has been withdrawn.
- **Windfarm application** NYCC has sent a letter to the applicant requesting information still outstanding and asking for confirmation about the status of the application in light of the reduction of the subsidy and increased emphasis on local objections as announced by the Government.

12. Reports from various meetings

The Chairman had attended a meeting of DQL. They said the application was still live. There was also discussion about the possibility of the Parish Council leasing the area known as Darrington East for a peppercorn rent on a 10 year lease. The land could be used by the community but there would be restrictions on use and implications for cost and liability. It was agreed the matter should be further investigated.

13. Play Area Report

The proposed training in September was unavailable but possibly available in October. The cost of either a concrete bin, or a metal fire retardant bin was of the order of £400. It was agreed to continue looking and to monitor the litter situation.

14. Minor items and items for the next agenda

Litter bins
Overhanging trees
Risk assessment
Standing Orders

15. AOB

The Chairman asked RK to check whether he had a full file of minutes for the previous year as there was a suggestion that some minutes were missing.

16. Date of next meeting October 21st 2015

Signed:

Alan Anderson-Coe, Chairman