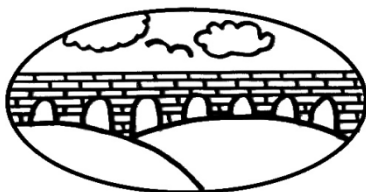


CULLINGWORTH VILLAGE COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2016** AT 7.30PM IN THE METHODIST CHURCH,
CULLINGWORTH
www.cullingworth-village.co.uk

PRESENT: Cllrs. H Martin, M Galvin, R Hartley, L Ackroyd, M Ahir, B Craig, A Wood and the clerk
Angela Holmes

FIFTEEN MINUTES from the general public:

Residents asked if there had been any response from the developers at the Manywells site to the letter sent by the Village Council following last month's council meeting. The clerk reported that she had hand delivered the letter but to date had received no reply. It was also reported that dust was causing a nuisance due to the recent dry weather. It was understood that a weekly site meeting took place every Thursday and Cllr. Ackroyd would call up to speak to the site manager about the situation.

A request for enhanced road markings at the Fleece roundabout was received. The present markings have almost disappeared and an accident occurred there last week. The clerk will contact Highways to report this.

3399 Connor Hughes, parish councillor from Haworth, Cross Roads and Stanbury, was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the petition for the return of regular bus services between Keighley and Halifax which would serve Cullingworth in between. Currently there are no bus services between Keighley and Halifax to enable travel for work, school and leisure. At present there is a bus service to Halifax from Denholme but this does not provide an efficient connection for onward travel. The petition was for an hourly service Monday to Saturday and two hourly on Sunday to be run by Transdev rather than run by another service, which would be an advantage. Connor asked if the Village Council was supportive and **it was resolved** that the clerk would write to West Yorkshire Joint Transport Committee supporting the petition.

3400 APOLOGIES: None

3401 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Cllr. Ahir declared a non-prejudicial interest in the disabled parking and the planning application at The Nook Lodge.

3402 MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2016 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

Chicken Factory: There had been an irate evening phone call to a councillor about ongoing issues which were outside the control of the Chicken Factory. The councillor advised that it was a matter for the Police to deal with. Cllr Ackroyd reported that HGVs had been seen parking in different areas round village waiting to deliver .. **It was resolved** that the clerk would contact Environmental Health to check if they were monitoring capacity at the factory.

Bingley Stone: The clerk was waiting for an update from Ian Farmer.

Disabled Parking: The clerk had received a reply from Highways and passed information regarding the criteria for such a bay, to the resident. It was noted that the Village Council and neighbouring shops would be notified by Highways of any application received.

Tree Felling on the GN Trail: This item had been discussed in the public time.

3403 CORRESPONDENCE: To note:

1) SLCC – Notice of EGM 10 June 1.30pm Stratford upon Avon

3404 CLERK'S REPORT:

The clerk read the financial report at 4 May 2016

- It was resolved to pay:

- 1) Clerk's salary for April and payment to HMRC
- 2) Rural Action Yorkshire - £35 annual subscription
- 3) Zurich Insurance - £324.96

3405 Following the notification to “opt out” of having an appointment of auditor by the new sector-led body for the procurement of audit for smaller authorities, the clerk had received an email from YLCA with further advice and a deadline of 31 May 2016 to “opt in” if the decision was reconsidered. Only seven parish councils in Yorkshire had opted out and there were potentially significant resourcing implications to appointing their own external auditor. After discussion **it was resolved** to “opt in” and the clerk would notify the decision by the deadline.

3406 PORTFOLIO REPORTS: to discuss

a) PLANNING:

To discuss:

Application: 16/02371/HOU Bankfoot Cottage, Flappit Springs – Construction of second story extension above garage, alterations to include demolition and rebuilding of the rear garage wall and formation of pitched roof with velux windows. Addition to five sun-tunnels to the existing roof.

As the property is located in the Green Belt a sensitive approach is required with the design of this application and should not adversely affect the character of the Green Belt. The development should be carried out respecting the existing characteristics of the house and the street scene. Whilst using materials that are characteristic of the area. All finishes need to blend with the existing property. The walls will be natural stone and the roof finished in high-quality reconstructed stone slate. There should be no disproportionate additions, nor increase to the existing footprint of the property. Bankfoot Cottage needs to be retained as a single dwelling.

Recommend Approval

Application: 16/02077/HOU19 Greenfield Crescent – Demolition of existing external outbuilding, construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

A previous application: **16/00079/HOU** - a proposed two storey side extension, was refused by Bradford Council because the extension would be insufficiently subordinate and lacks a full 1 metre set back to its front elevation. As a result the side extension would unbalance the symmetry of the existing pair of semi-detached dwellings, create the potential for a terracing effect and would result in an overly prominent addition to the existing dwelling. It would thereby harm the character and visual amenity of the existing dwelling and the street scene and is contrary to Policies D1 and UR3 of the Replacement Unitary Development Plan for the Bradford District.

The Village Council notes that although some of these issues have been addressed, the side extension would still unbalance the symmetry of the existing pair of semi-detached dwellings, create the potential for a terracing effect and would result in an overly prominent addition to the existing dwelling. It would thereby harm the character and visual amenity of the existing dwelling and the street scene and is contrary to Policies D1 and UR3 of the Replacement Unitary Development Plan for the Bradford District.

Recommend Refusal

Application: 16/02270/HOU Nook Lodge, Halifax Road – Side extension to existing dwelling to form annex accommodation.

Planning permission had previously been granted for an extension of this type to the property. The use of appropriate materials is necessary in the interest of visual amenity with regard to this planning application.

Recommend Approval

Ratification of Applications submitted to Shipley:

Granted: - **The Cottage, Marlands Farm Bingley Road** - Construction of rear single storey extension

Granted - **Half Moon House off Hill End Lane Harden**
Construction of farmhouse with farm office and general purpose agricultural building

Secretary of State Appeal:16/00053/APP/0U – 19 Hunters Green – Construction of single story extension.

b) **ENVIRONMENTAL:** to discuss

- a) **A request has been received from Lyze Dudley, community development worker for Shipley, Bingley & Bingley rural working with Wendy Fisher to attend a meeting regarding the “New Deal” to discuss supporting communities to identify where they may be able to become active and how this may translate in the future.**

After discussion it was resolved not to take up the offer as a number of the councillors had attended various meetings regarding the “New Deal.” Unlike other villages Cullingworth had no green areas other than the War Memorial garden where work could be undertaken by the Village Council. Work on taking out the hedging adjacent to Halifax Road had already been done by Bradford Council and permanent planting will be done to replace the annual planting. It was noted that some of the seating needed repainting and the clerk would make enquiries regarding work needed to renew some engraving on the memorial.

- b) **A meeting with Friend of the Dell attended by Cllr. Galvin and the clerk raised the issue of non-renewal of insurance for the group by Bradford Council. The group had no income source and sought advice on how to cover future working practices and whether an umbrella insurance cover for voluntary groups was something the Village Council could consider.**

The clerk had contacted Wendy Fisher of Shipley Area Coordinators Office to confirm that Bradford Council would not be renewing the insurance and also contacted the Village Council’s insurance provider for advice. This information had not received in time for to the meeting.

- c) **SOCIAL: Cllr. Ahir** reported that the football team was champion of Division One and had been promoted to the Premier League. Of the 20 games played they had won 16, drawn 3 and lost only one game.

3407 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES: Cllr. Hartley had nothing specific to report. He would contact the schools prior to the meeting with the Village Hall Committee to ask for ideas for provision for youth at the new hall.

3408 REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES: It was noted that the local police were looking at the possibility of restarting the Ward Tasking meetings again which had proved a valuable portal for information in the past.

3409 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on 1 June 2016 in the Methodist Church at 7.30pm

Signed

Dated