CULLINGWORTH VILLAGE COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025 AT 7.00PM IN THE METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENT: Cllrs. H Martin (Chair), M Thomson, R Mazur, N Reeday, L Whittaker, R Jay and the Clerk A Costigan.

Members of the public present: One

Fifteen minute rule: comments from the general public:

A resident spoke on behalf of his planning application 24/0390/FUL.

4417 COUNCILLORS: Condolences were expressed on the death of a former Ward Councillor, Councillor Naveed Riaz.

4418 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Atack sent his apologies, which were accepted.

4419 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: Cllr Mazur disclosed an interest in the Youth Club grant, under item 7 b).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 4 December 2024 were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Basketball area. See item 7 b)

Newsletter articles – lights switch on, Cullingworth Bowls Club, Cullingworth Paths Association. The newsletter is ready to be published.

Actions from previous meeting not covered elsewhere:

Action	Responsible	Outcome/agenda item for discussion
Cullingworth Bowls Club	Clerk to send grant form to Bowls Club	Completed
Bingley Rural Ward Leadership meeting notes	Clerk to pursue	Completed
To pay Christmas Plus and Cullingworth Against BESS invoices as previously approved.	Clerk and councillors	Completed
VE Day. A ceremony will take place on May 8 2025 at 9.30 pm. The purchase of a flag was	Clerk to pursue flag purchase	Flag on order
approved	Clerk to invite Deputy Lieutenant.	Invited
Hanging baskets. New quote of £5 extra per visit was approved.	Clerk to notify.	Notified
Goit Stock Wood has been put up for sale. Harden Village Council has circulated a proposal to Wilsden and Cullingworth that a community ownership arrangement be considered. The Village Council considers that issues of cost and liability are prohibitive and does not wish to pursue the proposal.	Clerk to notify.	Notified

4421 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Local Councils Liaison Group notes 1 October 2024. Noted.
- 2. Goit Stock Woods Community Purchase meeting 14 January. Noted. **Action:** Clerk to ask for updates.
- 3. Manywells Great Northern Rail Trail Access. Noted.

4422 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk read the financial report to 14 January 2025

It was resolved to pay:

- 1. Clerk's salary
- 2. HMRC Clerk tax
- 3. Instant Ink payment (Clerk) £11.99
- 4. Instant Ink payment (Chairman) £11.99
- 5. Call out charge (Christmas Plus) £240
- 6. Dismantling of tree (30%) (Christmas Plus) £1370.40
- 7. Grit distribution (Jonny Martin) £100

- 8. Domain name renewal (Chairman) £252
- 9. VE Day flag (Clerk) £77.11
- 10. Christmas lights installation (Tom Sumner) £550

The minutes of the Budget meeting held 27 November 2024 were approved.

It was **agreed** that the Financial Regulations meeting scheduled for 22 January will not now take place and the Financial Regulations discussion will take place during the next full meeting on 5 February. **Action:** Clerk to send out Financial Regulations to members.

Noted: payments previously authorised made to

- 1. Cullingworth Against BESS banner (Dotty Print) £168
- Christmas light installation (Christmas Plus) £3199.20
- 3. Tree lights (Christmas Plus) £858

4423 PORTFOLIO REPORTS:

a) PLANNING

Applications to consider:

Application 24/04333/HOU 3 Clayton Terrace Cullingworth. Single storey rear extension.

Date expired.

Application 24/04535/HOU 16 Ainsdale Grove Cullingworth. Single storey rear extension.

Date expired.

Application 24/03901/FUL Land To The Rear Of 14 Station Road Cullingworth. Demolition of outbuilding and construction of replacement triple garage with ancillary residential accommodation over, to be used in conjunction with 14 Station Road.

Recommend refusal

The original core of the village, located around Station Road and Georges Square, contains many listed vernacular structures. The majority of Cullingworth's 22 Grade II Listed Buildings are located within the Conservation Area which covers the core of the original pre-19th century centre of Cullingworth.

We refer to Cullingworth's Conservation Assessment:

Nos. 14 and 14a Station Road form two cottages in a row of four, dating from the late 18th century. To the road side, the flat-faced mullions have been replaced, however at the rear are the original 4-light windows with recessed mullions. From the rear of these cottages, there is an interesting vista along the rear elevations of the row of houses and over the small stone

built outhouses into the adjoining field, giving the area a strong country-side feel which further compounds the rural village character of the conservation area.

Although it states to be used in conjunction with 14 Station Road, we note that this area of land does not constitute part of No 14 Station Road, but has a separate entry in the Land Registry.

It is proposed to demolish the existing traditional stone built outbuilding which has fallen into disrepair and to construct a three car garage with overhead ancillary living accommodation to the first floor within the roof space served by two pitched roof dormer windows and a single roof light, to include bedroom, bathroom, (to be served by a package treatment plant) and sitting room. The proposed build which could possibly be adapted into a house at a later stage would increase the height and the footprint close to surrounding Grade II listed buildings in a conservation area.

The proposed garage is to be faced with natural coursed wall stone and artificial stone slate. The ground floor to provide garaging for up to three vehicles.

There are four Grade II listed houses which would be directly affected by this proposal and although the design is described as traditional, it does not reflect the build design of the surrounding Grade II listed houses, in particular adding another floor with first floor dormer windows. The build would look incongruous by its massing and height to the wider streetscape and overlook the rear elevation of nearby listed buildings.

The construction of a new building, may be allowed provided that the character, appearance, and significance of the conservation area as a whole and the setting of nearby listed buildings is preserved or enhanced. We feel that this proposal does not comply and we refer to Policy BH7 of the RUDP.

Ratification of Applications submitted

Applications granted

None

Applications refused

None

b) ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Events -

a. Gardening competition and Presentation Evening, Christmas tree and lights switch on. Christmas lights have been added to a spreadsheet so there is now a definitive list. The cost of this year's invoice was waived as Bradford Council had previously charged us for 5 lights which were not supplied. Cllr Reeday added extra wedges to the tree for stability. **Action:** Clerk to ask Harden Village Council whether the Council wishes to take our unwanted lights. **Action:** Clerk to add lights list to Asset Register

i. Awards and amounts for 2025 Presentation Evening. To be decided later in the year.

2. Recreation Ground

- a. Basketball area. Action: Cllr Jay will meet with a representative of Bradford Council Parks to discuss the safety issues around the drop at the edge of the basketball area.
- **3. Dobby Rocks battery proposal.** Cllrs Martin and Jay visited the site with Anna Dixon MP, who praised the approach of the Cullingworth Against Bess campaign.
- 4. Grit bins requests and feedback. Favourable comments received from residents. The provision of 2 bins, 1 for Hallowes Park Road and one for Lees Close, was approved. The purchase of grit to refill all bins was approved. Action: Chairman to pursue. The Clerk had contacted Paul Sullivan to help with the request for the extension of the gritting priority route to cover the War Memorial area. Bradford Council has responded that 'investigations will take place'. Action: Clerk to pursue.

5. Grant applications

- **a. Bowling Club.** The requested grant of £400 for the purchase of smaller bowls for less able-bodied participants was **approved. Action:** Clerk to notify and request invoices for spending.
- b. Youth Club. The request for the following items was approved: Dodgeballs, table tennis equipment, replacement and maintenance of equipment, subsidised membership, total amount £565. Action: Clerk to notify and request invoices for spending.

6. Defibrillator

- **a. Installation.** Expected on Tuesday 21 January. **Action:** Clerk to pursue.
- **b. Defibrillator training.** A quote for training has been received which seemed rather high. **Action:** Cllr Mazur to forward details of trainers to the Clerk.

7. Policies

- a. Rewrite of training policy. Deferred.
- **b.** Training matrix. Deferred.

8. Grant applications

- a. Youth Club see item 7b) 5.b
- b. Bowls Club see item 7b) 5.a
- Speed limits for village. Cost data expected from Bradford Council before next week.Action: Clerk to pursue.

4424 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES:

Sports clubs.

None received.

Dated5/2/2025.....

4425	REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES	
	None received.	
4426	DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 5 February 2025 at 7 pm.	
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