



# *Sutton-in-Craven Parish Council*

Minutes of the Meeting of Sutton-in-Craven Parish Council

Held in the Community Centre, North Street, 6.45pm

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014

## **Present**

Cllr. Whitaker – Chairman, Cllr. Morrell, Cllr. Joy, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Hawkins, Cllr. Marchant, Cllr. Green, Cllr. Bretan and Cllr. Parsons

In Attendance: Mrs D Emmott – Clerk, Cllr. Barrett and three members of the public.

## **108/10/2014 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Hart

## **109/10/2014 Declarations of Member's Interest in Matters on the Agenda**

None

## **110/10/2014 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September (circulated to all members) were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Bretan and Cllr. Green.

## **111/10/2014 Public Participation**

A resident put forward that all future new builds should be objected to on the grounds of the sewage system being at capacity. This would give consistency to planning proposals.

A street light was reported to be not working on Eller's Road and the High Street.

The village sign at the Holme Lane entrance has been turned to face the wrong way.

## **112/10/2014 Planning Applications**

Tree Preservation Order 112 1997

Application Number :66/2014/14924

Proposal: Draw Back Branches to Boundary of 2 No Cherry (T1 & T4) & 1 Group of Hazel (G2)

Crown lift to 4 Metres 1 No Alder (T3)

Location: 15 Willow Way, Sutton-in-Craven

**No Objections**

Application: 66/2014/14971

Proposal: Prune Trees Overhanging North Road

Fell & Remove 1 Conifer & 1 No Holly

Location: Alistair House, North Road

**No Objections**

Tree Preservation Order: 5 1969

Application Number: 66/2014/15032

Proposal: Fell 1 No Sycamore

Location: The Croft, West Lane

**No Objections**

Application Number : 66/2014/14905

Proposal: Single Storey Extension to provide Laundry Room

Location: 11 Crofters Mill

Applicant: Sally Birks

**No Objections**

Application Number: 66/2014/14585

Proposal: Construction of 1 No 4 Bedroom Detached Dwelling

Location: 1 Hazel Grove Road

Date Received: 16 April 2014

**Withdrawn by Applicant**

Application Number: 66/2014/15088

Proposal: Detached Double Garage

Location: 2 Holme Close

Applicant: Mr Robin Brocklesby

**No Objections**

**113/10/2014 North Yorkshire County Council Report**

Cllr. Barrett reported:

- a) North Yorkshire Library Services are facing more cuts. Consultation will take place in November.
- b) The Police and Highways have been asked to comment on the proposed car parking charges for Cross Hills. This will be debated further at Craven District Council.
- c) The Allerton Incinerator has been given the go ahead. Electricity generated by the incinerator will be provided by Amey Cespa, Spanish builders.

**114/10/2014 Craven District Council Report**

Cllr. Hart reported to the Clerk prior to the meeting that:

- a) The proposals for Car Parking Charges at Cross Hills are still under debate.
- b) With regard to the draft Local Plan Consultation put forward the Brownfield sites already proposed by the Parish Council i.e. Sand park and Yeadon House.
- c) Cllr. Knowles-Fitton will be standing down shortly and the position will be taken over by Cllr. Richard Foster.

**115/10/2014 Clerks Report & Correspondence**

- a) **Street Lighting**  
Lighting Faults No. 8 on the High Street and No 1. North Road reported 2/09/2014.
- b) **Parking Restrictions, Main Street**  
Area 5, Highways informed of the Councils agreement in proposing a Traffic Order to prohibit parking across the main front gate (4 car lengths) of the main Church gate. The restriction is being imposed to maintain the free flow of traffic. The Traffic Regulation Order will have an exemption for wedding and funeral related cars.
- c) **Community Primary School**  
Letter to Mrs Beetles, Head Teacher informing of revised proposals for continuing use of the Multi Use Games Area. Letter received back agreeing to the proposals.
- d) **Proposed Car Parking Charges – Cross Hills**  
Parish Council comments: ‘Reasons for maintaining free parking in Cross Hills’ forwarded to Craven District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and the Police.
- e) **Village Sign**  
A resident complained of the letters removed from the Village Sign on Sutton Lane. The lettering has now been replaced to read correctly “Please Drive Carefully”.
- f) **Village Bonfire**  
A Temporary Road Closure order has been acquired by the Village Committee with the support of the Parish Council for the Village Bonfire which this year is to be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

**1. Lumb Clough**

Following a tree survey of Parish Council land in the Clough. Tree works are to be carried out. There is also a lot of overgrowth and debris in the beck that needs attention.

It was resolved that £250 per month be allocated for maintenance work in the Clough. To be reviewed in twelve months.

A resident reported concern over youths cycling at great speed from the Clough along Hall Drive. The cyclists are difficult to view when pulling from the drive ways.

It was resolved to put up some sort of restriction to slow cyclist down exiting from the Clough.

**2. Consultation on the pre-publication of the Local Plan 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014**

- a) As part of the consultation the Planning Policy Team are offering members of Parish Councils (up to 3 representatives) the opportunity to attend round table discussions. The meetings are to be held between Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Council Offices. The meetings will offer an opportunity, after reading the Local Plan, to put any questions forward, so that the Policy in advance of the Parish Council submitting feedback. The closing date for comments is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014. It was resolved that members will attend discussions on a designated date.

**Craven Local Plan - Sites preferred for development.**

Sutton-in-Craven in the last few years has seen considerable new housing developments, including Silent Night Mill, Greenroyd Mill and Woodturners site. Recently passed a further ten houses up West Lane.

Whilst the Parish are not adverse to some development to meet local needs this should take place on the Brownfield sites which the Parish Council have highlighted in previous correspondence.

These sites are:

SC025 Land and premises, south of Bridge Road  
SC030 Low Fold, Manor Way  
Land Between 11 and 13 Harper Grove, Scrub Land  
The old Yeadon House Site

Yorkshire Housing owners of the Yeadon House site have confirmed they plan to develop the site in the next couple of years.

**These sites more than cover any housing need for Sutton-in-Craven.**

Moreover the Parish Council question whether there is an undersupply of housing, when the latest Housing Position Statements from 2013 was able to demonstrate a five year supply. We appreciate the five year calculation is likely to be boosted based on updated household projections, but this only increases the requirement Borough wide (based on the figures derived from the Policy Committee on 24 July 2014) from 160 per year to 172 per year, hardly a significant amount. Moreover, this negligible revision upwards is insufficient to justify the release of prominent Greenfield sites such as SC040 Land of Main Street/Sutton Lane.

The Framework principle in allowing sustainable development only applies if any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when set against the policies in the Framework as a whole. Thus, even accepting the slight anticipated shortfall in housing delivery over the forthcoming years, it is our case that the significant landscape intrusion and harm to the character of our village demonstrable outweighs any (negligible) benefits in this regard.

Site SC040 previously put in for planning was rejected. The inspector's comments highlight the Parish Councils concerns:

"In my view residential development on the rising slopes of the site would be especially prominent and the attractive nature of the countryside here would render that prominence especially damaging. The destruction of stone roadside walls and the creation of an estate road with required visibility splays would further accentuate the incongruous intrusion of suburban estate into the surrounding countryside. Moreover, there is no natural boundary to obviously confine the further encroachment of such developments southwards."

Development would intrude into the hillside at this prominent approach to the village.

**In summary, development on Greenfields is not necessary when there are Brownfield sites available in our village.**

**Development on our Greenfields would harm the settlement form and character and appearance of the area.**

**Sutton has seen more development than many of the other villages recently and has had more than its fair share of affordable units with approximately 320 in the village.**

The Parish Profile lists affordable homes built 2001-2011, Sutton-in-Craven 94 affordable homes (many more since) , Glusburn & Crosshills 0, Cowling 0, Cononley 4, Carleton 0, Bradly Boths 3, Giggleswick 4, Embassy-with-Eastby 10, Hellified 16, Ingleton 8, Settle 10, Bentham 45.

We are already in a situation of oversubscribed public services. Local Primary Schools are full. Local residents cannot get their children in school. Health Centre appointments can take up to six weeks.

The surrounding road network of Sutton-in-Craven is already at capacity as is the Aire Valley Sewer further large scale development will only exacerbate the problem.

The draft Craven Local Plan Countryside and Landscape states:

"Maintaining gaps between settlements in order to preserve their separate identities."

Is not the land SC040 land off Main Street/Sutton Lane proposed in the Draft Local Plan one of the most important gaps? Not only does it separate Sutton's identity from Eastburn but it separates Craven District from Bradford Met.

The Parish Council reiterate that SC040 Land off Main Street/Sutton Lane should be removed as a preferred option site and the Brownfield sites listed above be used.

**3. Flooding Report**

None

**4. Footpath Report**

None

**5. Park Pavilion/ Report**

An assessment noted that the safety surfacing in the Toddler, spinner and swing bay areas are a hazard with uneven surfaces, holes, trip hazards and vandalism (pictures circulated) Quotes obtained.

It was resolved that the areas be re-surfaced and made safe: Swing Bay £2,157.00, Toddler Area £3,967.00, Spin Area £1627.00. Discount for all works to go ahead at once - £1664.00.

**6. Pinfold**

An issue was brought to the Councils attention with regard to the maintenance work being carried out at the Pinfold. Information and pictures circulated.

Cllr. Parsons left the room during debate and decision.

The area is being leased and cleared of dead trees and debris to grow willow and fruit trees. The Council concluded this could not be done without an occasional fire.

It was resolved to alter No. 19 of the Land Tenancy Agreement to read occasional on-going bonfires may be lit. The lease holder to consult and with residents.

## 7. **Craven District Council –Planning Decisions**

Date of Valid Application: 11 August 2014

Proposed Works to Trees: 2 No Sycamore Crown Reduce by 2 Metres

Location: 50-52 Greenroyd Mill

Date Decision Issued: 03 October 2014

Permission Granted

## 8. **Budget Consultation 2015/16**

Craven District Council has begun the process of setting its revenue budget for the 2015/16 financial year. This detailed annual budget forms part of their seven year Long Term Financial Strategy 2015/16 – 2021/22.

Craven District Council would like the views of the Members of all Parish and Town Councils and meetings to feed into their budget setting process.

## 116/10/2014 **Members Reports from Meetings and Community Reports**

Parish Liaison Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September:

STREAM – demonstration by NYCC and explanation of how the parishes can access data/statistics.

Emergency Planning

Elections

Flyposters, advertising hoardings – Information about CDC Policy

Trade Waste – Information from NYCC and CDC on relevant policies and current issues

## 117/10/2014 **Finance**

It was resolved to authorise payments, orders and transfers listed in the report (circulated). Receipts noted.

## 118/10/2014 **Future Agenda Items**

None

## 119/10/2014 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 7.45pm. The next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at 6.45pm.

Sp78	Maxwell Amenity Ltd	475.20	Top dressing
Sp79	Merritt & Fryers	79.61	Undercoat, creosote
Sp80	Jacs	78.91	Padlock, tape, guttering
Sp81	Npower	509.00	Pavilion/park electric
Sp82	Silsden Mower Services	75.00	Repairs
Sp83	M.Apreda	96.50	Latches, handrail, entrance post
Sp84	City Electrical Factors	32.09	Park lighting
Sp85	Npower	248.85	Pavilion gas
Sp86	M. Hough	140.00	Park Gates
SP87	Staff (5 Members)	3904.76	Salaries
Sp88	North Yorkshire Pension Fund	937.85	Pension Contributions
Sp89	HM Revenue & Customs	863.20	Tax & Nat Insurance
Sp90	Bob Wild Grass Machinery Ltd	104.11	Tines