



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 7th July 2014

Present

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

In Attendance: Mrs D Emmott – Clerk, and over 40 members of the public

82/07/2014 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Green, Cllr. Barrett (NYCC Councillor), Cllr. Parsons apologised for being late.

83/07/2014 Declarations of Member's Interest in Matters on the Agenda

Cllr. Hart abstained from commenting on planning applications. Cllr. Marchant declared an interest in planning application 66/2014/14777 and No.3 Preferred sites for Consultation.

84/07/2014 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2014 (circulated to all members) were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr. Marchant, seconded by Cllr, Bretan.

85/07/2014 Public Participation

Numerous objections were raised with regard to planning application 66/2014/14777, land off Main Street/Sutton Lane Residents were advised to send their comments to the Planning Department at Craven District Council.

86/07/2014 Planning Applications

Application Number: 66/2014/14731

Proposal: Removal of Old Grimstone Garage and Asbestos Roof Replaced with Double Cavity Walled Garage

Location: 11 Meadow Lea, Sutton-in-Craven

Applicant: Peter Egan

No Objections

Application Number: 66/2014/14739

Proposal: Replacement of Ground Floor Window with Same Size French Doors

Location: Holmeield Farm, Holme Lane, Sutton-in-Craven

Applicant: Mrs Susan Needham

No Objections

Application Number: 66/2014/14793

Proposal: Proposed New Railing and Gates to Front of Existing property

Location: 18 Rowan Garth, Sutton-in-Craven

Applicant: Mr James Alderson

The proposed railings and gates are out of character.

Application Number: 66/2014/14777

Proposal: Construction of 29 New Houses and Associated Access and Landscaping

Location: Land off Main Street, Sutton-in-Craven

Applicant: Mr H Ingham

Land South of Sutton Lane

Objection

- The application site falls outside the allocated development limits of the settlement of Sutton-in-Craven, in open countryside, where national planning guidance contained in PPS7 and Saved Policy ENV1 and ENV2 site is from the adopted Craven District (Outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) Local Plan places strict control over new development and seeks to **protect the character and quality of the open countryside.**
- The visual break which presently exists and provides an important setting for Sutton Village. The proposal clearly conflicts with and undermines the underlying objective of Policy BE3 of the Craven Local Plan which states that development will be resisted where it would compromise the gap between settlements (Sutton and Eastburn a distance of 300m)

- Through the loss of this open land, the proposal will also harmfully erode the village character and identity. Sutton is not an amorphous mass of development, but has a series of open spaces, including notably the Park, allotments along Bridge Road, church yards and the application site, all of which lend a loose knit feel to the village (other than the central core in the conservation area). **Views out of the village to the surrounding countryside are an important component of its character. The proposal will cause the village to visually coalesce with Eastburn (Bradford Met) and lose its identity.**
- The Council's Landscape Character Appraisal notes that *the settlement of Sutton require specific comment. Great emphasis is placed on this character and distinctiveness.*
- Development on the rising slopes of the site would be especially prominent, and the attractive nature of the countryside here would render be that prominence especially damaging.
- The destruction of stone roadside walls and the creation of an estate road with the required visibility splays would further accentuate the incongruous intrusion of a suburban estate into the surrounding countryside.
- Moreover, there is no natural boundary to obviously confine the further encroachment of such development southwards.
- The development would alter the subtle relationship between the edge of the village here and the countryside beyond. The opposing gable ends of the stone terraced cottages in Wilson Street and Harker Street serve as a 'gateway' to the village.
- Such development would contravene an aim of the approved Structured Plan, that new housing should be appropriate to the form and character of settlements. The village boundary has been certified as conforming with the approved Structured Plan, provides useful indication, of the form of the village. Because this proposed development would lie beyond that boundary, it would not be consistent with basic form.
- Sutton has in recent years, with Greenroyd Mill, Woodturners and Silentnight Mill received more than its fair share of affordable units. It is understood that there are approximately 320 affordable units in the village.
- Planning Policy Statement 3: *Housing* highlights that the priority for development should be previously developed land, in particular vacant and derelict sites. Which this is not synonymous with precluding development on Greenfield sites, it is a clear policy direction and should underpin decision making. Sustainable Spatial Objective 10 of the Core Strategy Preferred Options is "to maximise the development of previously developed land and central sites for housing, employment and mixed use, while permitting some development on the edge of market towns where necessary to enable business to grow and modernise."
- The Parish Council were asked to give feedback on potential sites and have selected several suitable brownfield sites.
- The narrow streets nearby are not well suited to accommodate additional traffic. The proposal would be served by a separate estate road largely unrelated to the existing street pattern.
- Increased traffic, the village has narrow roads, already heavily congested with parked cars and speeding traffic. More traffic not only has an environmental impact, but also increases the risk of personal injury caused by accidents.
- Highways have noted that visibility to the left of leaving the site is poor and substantial works would be required to improve the existing major roads and extend existing footway/street lighting to serve the site.
- The Parish Council is not convinced that the sewer capacity will support the addition of effluent produced by this development or any further development in the catchment area of the Aire Valley Trunk Sewer. Evidence shows it is at capacity and regular overflows particularly after heavy rainfall.
- Over 220 homes have already been passed to be built at Steeton. How much more can this sewer take.
- Tree Preservation Orders are located down the centre of site along the field boundary.
- The land is agricultural grade 3 Land capable of consistently producing moderate to high yields of a narrow range of arable crops, especially cereals, or moderate yields of a wide range of crops including cereals, grass, oilseed rape, potatoes, sugar beet and the less demanding horticultural crops.
- Destruction of wildlife habitats – there are known to be both bats and badgers in the areas in and around these fields, not to mention the numerous birds, including kestrels and owls.

It was **resolved** that the Planning Consultant be notified of the application and asked to put a representation in on behalf of the Parish Council.

87/07/2014 North Yorkshire County Council Report

None

88/07/2014 Craven District Council Report

None

- a) **Village Hall Committee**
Letter sent confirming E-mail for the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee, Mrs Rosie Chew.
- b) **Village Committee**
Letter sent to Village Committee with regard to Funday and the recently laid tarmac in the park.
- c) **Multi Use Games Area**
E-mail to resident confirming that the goal posts in the Multi Use Games Area will be moved to an alternative position for a trial period.
- d) **Sutton War Memorial**
E-mail confirming acceptance of proposals to add eleven new names to the Cenotaph in Sutton Park
- e) **Park Shelter**
A Preston informed that he has been awarded the contract of the painting of the Park Shelters.

1. Street Lights

Please refer to 2nd June 2014 Minutes.

Timescale for costs on previous quotations

Changes in EU Legislation that may impact on Footway Lighting – NYCC update

In 2015, EU legislation will ban the future use of high Pressure Mercury Vapour (MBF/U) lamps. In anticipation of this change many manufacturers have already ceased production and as a result 80w MBF/U lamps and control gear are becoming increasingly difficult to source.

North Yorkshire County Council purchased 1500 80w MBF/U lanterns which should enable them to continue to maintain our lighting until 2018 however, this assumes that each Parish/Town Council currently on the County Council's maintenance contract commences lantern conversions from 2014/15 onwards; approximately 25% per year.

The County Council's street maintenance contractor has several hundred 50w and 70w second hand high pressure sodium lanterns that they are prepared to offer Parish and Town Councils for £133+vat per lantern (at 2014) prices. This price includes the provision of the lantern, a new lamp, new photo electric cell, and installation on the existing footway column. For comparison a new high pressure sodium lantern or a LED lantern would cost approximately £300-£350 to supply and install.

Unfortunately if you choose not to replace these lanterns there will come a point when North Yorkshire County Council can no longer maintain all of your network.

It was **resolved** to purchase 15 lanterns to start with.

To enquire about the use of the lights removed maintaining existing street lighting until finances enable the Council to replace all the lights necessary. Also to enquire about salvage.

2. Lunds Tower / Hangingstone Quarry

Grid reference SD992430

High Adventure Outdoor Education Centre – Request to lease/purchase Hangingstone Quarry for Rock Climbing

Please refer to June's minutes.

Lunds Tower

The building is listed under the planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

List Entry Number 1131781, Grade II, Date listed 23 October 1984 under English Heritage.

Map circulated. The map shows the section which the Parish Council own (from the steps to the wall just passed the tower) sections to the left and right are not owned by the Parish Council.

The steps were put in by the Conservation Group 2000. With three more added in 2001.

A Public Right of Way runs through this section and is owned by North Yorkshire County Council.

In 2000 a survey was carried out on the quarry by Mouchel, North Yorkshire (Information and photographs circulated).

It was **resolved** to inform High Adventure of the above information.

The Clerk informed that some Parish Council land is not registered correctly.

It was **resolved** that the clerk look into the matter and make arrangements to get the land registered.

3. Preferred sites for consultation – SCO40 and SC030

These sites are due for Public Consultation later this year.

Site SC030 Brownfield Site, Manor Way - No Objections

Site SC040 Land off Main Street/ Sutton Lane

Comments for forth coming consultation from Craven District Council.

The Parish Council objected to site SC040 on the grounds that development would erode the visually important gap between Sutton and Eastburn. It would unacceptably extend the village into the countryside and thereby damage its form and character.

Furthermore the site falls outside the allocated development limits of the settlement of Sutton-in-Craven, in open countryside, where the Local Plan places strict control over new development and seeks to protect the character and quality of the countryside.

Development on the rising slopes of this site would be especially prominent damaging the attractive nature of the countryside.

The narrow streets nearby are not well suited to accommodate additional traffic. Highways have noted that visibility to the left of leaving the site is poor.

Tree Preservation Orders are located down the centre of the site.

The Parish Council had no objections to other land put forward such as SC025 Land and premises, south of Bridge Road. SC030 Low Fold, Manor Way, Land between 11 and 13 Harper Grove, Scrub Land, SC075 Salt Pie Farm, Agricultural buildings and land.

4. Brownies

As part of the 100th birthday challenge the brownies scattered thousands of wildflower seeds along Wet Ings Lane. The 100th Birthday Challenge is a resource designed for Brownies to make their own decisions, develop new skills and celebrate 100 years of their biggest section. This comes with a specially designed badge.

5. Flooding Report

None

6. Footpath Report

- a) Footpath no. 50 on the definitive map was reported to Public Rights of Way at North Yorkshire County Council. The footpath has been blocked by a boulder behind a gate.
- b) Cllr. Hart has received complaints with regard to the overgrowth on Alvic Field. It was **resolved** a letter be sent to the owner to request they tidy up the field.
- c) A couple of village residents have regularly collected litter from Parish Council sites such as Lunds Tower, Crag Nook Delph. It was **resolved** a letter be sent thanking the residents for their hard work and community spirit.

7. Park Pavilion/ Report

a) Funday

Prior to the day the park grounds had seen a lot of rain and rides held off coming into the park until Friday the driest day of the week. Large numbers of people attended the event on Sunday. On Monday morning the Village Committee informed that the ground had some damage due to large rides on the wet ground and that the Fairground people would come back and sort the ground as best they could.

The damaged area was cordoned off. Enquiries were made as to a timescale for the repairs.

The Village Committee contacted the Fairground people. The Fairground workers returned and started work on repairing the damage Monday afternoon they had acquired three tonne of top soil, grass seed and a roller and work continued through until Tuesday teatime. The Village Committee and Fairground workers liaised with the Park Keeper and clerk in putting back the ground in the best order they could.

The Football Club were also notified and assessed the ground. Training was put off until the following Monday.

The Football Club have stated that they are happy to reschedule training for one week after the Funday if required.

8. Lumb Clough

It was **resolved** that the signage in the Clough be altered to read "No unauthorised motor vehicles".

9. Craven District Council – Planning Decisions

- a) Date of Valid Application: 15 April 2014
Date decision issued: 10 June 2014
Proposal: Demolition of Two Existing Barns and Replacement with a Single Barn
Location: Ravenstones Farm, Strikes Lane
Date Decision Issued; 10 June 2014
Permission Granted
- 2) Date of Valid Application: 14 April 2014
Proposal: Removal of Condition 4 from Previously Approved Application 66/2005/5793 for the Removal of Existing Detached Garage and Erection of Single Storey Extension to Dwelling House.
Location: 27 Ash Grove
Date Decision issued: 09 June 2014
Permission Refused
Reasons for Refusal:
The hedge between 27 and 29 Ash Grove is still required to safeguard the privacy and amenity of neighbours and the removal of the condition would allow the removal of the hedge and therefore be detrimental to residential amenity.

- 3) Date of Valid Application: 22 April 2014
Proposal: Construction of an Additional Floor Over an Existing Side Extension, including Construction of Dormer Window to the Eastern Elevation, and the Introduction of 2 No. Roof lights.
Location: 1 Hazel Grove Road, Sutton-in-Craven
Date Decision Issued: 17 June 2014
Permission Granted

10. **Charges for hardcore, rubble and plasterboard waste**

From the 4th August North Yorkshire County Council will be charging for hardcore, rubble and plasterboard delivered to household waste recycling centres in North Yorkshire.

The type of waste often created from improvements, repairs and alterations to a home or domestic property is not classed as household waste and NYCC have no legal duty to accept it. Waste that will be charged for includes breeze blocks, bricks, ceramic (e.g. sinks and toilets), concrete, flag stones, gravel, hardcore, pottery, rubble sand, slates, soil, stones, tarmac, tiles, window glass and plasterboard.

11. **Village Hall Report**

Nothing to report.

12. **Urban Grass Cutting – latest information**

The County Council intends to stop funding grass cutting where it is not required for safety reasons from April 2015 but will of course continue to fund it to maintain minimum visibility requirements.

Although North Yorkshire County Council will be withdrawing funding for the amenity grass cutting service they would be pleased to engage with Parish Councils to help establish if they would wish to cut more grass than they are proposing, and to discuss the options for doing so. There may be community groups or volunteers who are interested in taking on grass cutting in their area and the County Council would be happy to discuss any proposals with those groups too. In addition to providing advice and guidance they could also provide access to their Highway Maintenance Contractor if any council or group wished to purchase an additional level of grass cutting service themselves.

13. **Sutton War Memorial – New Plaque – update**

Sutton War Memorial – 100th Anniversary Gathering – Sunday August 3rd
August 4th 2014 marks the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

Proposed additional names to be added to Sutton War Memorial:

- **Albert Akrigg** – born in Lothersdale but was a resident of Sutton when he joined up, he died in 1925 as a consequence of wounds received during the Great War. He is recorded on a Roll of Honour at St Thomas's Church, Sutton but not on the village War Memorial.
- **Bertram Greenwood Clough** – born in Sutton but he was a resident of Steeton when he joined up.
- **Francis John Kay** – born in Sutton but he was a resident of Lothersdale when he joined up.
- **George Frederick Thorpe** – born in Sutton but he was a resident of Cowling when he joined up.
- **Harry Willis Edwards** – born in Bishopthorpe, Yorks, lived in Sutton for a short period.
- **James Mosley** – born in Sutton but was a resident of Crosshills when he joined up.
- **Joseph William Nelson** – born in Sutton – resided Sutton – died of wounds in 1922 and is not on a memorial.
- **John Smith** – born in Sutton was a resident of Glusburn when he joined up.
- **Samuel Smith** – born in Sutton but was a resident of Brierfield, Lancashire when he joined up.
- **Sylvester Petty** – born in Sutton but was a resident of Keighley when he joined up.
- **Thomas Wright Carson** – born in Sutton but his family moved to Skipton, he became a solicitor and moved to Llanelly in South Wales. Following the outbreak of war he returned home to Skipton where he joined the West Riding Regiment.

War Memorials were erected to remember the men who marched out of their towns and villages to fight for their country, whether or not they were born there. That is why nearly half of the names on the present Sutton memorial are of men who were not born in the village but who at the outbreak of war were resident in Sutton.

Likewise it is why the majority of the men on the above list are remembered on other memorials. It would be an impossible task for every town and village to track down fallen soldiers and list them on the basis of their place of birth, many were married and lived miles, if not continents away. Place of birth is irrelevant, the important thing is they are remembered.

14. **Lights Out**

At 11pm on 4 August 1914 Britain declared war on Germany, ushering in one of the darkest periods in our history. As the moment approached, the British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey made the famous remark. "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our life-time".

In a dramatic UK-wide event LIGHTS OUT is an invitation to everyone to turn off their lights from 10pm to 11pm on 4 August, leaving on a single light or candle for this shared moment.

The project Officer at Craven is asking if our parish would like to take part. The event encourages communities throughout the Country to turn off lights on public buildings and monuments.

It was **resolved** that all the Park Lights be turned off for the event.

90/07/2014 Members Reports from Meetings and Community Reports

Cllr. Bretan attended the YLCA Branch Meeting and is now deputy for the Craven Branch of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

91/07/2014 Finance

It was **resolved** to authorise payments, orders and transfers listed in the report (circulated). Receipts noted. Following a request from the contractor it was **resolved** that payment for the Park Shelters be made on completion of each shelter.

92/07/2014 Exclusion of Press and Public

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item Agreements and Contracts on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business:

Boating Lake

- a) It was resolved that the Park Keeper be instructed to fill the Boating Lake every day from April to September subject to advice from the Environment Agency.

Pinfold

- b) The land is currently being leased to a resident. The site was originally managed by the Conservation Group who have now folded and the site has become out of control. The plan is to clear the site of debris, dangerous over grown Christmas trees which have suffered die back, old gas canisters etc. It is then proposed that the overgrown twenty five foot Hawthorn hedge will be laid providing a much safer haven for wildlife, Willow is to be grown along with fruit trees, sheds restored, bird boxes sited etc . The tops of the Christmas Trees which are suitable are being donated to the Village, the Willow will be used to make seats, statues for the village and some will be given to the schools if they require any. A long term plan has been drawn up for the site and there will be an initial impact but the final result will benefit the wildlife and village whilst restoring order to an overgrown previously managed piece of land. The Parish Council have a contract in place with terms and conditions this includes:
To use the land for growing willow, fruit trees, brambles or a cultivated allotment for no other purpose, trade and/or business is prohibited.

93/07/2014 Future Agenda Items

None

94/07/2014 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting is on the 1st September 2014 at 6.45 pm.

Sp41	Open Spaces Society	50.00	Donation
Sp42	Yorkshire Local Councils Association	160.00	Training
Sp43/53	Park Keepers Expenses	165.94	Fuel, Lawn seed, repairs, clothing
Sp44	Sugden Amenity	504.00	Verti-drain main pitch
Sp45	Sky	88.30	28April-27 th June-Line Rental, Calls, Internet
Sp46	Aire Valley Surfacing Ltd	8202.00	Tarmac - park paths and play area path
Sp47	Stephen Smiths	67.97	Perennials
Sp48	A Spark	122.50	Lighting fault, toilet lights
Sp49	City Electrical Factors	9.88	Fuses
Sp50	North Yorkshire County Council	710.85	Pension Fund
Sp51	HM Revenue & Customs	470.00	Tax & Nat Insurance
Sp52	Staff (7 members)	3222.11	Salary/Wages
Sp54	D. A. Clarkson & Son	2010.00	Bus shelter – Ground works
Sp55	Skipton Hire Centre	69.60	Turf Cutter
Sp56	B. K. Growers	258.00	Plants
Sp57	Jacs	48.00	Wood Preserve
Sp58	Airedale Engraving	25.00	plaques
Sp59	Npower	357.16	Pavilion
Sp60	Merritt & Fryers	400.67	Paint - shelters