

ALDCLIFFE – WITH – STODDAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th December 2017 at 7pm The Friends Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster.

Present: Councillor **Chris Norman** (Chairman)
Councillor **Nicholas Webster**
Councillor **Colin Rogers**
Councillor **Kevan Walton**

1. Apologies for Absence - Councillor Emma Wolstencroft

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made. All paperwork for Councillors regarding Interests are up to date.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. Public Right of Way Sub - Committee report

Motion

Noting the report of the Committee established to assess the case for and evidence for the creation of a Public Right of Way (PROW) along Aldcliffe Hall Drive and the decision to offer support for this case at the October 2017 meeting of the PC; the Parish Council resolves that:

- 1) A proposal will be sent to the relevant office of the Lancashire County Council (LCC) requesting that LCC establish a PROW along Aldcliffe Hall Drive (the precise route is defined in the report of the PROW Committee);
- 2) The PROW should be in the nature of a "Restricted Byway"

(Proposed Colin Rogers)

Following a presentation from the PROW sub-committee a discussion was held by Parish Councillors with questions from the floor to clarify the evidence provided, and implications of a PROW submission.

The motion was put to the vote and passed in favour with three votes for the motion and one abstention.

Cllr Rogers will submit the application with Lancashire County Council following their process.

5. Access between Lune Estuary Path and Stodday

Cllr Walton explained the ongoing flooding issues with the path in question and possible solutions that could remedy the situation. The repair of a blocked culvert and the potential for a "work-around" path were mooted. Further investigation of land ownership had proved fruitless.

Action Point:

Chairman to contact Land Registry to discuss how to claim the land for the Parish.

6. Fly-tipping

The Parish is suffering from increasing levels of Fly-tipping. Within the past couple of months numerous small scale offences have taken place, mainly of garden waste. There have been two significant offences one of a significant volume of agricultural/gardening waste dumped on Lunecliffe Road obstructing traffic. The second of a large volume of automotive parts dumped at the end of Snuff Mill Lane. Police and Environmental Health were made aware of all incidents.

Concerns have been raised that since a charge had been levied on Residential Garden waste and increased for small traders at the “Tip” the incidence of fly-tipping had increased within the Parish.

The Parish council will monitor the situation and maintain close links with Environmental Health and Lancaster Police.

7. Feedback from Hydro Forum

Cllrs Norman and Wolstencroft attended the inaugural “Lune Valley Flood Forum”. It was a very interactive event comprising of many influential local and national organisations. The formation of a local Emergency Response Committee and what pro-active reduction of flooding was discussed. An open invitation to the Parish Council has been offered.

8. Planning Permission Applications

A single application had been forwarded to the Parish Council. An application for a garden shed at 3 Park Meadow had been received. The applicant explained the background for the application and it was decided by the Parish Council that no action was required.

9. Noise from United Utilities Facilities

The Chairman reported that he had opened a complaint with Environmental Health over increased noise coming from the Waste Treatment site in Stodday. This follows several complaints from Parishioners. Cllr Walton informed the meeting that he had worked with United Utilities in the past with good outcomes but unfortunately with a change of local management this had stopped.

Action Point:

Chairman to contact United Utilities to encourage a closer working relationship with the Parish Council.

Cllr Walton to forward any evidence of increased noise to Environmental Health.

10. Open Space and Sustainability Studies

Lancaster City Council Settlement Sustainability Study has been submitted for both Aldcliffe and Stodday. An Open Space application has been submitted for land within Aldcliffe that has been demonstrated to have community significance.

11. Any other business

A. The Fibre Broadband Sub-committee report that initial feedback for providing faster internet speeds for the most rural population of the Parish are looking prohibitively expensive. The sub-committee have expressed their interest to B4RN in any future plans that cover our Parish.

B. Lancaster City council have contacted the Parish Council with plans to review the current Parish Council system within the district through a Governance Review. It was felt that Aldcliffe-with-Stodday need not change as it has only been formed.

12. Date and venue for next meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting was set for Tuesday 6th March 2017 at the Friends Meeting House, Lancaster.