

**LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Goodall (Chairman), Tyrer (Vice Chariman), Kay, Inglis, Morley and Sturgess  
**In attendance:** Gillian Muir (Parish Clerk & RFO) and one member of the public

**1. Opening and Public Participation:**

The Chairman opened the meeting. No issues of concern were raised by the public.

**2. Apologies and reasons for absence:** none

**3. Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

- a. No Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interests were recorded in relation to items on this Agenda.
- b. No requests were made for dispensations in connection with items on this Agenda.

**4. Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Initiative**

- a. The results of the village questionnaire regarding the Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign Initiative were given: 280 questionnaires were delivered to households in the parish; 81 were returned; 60 were against and 21 were for the VAS initiative. The results of the survey will be publicised on the website. Councillors noted that positive feedback had been received from residents for conducting the survey.
- b. Council considered the questionnaire results.  
**RESOLUTION:** council will not participate in the Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign Initiative. The Clerk will inform North Yorkshire County Council.
- c. The council continues to be concerned about road safety in the parish. It has made a request to 95 Alive York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership for a 40mph buffer zone at the west end of the village. As a result North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service will install covert monitoring equipment to measure traffic speed over a week long period. This data will be analysed and reviewed by a locally based panel.

**5. 2016 Grass Cutting Contract**

- a. Storage, security and registration of the mower were discussed. The Clerk will obtain three insurance quotes. If an appropriate policy was found, the Clerk was given authorisation to spend up to £300 prior to the next ordinary meeting.
- b. To date 8 contractors have been contacted regarding the 2016 grass cutting contract. All submitted quotes will be considered under a confidential agenda item at the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**6. Planning**

- a. Applications
  - i. C/52/713 Full planning permission for erection of four dwellings including two affordable with new access drive, Part Field 308, Main Street, Long Preston

Cllr Tyrer gave a brief overview of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's planning policies and material planning considerations relevant to the proposed development. Various views were expressed regarding the plans.

**RESOLUTION:** the council objects to the planning application on the following grounds:

- The subject land is outside of the housing development boundary and does not fall within policy HDP2
- Even if the site were capable of development there would be significant harm to the natural beauty and neighbouring amenity within the village context.
- The proposal does not satisfy the requirements of HDP4 nor any of its numbered points.
- In the opinion of the Council, the application does not satisfy the requirements of HDP5, in that there is no demonstrable local need for affordable housing that cannot be satisfied on a site within the housing development boundary for Long Preston. There are 3 other sites offering over 20 houses within the housing development boundary and these need to be developed in the first instance, and will be no doubt when economic conditions are conducive.
- There will be highway safety issues with a further opening onto the already very busy A65 which the site fronts.