

LOW CONISCLIFFE & MERRYBENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13 July 2016 St Edwin's Church Hall, High Coniscliffe, 7pm

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs: M Ellerton (Chair), P Ellerton, T Stuckey, S Gatenby, A Craggs, C McLay,
WC P Crudass
M Bailey (Clerk).

1 Apologies: Cllr L Steel, WC G Lee.

2 Declarations of Interest: None

3 Public Forum: Sue Clark was welcomed to the meeting. Sue attended as a representative of the Action Group that was formed in response to a recent planning application and a public consultation on a further proposed development.

4 Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes from the meeting held on the 18 May 2016 were signed.

5 Matters Arising From the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

5.1 Bus shelter improvement. It was reported that the 2 older shelters had been renovated and were looking much improved.

5.2 Parish event 12 June to celebrate 90th birthday of HM Queen. The event was a huge success and thanks were extended to all who organised, participated, and attended. There are some donated funds carried over and these are to be used towards a future event. The theme and content for this is to be discussed at a meeting of the organising committee in October. It was suggested that the fundraising and planning for the event should start sooner than previously.

Action: Update from organising committee to be presented to PC meeting in November.

5.3 Speed visor: Information and quotations now available from 3 suppliers. A separate meeting is required to make the final decision on which system to purchase.

**Action: M Bailey to assemble information into a table and send to all Cllrs.
M Bailey to arrange meeting for 10 August at which the final decision will be taken, including agreement on who will take the purchase through to completion.**

5.4 Damage to traffic islands. It was reported that these are due for repair w/c 18 July.

5.5 Parish handyperson. The PC resolved that a Parish handyperson is required following the resignation DW maintenance. The quote submitted by M Bailey and D Armstrong is very competitive (£680 / year compared with £1000 in previous years). It was resolved that the work is placed with M Bailey / D Armstrong, to start immediately, and that the Parish Council will purchase a petrol strimmer for the work at a cost of £330.

6 Finance/Accounts:

6.1 Expenses approved at meeting: Clerk salary for June and July 2016 (£166.66) and associated tax payable to HMRC (£50.01).

6.2 Balance at bank as at 1 July 16 was £14124.38 and £85.01 in petty cash

6.3 Estimated bank balance at the end of financial year £10299.36 (not allowing for purchase of speed visor or any provision for an election)

6.4 The period for Public Exercise of Rights ends on 11 Aug 16. The annual return is to be submitted to the External Auditor (BDO) by 25 July 16 **(Action: M Bailey)**

7 Planning applications and decisions:

7.1 Application ref 16/00575/OUT. Outline permission for up to 14 dwellings in Low Coniscliffe. Following the public meeting on 6 July the Parish council have hired the services of a planning consultant to assemble a response that gives the objections to this application. DBC legal have confirmed this can be funded from the precept. **Action: M Bailey to take hard copy document to Town Hall by 15 July.**

7.2 Public Consultation for Potential Residential Development in Low Coniscliffe. Prism Planning have initiated a public consultation regarding a further potential development in Low Coniscliffe. **Action: M Bailey to respond to Prism Planning on behalf of PC. Response to state that the PC accept the invitation and request that this is deferred until such time that the outcome of the current outline planning application is known (since this will impact on the needs of the community).**

8 Highway Matters: None

9 Parish Matters: None

10 Items for Future Consideration: A residue of £474 in donations remains from the event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

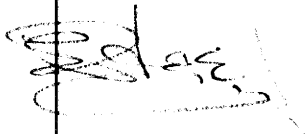
11 Correspondence:

A letter has been received from David Thompson expressing disappointment about the on-going speeding problem and the general rural maintenance in Merrybent. The points raised and potential solutions were discussed at length. **Action: M Bailey to visit David Thompson to provide an update on the topics raised.**

12 Feedback from Meetings Attended: Cllr P Ellerton recently attended a meeting of the Association of Parish Councils. This included proposals for developments in the Parish.

13 Date for next meeting: 14 September 2016, 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Bailey', is written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.