



CYC are again running their Development Control Seminars on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Clerk.

A complaint has been received about the condition of the footpath outside a property in Bellmans Croft where development took place approx. 2 years ago. The Clerk has investigated. The front garden is now being used for car parking, but the dropped kerb does not extend beyond the original driveway. At present there appears to be no significant damage to the footpath or kerb.

We are informed by CYC that they have not made any changes to street light bulbs on Temple Lane, and will not be making any alterations to the bulb or shade on the light outside number 19. The Chairman and Clerk have visited the site in the dark, and cannot see why there should be a problem for the resident. The Clerk to respond to the complainant.

Clerk

## 5. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE MATTERS

Cllr Waite reported that it is generally quiet at the moment. A suspicious van has been seen in Whistlers Close, a SatNav has been stolen from a vehicle in Flaxaman Croft, there has been a theft from the Co-op, and anti-social behaviour on Flaxmann Croft.

The visibility of the police seems to have decreased in recent months.

## 6. WARD COMMITTEE

Cllrs Mrs Stones and Travena are attending the Ward Meeting this evening. The only matter of particular concern is the lighting of the Low Green/Wheelright Close footpath.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of thanks for grant aid have been received from **The Occasion Choir** (£500), the **Archaeological Society** (£500) and the **Head Teacher of the Primary School** (£700).

**St Giles Church** seeks permission to use Low Green for the May Day Street Fair. Agreed.

**Panda Playgroup** enquire if any decision has been taken about possible improvements to land at the rear of the WI Hall (ref. Minutes Sept 2008). The Clerk to ascertain whether they have spoken with the WI about this. Cllrs Parker, Stericker and Mrs Taylor will then discuss with the WI.

Clerk

**Mr John Grogan, MP** forwards a copy of a letter he has received from a resident about disabled access at the post office, bakery and chemists. The Clerk to respond, describing how we are working with CYC to try to improve the situation.

Clerk



**8. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN****a) Planning**

Approval at 57 Temple Lane. Refusal at 3 Horseman Avenue.

Outline plans for the proposed extension to the Park and Ride site at Askham Bar have finally been received. The Clerk to request that we are formally consulted. The Planning Committee to consider the scheme at its meeting on 25 February, and it will then be discussed by the full Parish Council in March.

Clerk

**b) Roads and Footpaths**

Minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> February were distributed.

Cllr Stericker reported on the meeting re the shopping centre car park. Cllr Mrs Winter PROPOSED that the Parish Council instruct Bob Williams, CYC, to carry out a site survey and draw up a concept plan at a total cost of £380, plus consultation fees at £23 per hour, plus VAT. SECONDED by Cllr Bell. ALL IN FAVOUR. When this is complete a meeting will be arranged with the owners.

Cllr  
Stericker

A "No Litter" sign will be affixed to the "No Through Road" sign at New Moor Lane in the next financial year.

The grass verge by the post box on Top Lane is to be repaired again. CYC will take action against anyone parking there. The Clerk suggested that a possible permanent solution would be to relocate the post box either further up Top Lane towards the bus stop, or round the corner in Merchant Way. Cllr Stericker to find out if this might be possible.

Cllr  
Stericker

We are informed that the surfaces of main roads are inspected monthly, others annually, but they will sometimes inspect on an exceptional basis. Those previously reported will receive attention.

The missing litter bin on Memorial Green will be replaced in February.

The de-restriction sign at Colton Lane/Manor Heath crossroads is to be replaced. It was noted that another accident had occurred there recently.

The street light outside 19 Temple Lane, which CYC had originally said they would try to shade, is not now to be altered. The Clerk to write to the occupier. Clerk

Concerns about litter on footpaths remain. Debris adjacent to the railway line at Bishopthorpe Crossing has been reported to Network Rail, who will remove it.

**c) Finance**

Nothing to report.

**9. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

This will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Howell Hall. Posters will be erected to advertise this, and a full page notice will appear in the March edition of the Newsletter. The Clerk to invite representatives from village groups who will receive grant aid from the Parish council during the next financial year.

Clerk

**10. STREET FAIR AND CARNIVAL 2009**

Cllr Whitfield will bring the new banner with photographs. The display board is still be purchased. Two stalls have been booked for the Street Fair – one each for Parish Council and Garden Competition.

Cllr  
Whitfield**11. RISK ASSESSMENT**

Cllr Travena and the Clerk have met to progress this. The Clerk has an application form for insurance cover for herself and councillors whilst on Council business. It was RESOLVED that we should seek cover of £5,000 each.

Clerk

**12. RECREATION CENTRE**

Mr Martin Pickard will apply to the Parish Council for Sec. 106 funding for the fencing around the garage.

**13. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The Annual General Meeting has been held, and officers and a committee have been appointed. Resurfacing work outside the garages in Horseman Close is to be done, using the Estate Improvement Grant. There are concerns about speeding in Horseman Drive.

**14. BROADBAND SPEED**

A letter is received from a company called Eskdalenet who seek to improve Broadband speed in rural areas. The Clerk to seek information about this organisation from Yorkshire Forward.

Clerk

**15 RURAL ARTS PROJECT**

The Archaeological Society have been contacted and a reply is awaited. Cllr Mrs Townsend to pursue.

Cllr Mrs  
Townsend



Saturday in the Scout Hut. Councillors are encouraged to visit.

Ms Alisa Ord is now working for "Quakers" and feels they may be interested.

**15. CYC CHARTER - additional item**

A final draft of the Charter was presented to the YLCA meeting attended by Cllr Bowen and the Clerk last week. Copies are to be sent to all parish councils for final comments. Cllr Bowen suggested a number of amendments under Paras. 6, 9, 18, 20 and 22, and also suggested that the final document be reviewed every two years. It was RESOLVED that these amendments be submitted to the YLCA. Clerk

**16. ACCOUNTS**

Balances at the Bank

Treasurers Account	£	3,346.10
Business Money Manager Account		26,752.25
	£	30,098.35

Credits to the Account this Month

Interest on Money Manager a/c	£	126.62
Re: Leslie Spence		125.00
	£	251.62

Accounts to be Paid this Month

Fulprint – March PC News	£	95.00
Caroline Anderson – March PC News		60.00
St Giles Church – Street Fair stalls		30.00
CPRE – subscription		29.00
P D Greenwell – salary		435.53
	£	649.53

The adoption of these Accounts was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Taylor.  
SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Townsend. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Street Fair and Carnival and general promotion of the Parish Council  
Broadband  
Garden Competition

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed ..... Date .....