



Sutton-in-Craven Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Sutton-in-Craven Parish Council held in the
Senior Citizens Centre, North Street on Monday 5th October 2009

Present

Cllr. Whitaker (Chairman), Cllr. Morrell, Cllr. Hart, Cllr. Joy, Cllr. Wilkinson, Cllr. Bretan, Cllr Herpe, Cllr. Smith and Cllr Hawkins.

Mrs D Emmott, Clerk to the Council

The Chairman welcomed everyone present.

Cllr. Barrett, Cllr. Place, Cllr. Knowles-Fitton, Paul Florentine (Waste & Recycling Manager), Craig Wilson (Waste Management Officer), Guy Wilman (Affordable Housing Manager), Wyn Ashton (Head of Strategic Housing), Jolene Craig, Alison Day (Jephson Housing) and 2 members of the public attended.

119/10/2009

Apologies for absence

Cllr. Margaret Marchant.

120/10/2009

Declarations of Member's Interest in Matters on the Agenda

Cllr. Hart abstained from planning observations.

121/10/2009

Report from Craven District Council's Waste Management Officer

Paul Florentine (Waste & Recycling Manager) and Craig Wilson (Waste Management Officer) provided the following information about Alternate Weekly Collections and Kerbside Recycling Expansion.

"Craven residents recycled 35.8% of their waste in 2008/09. The target set by 2013 is 45%.

Alternate weekly collections mean recyclables are collected one week and general refuse the next. The aim is to significantly increase recycling in Craven and reduce the amount of biodegradable waste going to landfill. The top ten councils for recycling all use Alternate Weekly Collections. Eight of the ten of the most improved councils for recycling also use Alternate Weekly Collections. The most recent figures show that within Europe the UK send the most rubbish per person to landfill and this must change. Sending recyclables to landfill is a waste of our limited resources. Landfills produce gases that contribute to climate change. Due to the ever increasing costs of waste disposal, if we fail to increase our recycling rates, the Council and council tax payers could be hit with huge fines."

The new kerbside recycling scheme will mean glass, can, paper and plastic collections for all households in the District. The new collections are planned for mid January 2010. The new collections will run as follows:

- Alternate weekly collection of paper and card in new plastic bags (to be introduced)
- Monthly collection of glass, cans and plastic mixed together in the blue bins
- Alternate weekly collection of garden waste (no change to current service)
- Alternate weekly collection of non recyclable waste (green bin or lilac sacks)

"Anything that reduces waste sent to landfill will save tax payers money. The cost of landfill space is rising as it runs out. With government forecasting the cost of dealing with waste to rise by 10% each year, councils have to do everything in their power to provide an even better deal for the taxpayer. The cost of landfill on the increase and government tax on waste sent to landfill rose by 33% in 2008.

It's not just simply about saving money. It is about the environment, with waste sent to landfill contributing to climate change by emitting harmful gases. The UK's current recycling level has the equivalent effect to taking 5 million cars off our roads, WRAP (the Waste & Resources Action Programme) commissioned a major international research project which proves recycling is good for the environment, saves energy, reduces raw material extraction and combats climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

What about properties who are difficult to access and are still on plastic bags?

We are aware of around 600-700 properties that are still on plastic bags. Before the collections are introduced a survey will be done on such properties in order to find an appropriate solution. These will be approached on an individual basis to find a solution that will work for them.

What about the hot weather, maggots and flies?

The biggest independent research commissioned by the government (Wycombe Report) found no evidence that collecting recyclables one week and residual waste the next week will cause any health impacts for residents. The tests were carried out in both winter and summer to give the full picture. It also found that health impacts are likely to be no greater than those associated with weekly collections. Common sense measures such as keeping waste tightly wrapped and bin lids closed can help deal with any potential problems.

Flies will only lay eggs onto food that is unprotected. Double wrapping food waste will ensure you don't have a problem with flies.



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What about the impact on large families?

One idea being considered is where families have more than 6 permanent residents; they can apply for a larger 360 litre wheeled bin or an additional 240 litre wheeled bin. An audit of the family's waste would be carried out first to make sure all possible waste is being recycled. Eligible households could be provided with a larger or additional bin at cost.

Cllr. Hart commented "What if there is not the space for a larger bin or a second bin. There is limited space in many properties especially terrace houses with small back yards. Where will our young children play with all the space taken up by bins?"

What about excess waste, can I leave sacks of rubbish next to the wheelie bin?

No, the Council has a no side waste policy. Therefore any waste not placed inside your bins or bags will not be collected. If you are on a sack collection, we will only take our lilac bags.

What if I need more bags for recycling paper?

More bags can be requested.

What about the scheme leading to an increase in fly tipping?

Experience from other authorities already using this method of waste collection suggests that fly tipping does not increase as a result of Alternate Weekly Collections being introduced. These are strict penalties in place for people caught fly tipping. We work closely with other agencies to identify these people and take them to court.

Cllr Knowles-Fitton informed the meeting that over 180 local authorities have changed to collecting recycled waste one week and other waste the next and this figure continues to grow. Alternate weekly collections have been in operation for a number of years. North Yorkshire, Richmondshire, Hambleton, Ryedale, Scarborough and York all operate Alternate weekly collections. Selby will be introducing them in October 2009 and Harrogate by 2010.

Cllr Place commented that at present plastics for recycling only includes bottles, categories 1 & 2. Non bottle plastic and kitchen waste at the moment cannot be recycled (chemical emissions) but North Yorkshire County Council is looking into a solution but this will not apply for at least another four years.

What about vans disposing of waste at North Yorkshire sites?

We do not accept commercial waste at Skibeden or Settle HWRCs (Household waste recycling centres).

Householders who want to use a commercial style vehicle to deliver household waste have to register their vehicle with NYCC to do so and be able to prove they have done so. This is free.

A commercial style vehicle is any sign written vehicle (including cars) or any van, pickup, minibus etc – i.e. anything that is more likely to be used for a business than a householder. Registration forms can be picked up at the site or from the internet and we can turn them round in a few days.

The benefit of this has been to drive commercial waste out of the sites – we have seen a 15-20% fall in tonnages since implementing the council's policies.

Also, to reduce congestion at HWRCs we have a blanket ban on anything bigger than 3.5 tonnes GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight) or any agricultural vehicles. Oversized vehicles are only allowed on sites during quiet periods. Times are also available on the internet, or guidance is available on site.

To show flexibility, vans that visit the site are allowed to tip on their first visit (and they are given a registration form). They may be refused access on further visits if they fail to register.

Variation to the original approved planning application for the Greenroyd Mill Development

Wyn Ashton (Head of Strategic Housing), Guy Wilman (Affordable Housing Manager), Jolene Craig and Alison Day (Housing Officers, Jephson Housing) provided the following information concerning the above proposal.

The variation to the original approved planning application includes 65 new dwellings (previously 46) with 20 units being for Private Sale and 45 Affordable Housing. All with associated parking.

Jephson Housing the Registered Social Landlord for 26 properties for rent, 12 properties will be houses on the ground floor for families. 14 flats with 2 flats fully meeting standards required for wheelchairs.

Craven Housing/Yorkshire Housing the Registered Social Landlord for 19 flats for the over 55's.



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20 units will be for private sale, shared equity, with a 30% discount off the purchase price co-funded by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) funding and the developer.

Councillor's concerns included:

What provision has been made for car parking, this was originally placed under the mill?

Provision has been made for 150% car parking per apartment (one and half spaces).

20 units for private sale @ 150% parking = 30 spaces

19 units for over 55's @ 78% = 15 spaces

26 units @ 150% parking = 39 spaces

84 Spaces in total.

What measures are being taken so these homes go to local people?

Initial priority is to be given to people who have a local connection with Sutton in Craven, have been nominated by Craven Housing and satisfy the local connection criteria.

The impact of more traffic on an already heavily congested road needs further safety measures introduced!

The Parish Council wish to ensure that the Original 106 agreement for £25,000 for the footway for Sutton Lane and a new bus shelter with footpath around the perimeter opposite the Black Bull Public Inn is adhered to.

The Council strongly recommend that due to the variation of the original approved plan, incorporating dwellings for over fifty-five's and young families, the added problems that the traffic will cause on an already congested road means further measures are needed to ensure safety.

These should include:

- A build out or an Island to give better visibility from the Black bull for traffic travelling down Holme Lane.
- A Pelican Crossing opposite the entrance of the Greenroyd Mill Site.
- Ensure dropped kerbs are implemented.
- A donation towards new play equipment for the Park

The Chairman commented that "there are too many Affordable Houses on one site. What about the people who have purchased properties already under the previous plan? The Parish Council should have been informed of the variations to this application much sooner and a public meeting held in the village."

122/10/2009 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 7th September 2009 (circulated to all members) were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Smith, seconded Cllr. Bretan.

123/10/2009 Public Participation

Variation to the original approved planning application for the Greenroyd Mill Development – see above

124/10/2009 North Yorkshire Council Report

Cllr. Barrett reported that he had received notification of a written agreement from Bradford Met to erect an 'unsuitable for coaches and wide vehicles' sign at the top of The Ellers/Pole Road junction to help deter those vehicles travelling down using their Satellite Navigation Systems. The sign will be erected within 6-8 weeks.

The original agreement between Craven District Council and the owners of Greenroyd Mill includes £25,000 for the footway on Sutton Lane. The agreement states that not more than 40 market dwellings be occupied before the sum is paid to Craven District Council.

The footpath is included in the South Craven Transportation Strategy.

125/10/2009 Craven District Council Report

Nothing to Report.

126/10/2009 Clerks Report and Correspondence

Sent/To

a Community Speed Watch

A letter sent to Steve Scott, Crosshills Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant confirming that the Council are prepared to support the scheme with funds.



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- b **Survey for Parish and Town Councils from North Yorkshire**
Completed and forwarded to Business and Environment Services at Northallerton.
- c **2009 Review and Invitation for evidence from Parish Councils**
Council views forwarded to Craven District Council.
- d **Letter to the Village Committee**
Informing of the Council's decision not to grant permission to widen the main park gates for access for larger vehicles on Funday.
- e **Lothersdale Parish Council**
E-mail to Lothersdale Parish Council with regard to closed footpath at the weir near the reservoir.
1. **Received/From**
Outbuilding
It was **resolved** that the quote for up to a maximum of £200 be accepted for drawing up plans for an outbuilding to store the tractor and other park equipment. The outbuilding is to be sited near the Lodge in the Park keeper's private grounds.
2. **Plants**
It was resolved that a budget of £300 be given to the Park Keeper to purchase winter bedding plants. Future purchases will be delegated as this is a regular purchase requirement.
3. **Fencing around the Under 6's play area**
The Clerk discussed the quote from M. Armstrong Fencing in further detail and he is revising his estimate to produce a quotation.
4. **Temporary Road Closure**
Letter from the Revd Canon Michael Cowgill informing that he is applying for a temporary road closure between the hours of 4.15pm and 4.45pm on Sunday December 13th 2009. This is to enable a "Nativity" procession of approximately 400 people to walk down the High Street from the Bay Horse Public House to Sutton Park, via Main Street. No vehicles will be involved in the procession, but there will be a donkey. There will be several stewards and marshals both at the front and rear of the procession. It was **resolved** that the Council Members have no objections to the road closure.
5. **Bus Stop Improvements, Yeadon House**
Proposed improvements include: New yellow bus stop road marking and a new "No Stopping" sign to be erected on existing sign post. It was **resolved** that the Council Members have no objections to the proposed improvements.
6. **Raven Stones Footpath**
An invitation was extended for a Rights of Way Officer to attend a Parish Council Meeting to discuss progress made in relation to the footpath through Ravens Stones. Penny Noak and James Perkins (Assistant Definitive Map Officer) have agreed to attend the meeting in November.
7. **North Yorkshire County Council Craven Area Committee**
The Craven Area Committee wishes to appoint two parish representatives as co-opted members of the Committee and asked YLCA (Yorkshire Local Councils Association) to undertake an independent ballot of all councils in the area. The term of office will be until the first meeting of the Area committee following the 2013 elections, unless terminated sooner. YLCA has been asked to secure one representative from the North of the district and one from the South. Nominations are now invited. It was **resolved** that the Councils nominations to the Craven Area Committee is Cllr. Neil Whitaker (Chairman), Cllr. Hawkins and Cllr. Bretan.
8. **Craven Area Committee Meeting**
A Meeting will be held on Thursday 8 October 2009 at Bolton Abbey Village Hall, Bolton Abbey at 10.00am.



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9. **Yorkshire Local Councils Associations Craven Branch Meeting**
Saturday, 10 October 2009 at 2.00pm in Settle Town Council, The Town Hall, Market Place, Settle, Bd24 9EJ.
10. **Park Notice Board**
The old notice board in the park has now been replaced by a new one which was kindly donated by Aire Valley Glass Ltd.
11. **Craven District Council Planning Decisions**
Two Storey side Extensions And New Access Road Across Field To Front Of Property, High Pole Farm.
Granted
Removal of 2 No. Internal Staircases And Separating Wall And Reinstatement of 1 No. Staircase, Replacement Window to Rear Elevation Along With Removal of Mullion, Prospect House, North Road
Granted
12. **The Rural Services Network**
The Rural Service Network would like to offer the Council free membership into their community group. The Rural Services Network is a not for profit membership organisation. It is a grouping of rural service organisations, established to both argue the case on behalf of rural services and the financial provision to them, and also to network and seek to establish and promote best practice. The service to members of the Community Group will be provided by way of a weekly e-mail digest linked to the ruralcommunity.net website.
It was **resolved** that the Council take up the Rural Services Network offer of free membership.
13. **Craven District Council Plan 2010/2012**
The Council Plan sets out the Council's strategic agenda for improving service delivery to Craven communities, and for business transformation and organisational change. The Council is currently reviewing the Council Plan 2009/2012 to produce an updated version for 2010/2012. This will be approved in February 2010. The Council wish to extend an invitation to Parish Councils and Parish Meetings for a representative of the Council to attend a meeting of the Parish Council/Meeting between Monday 12th October and Wednesday 16th December, in order to present and seek views of the Parish Councils on the Council Plan proposals. It was **resolved** that a representative be invited to attend the Parish Council Meeting to be held on the 7th December.
14. **EcoTeams in Craven**
The Craven Local Strategic Partnership (CLSP) and independent environmental charity Global Action plan are creating 20 EcoTeams – groups of six to eight people who meet to make simple, effective changes for a more environmentally friendly lifestyle. The first phase is to recruit 20 team leaders, selection will be very much on a first come, first served basis. For further information on leading or joining an EcoTeam, contact Becki at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority on 01756 751610 or becki.tighe@yorkshiredales.org.uk. It was **resolved** to put the information on the Parish Councils Website.

Cllr. Hart left the meeting at 8.30pm.

127/10/2009

Planning Applications

66/2009/9986 – Rear Dormer Window, **10 North Avenue**
No Objections

66/2009/9946 – Conservation Area Consent For Demolition Of Existing Stair Tower To East Elevation, External Store And Enclosed Feature Wall, **Greenroyd Mill, High Street.**
No Objections

66/2009/9947 – Variation To The Original Approved Planning Application 66/2005/5519 Which Includes An Increase To 65 No New Dwellings (Previously 46 No) With 20 No Units Being For Sale And 45 No Of Which Being Affordable All With Associated Parking. **Greenroyd Mill, High Street.**

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66/2009/9984 – Conservatory To Rear Elevation Of Property, With Obscured Glazing To South Elevation, Re-Submission Of Refused Planning Application 66/2008/8857, **1 High Malsis**

No Objections

128/10/2009 **Members Community Reports**

None

129/10/2009 **Finance**

1. **To agree payments in accordance with the budget listed in the report – see attached schedule**

It was **resolved** to agree to the payments listed in the report.

130/10/2009 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 2nd November 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.



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Finance Schedule

It was agreed that the following cheques being signed and orders made:

A Fountain	225.00	Notice Board
North Yorkshire County Council	71.17	Footway Lighting Maintenance
npower	421.18	Pavilion/park Electric
Barclays Bank	10.00	Safe Deposit Box
British Gas	96.84	Pavilion Gas
Playdale Playgrounds Ltd	247.80	Spare parts for swings
North Yorkshire County Council	707.94	Pension Contributions
HM Revenue & Customs	494.83	Tax & Nat Insurance
HMRC	87.35	VAT
Employees (8)	3340.99	Salaries and Wages