LOW CONISCLIFFE & MERRYBENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2014
At St Edwins Church Hall, High Coniscliffe, 7pm.

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs: M Ellerton (Chair), P Ellerton, L Steel, A Craggs, WC Crudass & R Mackay (Clerk).

1 **Apologies:** Cllrs: R Cliffe (reason not submitted), T Stuckey (Vehicle Break Down), D Thompson (Prior Arrangement), WC Lee (Prior Arrangement) – Accepted.

2 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Steel (Item 5, Village Hall Rent).

3 **Public Forum: No Attendance.**

PARISH BUSINESS

Due to WC Crudass having to leave the meeting early he briefly explained that there was a consultation taking place re ground maintenance. Details can be found under item 10. WC Crudass left the meeting at 1928hrs.

4 **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Accepted as a true record and signed.

5 **Matters Arising From the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Action Points:**

- Item 10, bullet point 4 – Village Hall Rental. Cllr Steel explained that the village hall rent goes to the church hall and not to the church. The last rental paid to the Church Hall by the PC was in 2010 and was £150. This was due to the fact that invoices requesting payment had not been received, and that it was now understood that the previous clerk paid the monies automatically. It was resolved that the clerk would write to Mr Snaith explaining the situation and would ask if half the monies due would be acceptable. It was noted that in future payment must be requested by the Church Hall and that the PC would agree to pay £180 per year, and that an invoice should be submitted in Oct/Nov 14. For info Cllr Steel provided information on this issue but did not partake in the discussion other than replying to questions asked.

6 **Finance/Accounts:**

- Balance at Bank £4527.29.

7 **Planning Proposals:** 14/00172/FUL 52 Low Coniscliffe. Discussion took place on the proposal and it was resolved that the PC would like more info relating to the size of the proposal as the measurements on the plans were not easy to understand. Resolved Cllr Craggs would show plans to Cllr Thompson who has a professional knowledge in the area, and report back.

8 **Planning Decisions: None.**

9 **Highway Matters: None.**

10 **Parish Matters:**

- It was decided not to progress the fete from a PC perspective.
- TC Measures – no info.
- WC Crudass informed the meeting that a consultation was in progress re ground maintenance and looking after green areas, including the area near to the Greyhound Trust and Community Forest area. Cllr Crudass stated that he had passed drawings re

the strip of land near to the new estate, (done by Cllr P Ellerton) onto Mr Winstanley and informed him that the PC could possibly be interested in taking it on.

- Re Buses and Road Closure A67. Cllr Crudass informed the meeting that negotiations were ongoing with Ariva in relation to keeping an hourly service.
- No update available on Localmotion – Cllr M Ellerton to chase.
- Cllr M Ellerton requested permission to buy plants for the village planters. Agreed to spend up to £20.

11 AOB: None.

12 Items For Future Consideration: None.

13 Correspondence:

- Letter re Toma Fund read out – PC felt that they were unable to make a donation at present.
- Cllr Ellerton P read out a letter relating to voluntary drivers – Tees Valley Transport Brokerage.
- Clerk was asked if she had received a letter relating to a litter pick. Clerk stated no letter received.
- Email read out from WC Lee requesting items to make jewellery from.
- WC Lee will be receiving some poppy seeds for distribution. PC would like to receive some.
- There will be a presentation of villages in the rural areas. If anyone has any electronic photos of the villages please could they send them on.
- PACT update read out – theft from motor vehicles.

14 Date of Next Meeting: Possibly 2nd Wednesday in May. Clerk to confirm.

MEETING CLOSED 9.10pm

M Ellerton. 28/5/14