LOW CONISCLIFFE & MERRYBENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2014
At St Edwins Church Hall, High Coniscliffe, 7pm.

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs: L Steel (Actg Chair), P Ellerton, S Gatenby, A Craggs, R Mackay (Clerk).

1 **Apologies:** Cllrs: M Ellerton (prior arrangement), T Stuckey (work) and Ward Councillors G Lee and P Crudass. – Accepted.

2 **Declarations of Interest:** None.

3 **Public Forum: No Public Forum Issues Discussed.**

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

5 **Matters Arising From the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

a) Item 7 the planning application for 101 Low Coniscliffe has been approved. PREVIOUSLY TURNED DOWN BY PC APPROVED BY DBC WITH RECOMMENDATIO
b) Item 9, Bullet Point 1 Speed Limit Merrybent – Cllr P Ellerton informed the meeting that WC Lee had provided an update and that the speed limit should be implemented by spring.
c) Item 9, Bullet Point 2 Speed Visor Signs – it is possible that the 3 Parish Councils may have to employ someone to move the signs around and that some volunteers have come forward to form a sub committee. It was suggested that a £1000 could be donated from the PC towards costs in line with the other Parish Councils.
d) Item 10 cont, Bullet Point 2 – Cllr Steel informed that to date no works/progress had taken place. Cllr P Ellerton informed the meeting that he had again emailed the person concerned requesting that some stones be moved and that no response had been received. Concerns were raised over the sighting of rats in the area which had been previously reported to environmental health. Cllr P Ellerton stated that he would send another email to the person concerned.

6 **Finance/Accounts:**

a) Invoices approved: Clerks salary Nov & Dec £133.32, Clerks PAYE Nov & Dec £33.32, P Ellerton £70 for 4 Bags of Compost, and 20 trays of Pansies, P Ellerton £2.99 for Grass Seeds and £5.36 for a Scale Rule (owed from Octobers meeting).
b) Bank Reconciliations read out as at 31.10.14 - £2072.32 BR A/C, £7895.08 Current A/C.

7 **Planning Proposals:**

- Coniscliffe Grange – the proposed application was discussed and it was resolved to recommend approval.

8 **Planning Decisions:**

- The meeting was informed that the planning application for 101 Low Coniscliffe had been approved.

9 **Highway Matters:**

- It was reported that the landslip repairs were still ongoing at Carlbury, and that they were reportedly on track.

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10 Parish Matters:

a) Cllr Cliffs letter of resignation was read out to the meeting. Clerk to notify DBC and compose a letter of thanks to Cllr Cliff for his long service. It was suggested that a small gift be purchased to thank Cllr Cliff for his long service. Resolved: to spend up to £20 for a suitable gift.
b) Cllr Ellerton informed the meeting that WC Lee had suggested organising an afternoon tea for any WW2 veterans in the area. A discussion took place and it is believed that there are no veterans within the Parish.
c) Cockerton Brass Band were going to receive £60 from the Parish Council, but due to them having running costs in the area of £10K per year it was suggested that the amount be increased. A discussion took place and Cllr Ellerton suggested an amount of £100. All then agreed to increase the amount paid to £70. Resolved £70 to be paid to the band.
d) Father Christmas outfit. A discussion took place on the purchase of an outfit for future use. It was resolved that Cllr Gatenby would purchase the outfit at an agreed cost of up to £20.

11 Items For Future Consideration:

- Precept/Budget.

12 Correspondence: None received.

13 Date of Next Meeting: 14th January 2014, 7pm.

MEETING CLOSED 8.20pm

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