



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2nd April 2011

Present: C Beazley Chairman
J Hesletine
M Wilkinson

Attending: Clerk
9 Electors

The meeting began with a presentation from Danielle Wheatley and the Environment Agency team in response to Starbotton being highlighted as a potential high-risk flash flood area. It was resolved that an emergency plan would be looked at and put together if a flood disaster should hit the village

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received from Clr B Foster and Clr R Appleton
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / PRIVATE BUSINESS**
None
- 3 **MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**
The minutes from March meeting were signed as a true and accurate record proposed by J Hesletine and seconded by M Wilkinson
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING**
 - A **Dale House** – No updates were given for this area however it was resolved to keep this matter on the agenda
 - B **Highways Issues** – Stuart Cracknell and David Wilson attended a meeting with CB and JH and it was reported that the holes on Coniston road would be corrected as soon as possible. The Highways department has had severe budget cuts and it was expected that the timescale for future repairs would be at least 12 months except for emergencies. The bridge repair into Kettlewell will be repaired as the person who caused the damage has been found and insurance details taken. The steps into the beck opposite Fern House would also be repaired as a small child could fall down these. The clerk is to prepare a definitive list of highway issues for the next meeting.
 - C **Local Need Housing Kettlewell / YDNPA Development Framework** – It was advised that the 2 sites for affordable housing were not progressing very well and we await updates on this matter when they happen.
 - D **Street Lighting** – It was reported that 3 lights were out, 1 on Hilltop in Starbotton and 2 in Kettlewell, 1 on school hill and 1 on Eller House that is continually flashing.
 - F **Langcliffe Garth** – It was reported that the light is now connected and working after 2 years of the initial problem.
 - G **Planning Comments** –

It was confirmed that the conditions that the Parish Council would like to see enforced with Scargill planning application have been submitted. The clerk confirmed she had spoken with Richard Graham and confirmed that a paper copy has been attached to the committee report so all

members receive a copy of the proposed conditions. There are strict legal rules of what conditions can be placed so R Graham agrees with some conditions but there are some that might not be possible to confirm. We await the outcome.

H **Library – A** meeting was held at Buckden Parish Council on Monday 30th April, minutes to be distributed. The feeling from the meeting was that the library bus service should be maintained but with a reduced number of visits. The public consultation has closed and the North Yorkshire Council report would be sent out in due course.

I **YDNPA – Footpath number 41** – It was reported that the completed evidence forms have been passed to John Dwyer and a receipt was provided however John has now left the authority and Susan Stott has now taken over this. The order now has to go secretary of state to be confirmed and we await updates of this. It has been advised that this may take a while.

5 **Crime Report**

It was reported that the village school had been broken into for a second time.

6 **Correspondence**

A YDNPA – Trees conservation area removal at disused toilets

B Upper Wharfedale Playground Committee 2000 a letter was read out and a date of Thursday 14th April was confirmed for a meeting with the newly elected committee. It was reported that the treasurer report for the playground should be produced for the next parish council meeting.

C YDNPA 29th March minutes

D YDNPA Planning committee agenda

E NYCC Craven Area Committee agenda

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Circulation

6a Funding for Neighbourhood and Parish Plans

6b NYCC April bus service changes – None involving Kettlewell

6c Open Space newsletter

6d Yorkshire Dales Newsletter

6e Community governance review newsletter

7 **Planning Applications**

None received

8 **Accounts**

The following was reported by the Clerk:

A **Balance as at 24th March**

Community Account £17.00

Business Premium Account £3303.17

Liabilities

Clerks honorarium, Printer ink and photocopy expenses (invoice attached) £131.58

Yorkshire Local Councils Association £121.00

North Yorkshire County Council Electricity £1,119.75

The Clerk responded to recent debtors regarding electricity bills (attached) but no further updates from them

The annual audit return has arrived, Clerk to complete during April

Proposed by Jack Hesletine

Seconded by Mick Wilkinson

9 Report on National Park Authority meetings & Cllr J Roberts

Cllr Roberts sent his apologies and the chairman read out an update from him

10 Urgent Business reported to the Chairman

- The chairman advised that he could not log onto the village password, Clerk to ask person who fixed computer to supply password to him.
- JH stressed that at the last meeting he queried why the bank statements had not been signed, as this was a parish standing order. The clerk advised that she had sought advice on this matter and as the parish accounts were signed each meeting and by internal and external auditors this item had been covered however JH stressed this was a standing order and he felt it should be carried out. The general feeling was that the audit covered this however the chairman was happy to sign them and all agreed he could do this outside of the meeting as this would take some time to backdate them.

11 Matters Raised by the Public

- It was raised that there are no 'Dalesway' signs in the village and the parish council should ask the YDNPA to provide some, as the walk is misleading for people following it.
- It was advised that the notice period for the Library meeting was too short. The PC agreed that it was not well advertised however it was difficult as the meeting was not held at Kettlewell and there were time delays and error in the start time of the meeting.
- It was advised that the new development of the ice cream kiosk in the village had not built the allowed wall at shoulder height, Clerk to advise YDNPA.
- It was advised that the tourist 'brown' sign could not be supplied to the village shop as the village is a 30-mph area. Clerk to ask Highways on this matter
- The parish council was asked if a letter had been received regarding Grassington Ambulance and if we had responded. No letter had been received to date.
- It was reported that a vehicle working outside the kiosk had been parked on double yellow lines all week, Clerk to email Vanessa Bateson.
- It was stated that the light on Manningham House had not been fixed and it was the council's responsibility to light the village. The councillors advised that the new light situated at the Maypole lit the whole street sufficiently.

**12 Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday May 4th 2011
The Meeting Closed at
8.55pm**