



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12th October

Present: Chris Beazley (Chairman)
Jack Heseltine
Mick Wilkinson
Richard Foster

Attending: Clerk
Clr Roberts
13 Electors

The meeting opened with an introduction from Sgt Les Moorhouse who has recently been appointed at Grassington.

He informed the meeting that there had been a number of staffing changes however the staffing levels on the ground remained the same, 4 PC's and 1 PCSO. In an emergency the public is to call 999 as Grassington branch is not manned. In a non emergency the main number is 0845 6060247, the extension number is 3460
There are many improvements being introduced and Sgt Moorhouse assured the meeting he is always there for the public and is keen to stamp out rural crime

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from R Appleton

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / PRIVATE BUSINESS

None were received, however J Heseltine and C Beazley declared they were both lobbied regarding the campsite application

3 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes from September parish council meeting were signed as a true and accurate record, proposed by J Heseltine and seconded by M Wilkinson

The minutes from the additional parish meeting were signed as a true and accurate record, proposed by J Heseltine and seconded by M Wilkinson

4 MATTERS ARISING

A Main Road –

Highways have assured the Parish Council that they will monitor this situation moving forward

B Highways Issues –

JH and MW had a meeting with Stuart Cracknell and David Wilson from Highways recently. It was advised that they had confirmed that Scabbergate bridge was their responsibility and it needed repairing, however financially they were not in a position to carry out this work at this time.

They also confirmed that they would find out who is responsible for the man hole cover which is missing on Sally Lane and issue an enforcement notice to correct it.

It was since reported that another manhole cover on the bridleway is missing and the manhole is

covered with a piece of plastic which is very dangerous. It was resolved that the clerk would contact the National Parks, Iain Mann to report.

The issue of parking along Coniston Road was raised and the possibility of putting signs up to make drivers aware of the childrens playground, This item is to be discussed at the November meeting.

It was also reported that the road along Scargill is very dirty and makes it difficult for passing cyclists, walkers and cars. Clerk to report to Highways.

It was also reported that at the Top of Cray, Stake End Road, the road flood constantly and the B6160 near the new sheep pens and on a corner, a drain is blocked causing the road to flood. This resulted in a bad accident last year, Clerk to also report to Highways.

C Local Need Housing Kettlewell / YDNPA Development Framework –

No updates were given

D Street Lighting –

It was reported that 6 lights were not working, MW to attend

E Planning Comments –

- Application C/46/242 – The councillors decided to hold an additional meeting to review the information that had been passed to them. This would be held on Monday at 10am. This would be a closed meeting.
- It was reported that the tarmac that had been laid near the new ice cream kiosk had covered a drain hole cover by half and would effect future water issues, although the clerk has written a number of times, no response has been received - The National Parks confirmed that no other action would be taken. The councillors to discuss this at Mondays meeting

F Library –

It was advised by email from Chrys Mellor of NYCC that the new supermobile library will run from 26th October fortnightly, calling on Wednesdays, between 2pm and 4pm at the National Parks car park.

He also advised that the supermobile could not stop at Starbotton, The councillors were unhappy with this and the Clerk is to raise this with Clr S Marshall

G YDNPA – Footpath number 41 –

The clerk is to contact the YDNPA to ask for any update and to confirm that the footpaths have not been handed over.

H Scargill Independently liaison committee –

A response was read from Scargill advising the parish council that they cannot attend the proposed meeting date and that they require terms of reference and membership of the group. It was advised that John Blackie was unhappy with Scargills response and he would be contacting them. We await the outcome.

J Dalesway Signs –

The footpath was discussed and it was resolved that the Clerk is to write to the Dales Way Society and advise that we are concerned with the state of the Dales Way.

K Proposal of Parish Plans

The invitations have been sent out to each individual electors and a good response has been received

L Leader Application

An additional meeting was held and it was resolved that C Beazley would prepare the additional information needed for the application. The minutes of that meeting were signed as a true and accurate record, proposed by M Wilkinson and seconded by C Beazley.

This application would be further discussed at the additional meeting on Monday, 17th October

6 **Crime Report**

The following crime was reported this month;

- A car was badly damaged by a concrete gate post being smashed through the window and damage to the boot
- A car was scratched along the drivers door
- 2 Caravans at the top of the village were vandalised

7 **Correspondence**

A Open Spaces Society

B The Queens Diamond Jubilee

C Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival AGM notice – It was resolved that the clerk is to contact the Scarecrow committee and ask for funding towards the replacement of tubs and plantage on the war memorial

D Letter from Mr R Fletcher – letter of comments

E Mrs Bishop – letter of comments

F YDNPA trees in Conservation area

G North Yorkshire Fire and rescue – summary of accounts

H CDC review of polling stations

I Letter to Councillors re affordable road

J YDNPA News Release – Boundary changes

K Email from school

L Email from Gaby Rose – Conservation review

M Email - Skibeden

N Email – concerned visitor – It was resolved that the parish council is not responsible for the footpaths and to advise the visitor to contact the YDNPA

O Grassington PC Ambulance – It was resolved to send a letter of support

P Email and copy letter from Susan Swire – This letter is to be discussed at the additional meeting on 17th October

Q A letter from resident regarding affordable housing road – It was agreed that the parish council is not responsible as this is a private matter with the land owner

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Planning Applications

None

9 **Accounts**

The following was reported by the Clerk:

A **Balance as at 24th September**

Community Account £100.00

Business Premium Account £2303.76

Liabilities

- Clerk £100
- Metcalf & Wilding £430.00

- Clr Wilkinson advised that the salt price is £3.10 plus VAT. All agreed to purchase 1 ton of salt at to sell to Electors at full price. No subsidiary would be provided this year

Proposed by J Heseltine

Seconded by C Beazley

10 **Report on National Park Authority meetings & Cllr J Roberts**

The following was reported by Cllr Roberts;

- There are 2 enforcement orders in the village where car park spaces are to be turned back into grass areas
- The planning committee passed an application on Tuesday, which involved the use of double glazing in the Northern Dales. This may be an opportunity for West Scale Farm and Scar House to re-apply for permission at no further cost.
- Natural England have approved the extension of the Dales boundaries to move to M6 corridor
- Cowside has been completely restored and refurbished by the National Trust and will be used as holiday lets
- It is reported that Craven Waste is now 47% recyclable

11 **Urgent Business reported to the Chairman**

- It was reported that the stepping stone past Lovers Lane is on its edge and the Clerk is to report to Iain Mann

12 **Matters Raised by the Public**

- It was advised that the polling review should include that the village hall has car parking facilities
- The war memorial needs 5 tubs and 5 ornamental trees so would need more funding, Janet Walters is to provide a rough estimate
- It was advised that an elector would like the parish council to discuss the idea of creating an emergency telephone tree. This is to be discussed at the Parish Plan meeting
- It was advised that the no-lighting situation causes problems in the village and asked when M Wilkinson can attend to these. It was advised that Mick carries out these repairs for free and if the parish council hired an electrical company to do these, the precept would be increased to cover the costs. It was resolved that many of the lights need replacing and it would be confirmed which needed attention
- It was advised that the North Yorkshire Police are revising the Neighbourhood Watch scheme as it is not working as effectively. R Walker from Starbottle will provide more information on this matter as the police are looking for a rural location to run a new scheme
- It was advised that an elector wanted to register her horror and disgust at a letter that was sent to the Yorkshire Dales National Park, concerning the campsite application.

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday November 2nd

With no other business reported, the Meeting Closed at 9.38pm