



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7th December

Present: Cllr Beazley (Chairman)
Cllr Heseltine
Cllr Appleton
Cllr Wilkinson
Cllr R Foster

Attending: Clerk
11 Electors
District Cllr J Roberts

1 **APOLOGIES**

None

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / PRIVATE BUSINESS**

None declared

3 Statement from Chris Beazley (please see attached), regarding structure and communication from fellow councillors. Cllr Heseltine confirmed that he rang the county today to enquire regarding broadband, he stated that he did not want the chairman to send a letter asking him to resign the next day. Cllr Beazley asked if the letter he sent should be minuted. Cllr Foster stated that agreements should not be agreed without a meeting, it was confirmed that Cllr Beazley had emailed all relevant information by email and would think that Cllr Heseltine would approach Cllr Wilkinson as he usually does. Cllr Foster stated that he did not receive any email. The item discussed was to do with broadband. Chris gave more information regarding the broadband proposal to the Councillors. This subject was discussed at length and Cllr Beazley answered questions. A further meeting was made to discuss further. Cllr Beazley also confirmed that the Broadband project was not a Parish Council lead project, but a matter that he was completing in his own independent right.

3 **MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

The minutes of November meeting were signed as a true and accurate record
Proposed by Cllr Beazley seconded by Cllr Heseltine

4 **MATTERS ARISING**

A **Main Road –**

No updates were given. The matter was discussed with PC Moorhouse at a recent meeting who confirmed that he would monitor the situation and issue parking warning tickets. He advised that a notice should be made into The Link magazine to make locals aware, Clerk to action

B **Highways Issues –**

A meeting was held with PC Les Moorhouse, PCSO Gary Battinson, Cllr Beazley, Cllr Heseltine, Cllr Wilkinson, The Clerk and Highways. The issue discussed was speeding and parking around the village. PC Moorhouse advised that the PC applied for a monitoring system that could be

displayed to survey the traffic passing through the village and at the speed they travel. The Councillors confirmed they would like to go ahead with this and the Clerk is to complete the form. It was resolved that 2 sites would be applied for, the first near the playground and the second along the road to the school. This would also be advertised in the Link to make residents aware. It was also confirmed that despite an invitation being sent to Cllr Marshall to attend this meeting, she did not respond to it.

It was confirmed that Iain Mann has had the manhole cover on Sally Lane repaired. The manhole cover lower down is still broken and this matter is to be reminded to Highways that it is urgent.

No other updates from Highways were given The Clerk to chase.

C Local Need Housing Kettlewell / YDNPA Development Framework –

No further updates were given

D Street Lighting –

It was reported that there are 2 streetlights not working, 1 at Langcliffe Garth, which needs the whole unit changing, and 1 at the Kings Head. Cllr Wilkinson is needing assistance with these and will seek to repair them as soon as possible

E Planning Comments –

- **Campsite Application C/46/242** – It was confirmed that this application was voted against, 12 votes to 1 by the YDNPA Planning Committee
- **Home Farm Starbotton C/46/123N/LB** – It was also confirmed that this application has been refused

F Library –

A response from Cllr Marshall was read out, she confirmed that there is nothing further she can do to enable the Library bus to stop in Starbotton, she also confirms that its use will be reviewed after a few months and the Parish Council could make further comments then. This item is to be removed from the agenda.

G YDNPA – Footpath number 41 –

No further updates were given

H Scargill Independently liaison committee –

It was advised that the Scargill Liaison committee meeting was held recently with John Blackie as an independent chairman. The items for the committee were discussed and a date to take this further was set for April. The chairman asked that the clerk to send the minutes to him and then they would be forwarded on.

J Dalesway Signs –

A proposal was sent from Iain Mann regarding the Dales Way signage. The documents were studied and circulated with confirmation that Highways have given the go ahead for the signs. The councillors discussed the matter with a question raised that the footpath has been moved and historically it took a different route. The councillors confirmed that a response should be sent to Iain Mann confirming this but also stating that they are very pleased with the signs.

K Leader Application

Cllr Beazley confirmed that there was no outcome of The Leader application at present and notification should be imminent. If the application is successful it was all agreed that a sub committee should be set up to move the recruitment process forward. The update of this to be given at next meeting

6 **Crime Report**

There was a serious disturbance in the village recently with the windows of a property, Hall Bank, being smashed.

The Kings Head sign was also reported as being damaged.

The following crime reports were given down by 9% and Anti social behaviour was down by 16%

7 **Correspondence**

A CDC Parish Council Elections – The precept meeting was set for 4th January at 6.30pm

B YDNPA trees in conservation area – 6 conifers and 1 horse chestnut, 1 Lime street, Chestnut Cottage

C CDC Parish Precepts

D Grassington Parish Council – A letter was sent confirming that Grassington Parish Council had not received a response from the ambulance service. The councillors agreed this was a serious situation as the ambulance service would not cover Grassington or surrounding areas and had no first responders. The councillors agreed to write back to Grassington offering their full support and asking to be made aware of the meeting that would be held with the ambulance officials so representatives from Kettlewell Parish Council could attend

E Yorkshire Dales Newsletter

F Letter from Mr Thornborrow – This letter was discussed regarding parking arrangements that were currently happening by Renar Cottage and that Mr Thornborrow could not gain access to his croft. It was resolved that this matter was infact a personal matter and not one that the PC could comment on

G Broadband – A meeting date was set for Tuesday 13th December at 4pm @ Langcliffe House to discuss further

H Email from Scarecrow committee to confirm that a donation of £50 will be made to the war memorial upkeep

I Email from 2 residents of Kettlewell advising that the noticeboard is being tampered with and various notices are being removed. It was resolved to ask Doug at the village shop to become a key holder of this board and monitor notices placed in there. Clerk to ask

J A presentation to be circulated from the Upper Wharfedale Sustainability working group to advise of the work being undertaken for the school

8 **Planning Applications**

Land Opposite Cleveiot House, Starbotton – The following response was submitted by the councillors –

We do support the need for more local occupancy housing in the parish but note that this application is on land designated as Special Open Space by YDNPA. We ask are the YDNPA to allow building on such designated lands
In addition the plans submitted have no elevation heights so it is very difficult to give a view on the overall application. We feel this issue should have been dealt with prior to the plans being submitted to consultees. Without this information we feel we must object to the application but will be happy to re-consider the application should the correct format of plans be submitted

9 **Accounts**

The following was reported by the Clerk:

A **Balance as at 24th November 2011**

Community Account £100.00

Business Premium Account £4003.77

Liabilities

Clerk £100

Proposed by Cllr Appleton

Seconded by Cllr Wilkinson

10 Report on National Park Authority meetings & Cllr J Roberts

The following was reported by Cllr Roberts

- YDNPA would support super fast broadband to the hilt
- If there is a specific housing need in area the YDNPA would look at it, Grassington is applying for another site
- There is a YDNPA authority meeting on Tuesday 13th December
- Application this month is for a conversion of a barn for living quarters next to The Fountain Inn in Linton
- There is a problem with salt into the grit bins; bins at Starbotton and Kettlewell are empty. Cllr Roberts to reports.
- A rather serious incident with Craven District Council is being decided at present, whether they council should pull out of a contract with Lovells, who are the builders for the refurbishment of the Town Hall. If this happened the council would suffer a large financial penalty which the council cannot afford
- Café Nero has opened on Skipton High Street without planning permission. A planning application is to be submitted soon.
- The empty shop of Goldies, is to be opened as a Russian tea tasting shop

11 Urgent Business reported to the Chairman

- Cllr Beazley confirmed an email from the YDNPA that showed they would pay for the cobbling if the leader grant application went ahead
- Cllr Heseltine confirmed that the prices for oak barrels on the war memorial were 3ft-£60, 2ft £30 and 20 inch £28. Cllr Heseltine to measure the existing barrels and report back.
- Vote of thanks given to Cllr Appleton for laying the wreath on the memorial and for looking so smart!
- Cllr Foster asked that information be printed off, as his email is not reliable.
- The price for Salt is £3.75
- It was advised that the village Christmas tree is ready to collect from Scargill. The councillors to meet on Sunday to arrange this

12 Matters raised by the Public

- PCSO Gary Battison advised that from the 12th December the number for non emergency telephone calls to North Yorkshire Police will change to **101**
- It was raised that the Scargill Liaison Committee meeting was not advertised on the notice board. The elector did not want to attend the meeting but felt the need to point this matter out.
- Susan Beazley gave a short overview of the work of the working party for the school
- It was advised that when sending an email, a read receipt could be requested
- It was disputed that BT should provide the super fast broadband and if this came available this person would not order it
- The traffic direction of the Maypole was discussed
- It was reported that the recent incidents in the village have left residents feeling very nervous. It was resolved that Cllr Wilkinson and an elector Mrs V Bishop would arrange a telephone emergency tree to give to residents

13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday January 4th 2012

With no other business reported, the Meeting Closed at 10.05pm