



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 4th January 2012

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

Attending: Clerk
5 Electors

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Appleton with no reason given. Apologies were also received from Cllr Roberts

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / PRIVATE BUSINESS**

None declared

3 **MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

The minutes from December meeting were adjusted point 6, Crime report to read Hawbank and not Hallbank, Proposed by Cllr Heseltine and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson. The minutes from an additional meeting to be carried forward for proposing when the Councillors that attended were present.

4 **MATTERS ARISING**

A **Main Road -**

No further updates were given

B **Highways Issues –**

It was advised that Highways had not given any updates to matters raised. It was also reported that there was a hole in the tarmac, by the beck bridge next to The Racehorses. It was also reported that a road sign had fallen out of the ground near the bridge and needed urgent attention. The Clerk to report and chase.

C **Local Need Housing Kettlewell / YDNPA Development Framework –**

It was advised that a new housing site would be brought forward in the near future however no further details could be given at this time and more details should be available at the next parish council meeting.

D **Street Lighting –**

It was reported that a number of streetlights needed attention and a new lamp was needed at Starbottle. Cllr Wilkinson will address the matters and check all of the streetlights.

E Planning Comments –

None given

F YDNPA – Footpath number 41 –

No further updates this month

G Scargill Independently liaison committee –

It was advised that Cllr Blackie is under going treatment for cancer and therefore the minutes of the meeting are on hold. Carry forward to next month.

H Leader Application

It was advised that the Parish Council Leader Grant application has been successful and an advert for a village Lengthsman has been placed. The offer letter needed completing which the Clerk will action and complete at the precept meeting.

The subject of the new superfast broadband was then discussed. Cllr Heseltine stressed that he is in total support for this project, however he would object to using the company that is currently being considered. He stressed that NYCC are using funds that the government allocated to communities. His other concern is that if the company was used any went into liquidation what would happen. Cllr Beazley answered Cllr Heseltines concerns. Cllr Beazley stressed that he was involved with this project independently and advised that BT would not invest into rural areas. Cllr Beazley also gave a brief update of options available and confirmed that more information would be given after a meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th January at County Hall.

Cllr Heseltine asked if the rate payer would be paying and how that affected the business rate payer, Cllr Beazley advised that he could see the point, however the whole reasoning behind the broadband project was to enable families and people to work from home to move into area, thus enabling a sustainable community. Parish councils in the area have been asked to donate £7000 towards the project and various councils have pledged money so far. Cllr Foster advised that he was aware that Littondale was to be tied into this project. Cllr Beazley advised that Littondale have been advised to prove there is a demand for broadband and they would have to fund 1 half of a mast. One person from the area has agreed to fund 1 full mast. County has been advised that they would start the project locally and Littondale would join at a later date.

It was advised again that more details would hopefully be finalised at the meeting on Wednesday.

6 Crime Report

PCSO Battison advised of the following

- Rowdy behaviour in Starbotton
- On local information, some unwelcome people were in area from West Yorkshire that the police could act on

7 Correspondence

A Leader offer letter – To be completed at precept meeting 10/1/12

B Craven Rail newsletter

C Yorkshire Dales Leader Newsletter

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9 Accounts

The following was reported by the Clerk:

A Balance as at 24th December 2011

Community Account £100.00
Business Premium Account £3869.22
Liabilities
Clerk £100

Proposed by Cllr Wilkinson
Seconded by Cllr Beazley

10 Report on National Park Authority meetings & Cllr J Roberts

A letter an update was sent from Cllr Roberts attached to the minutes

11 Urgent Business reported to the Chairman

None

12 Matters raised by the Public

- An elector asked if the forthcoming precept meeting was an open meeting, It was advised it was a closed meeting and Cllr Heseltine confirmed that it had always been a closed meeting
- 2 electors advised that they did not wish rates to be used for the Broadband project
- It was asked if BT have upgraded the fibre optic cable, an answer could not be given to this question
- It was advised that there was a new GP support group for Grassington Surgery and Doug from the village shop was the contact. There would be a meeting every 3 months and any comments would be welcome
- An elector stressed that the Parish Council should contribute to the broadband project as it was vital for the sustainability of the community.

13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday February 1st 2012

With no other business reported, the Meeting Closed at 20.42pm