

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
26th August 2020

The Parish Council met socially distanced in the large room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 26th August 2020

Present: Cllrs. B Fawcett Chair, J Hodgson, G Kirkbride, A Kirkbride, D Teasdale, D Scarr, Y Peacock (District Councillor) and Mrs K Lynch, Clerk

The Chairman, Cllr. Fawcett, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** none
2. **Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**
Having circulated the minutes of the Parish on Tuesday 23 June 2020, they were confirmed as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman.
3. **Any items not covered in the Agenda**
None
4. **Declaration of interest**
None
5. **Askrigg Community Energy (ACE)**
Sue Stoke gave an overview of the ACE project which aims to develop a community owned renewable energy generation scheme. The scheme will enable Askrigg organisations and residents to be able to afford sufficient energy to provide warm/useful environments that will satisfy perpetually increasing demand. The project has been successful in obtaining a grant to carry out a feasibility study into the use of cost effective local renewable energy. The contract has been awarded to Wattcraft and the study will commence 7th September 2020. If the project is successful extra funding is available for a second phase of the project. Cllr. A Kirkbride said Askrigg used to generate its own electricity via a water turbine from Mill Gill and also one in Woodhall.

It was agreed, at this stage, that updates would be send to the Parish Council and the project would be a standing item on the agenda. Cllr Fawcett thanked Sue for coming to the meeting and giving the update.

6. **Highway Issues**
The Clerk reported overhanging trees on Station Road, some of which are blocking the 30mph signage. Cllr Peacock asked to be copied into the email to Highways.
Cllr A Kirkbride reported the road sets up Moor Road have been washed out with the rain. Clerk to report to Highways.
Cllr. Scarr asked about the bridge at Skellgill. Clerk reported the site had been visited and was awaiting work by contractors. The clerk to check when work will be carried out so a member of the Parish Council can be there.

7. **Finance**
7.1 Expenditure

29/06/20	s/o	Clerks salary	152.66
13/07/20	s/o	HMRC	38.00
28/07/20	s/o	Clerks salary	152.66

06/08/20 on line Braithwaites 630.00

7.2 receipts

08/06/20	Insurance Refund Cemetery	209.73
01/07/20	Burial fee	250.00
03/07/20	Compensation	9.79
15/07/20	VAT refund	868.95
21/08/20	Parish income (HB)	439.71

8. Planning

New applications: Askrigg Foundation: Removal of Condition 4 Windows. The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Outstanding applications: 3 School Croft, Approved. Old School House, Approved. Wharton Barn: The revised application is for the conversion to holiday lets. The Parish Council has responded to say it would not support the application if access was to be the one on the original plans giving vehicle access, otherwise there would be no objection. An email had been received regarding the above and the lack of parking in the Village. Cllr Kirkbride said a lot of villages were having the same problem at the moment as people are holidaying in this country. He also went on to say that when children go back to school things should start to ease.

9. Village Hall – Nothing to report

10. Church Update – Nothing to report

11. Askrigg Foundation – Nothing to report

12. Healthwatch – Nothing to report

13. Cemetery

A request from Pickards for a memorial stone was approved

Clerk to request a price from Pickards for a new internment stone

Cllr. Fawcett informed the meeting there would be no plastic flowers or wreaths allowed in the Cemetery. A sign would be put up regarding this.

14. School – nothing to report

15. Speed Matrix

The Clerk informed the meeting that the sign was coming on too soon before the 30mph and that she had requested this be altered. The battery life is still a problem as it is lasting less than two weeks because vehicles are not adhering to the speed limit. A contributing factor to the speed problems is the speed restrictions from Bainbridge into Askrigg in that it is 40 to 60 then straight into 30 mph. Cllr Peacock said she would enquire who to contact to see if there is a possibility of getting it changed to 40 then 30 mph.

16. Local Plan Forum

Cllr A Kirkbride had attended the last meeting. He informed the meeting of the Ambitions response form regarding the following: Community sustainability, Carbon futures and On-farm development. The Clerk was asked to complete the form and forward to the YDNP. The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 27 August 2020 7.00 p.m. in Bainbridge Village Hall.

17. Rural Transport

Ruth Annison has joined a group looking at a better deal for bus users and funding for supported bus services 20/21. Through Ruth, the Parish Council have been asked if there are any key points they would like to put forward. Feedback from the Parish Council is that the Little White Bus provides an excellent service. A suggestion to offer day/weekly tickets, for visitors, where they could hop on and hop off buses as they wish.

18. Village Leaflet to new residents

It was agreed to update the old leaflet and take to the next meeting.

19. Correspondence

- Letter: Richmond District Council – Playground. There are a number of issues with the play equipment the majority being not urgent. Cllr Kirkbride agreed to have a look at the equipment and report back.
- Email: Ruth Barnard – Memorial Bench. It was agreed that the siting of the bench could go ahead.
- Email: YDNP – Dark Skies. It was unanimously agreed the Parish Council would support this initiative.
- Letter: NYCC – Stronger working relationships with Town and Parish Councils. The district councils have put together an alternative plan which would see authorities created for the eastern and western sides of the county. Richmondshire would be in the western side. Askrigg resident and Labour member, Mr Hugo Radice suggested a public meeting to inform people what is happening. Cllr Peacock and Mr Radice agreed to arrange a meeting.

20. Any Other Business

Defibrillator: The Clerk reported changes to checking the defibrillator. Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) are asking the Guardians to complete forms each time the defibrillator is checked. Currently the checks are made weekly by the Clerk and her husband on a voluntary basis and by asking for forms to be completed and signed is putting extra work and responsibility on the Guardians. The Council agreed with the Clerk and she said she would find out what other Guardians are doing in the area.

Post Office: There has been a complaint that the Outreach Post Office in Askrigg and Bainbride has gone to one day a week Monday. Cllr A Kirkbride said because of staffing it is only open on a Monday but will go back to two days at some point.

Pavement Flags: Cllr Hodgson to arrange repair of flags outside Wharton House.

Tree West End: Cllr Fawcett raised concern over an overgrown tree at a property down the West End of the village which is owned by First Housing. The Clerk said she had contacted First Housing previously asking that it be trimmed back. Clerk to follow up.

Trees in quarry: Cllr Fawcett told the meeting that a resident had planted trees in the quarry and put a fence around. It was agreed this would be looked at to make sure the fence is properly erected.

21. Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 4th November 2020

