

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 20th November 2019

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall, Askrigg on Thursday 6th February 2020

Present: Cllrs. B Fawcett Chair, J Hodgson, D Scarr, G Kirkbride, A Kirkbride, D Teasdale
Mrs K Lynch, Clerk, plus six members of the public

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Y Peacock

2. Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Having circulated, the minutes of the Parish held on Wednesday 20 November 2019, 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 declared

5. Highway Issue

The Chairman reported a wooden fence had been installed on the dangerous section of highway wall at Nappa. It was agreed this was not ideal but a better solution than the temporary plastic fencing which had previously been installed.

The Clerk was asked to report the bridge at Skellgill as the wall is in poor repair and could easily fall into the beck.

6. Finance

6.1 Payments resolved to pay

12/11/19	s/o	HMRC	38.00
18/11/19	100838	RDC Election fees	75.00
20/11/19	100839	Village hall fees	60.00
28/11/19	s/o	Clerks salary	152.66
12/12/19	s/o	HMRC	38.00
28/12/19	s/o	Clerks salary	152.66
21/01/20	100840	A Craske (bulbs)	20.60
21/01/20	100841	A Porter (grass cutting)	55.00

6.2 Receipts

05/11/19	Compensation	9.05
04/12/19	Compensation	9.05
13/01/20	Parish Income (HB)	304.38

6.3 Barclays Mandate Change

It was agreed for the Clerk to be included on the authorise signatory to enable her to use the online banking for any changes to HMRC etc. Cllr Fawcett and Cllr A Kirbride authorised the mandate forms.

7. Planning

New applications: No applications tabled.

Outstanding applications.

8. Village Hall

Nothing to report

9. Church update

A Heritage Lottery grant has been turned down for the work on the Tower. Further grant applications are being pursued. Cllr. A Kirkbride stated he was not in favour of the rendering of the Church Tower, which dates back to the 1400s, which has never been rendered. He believes the best option would be to have it pointed.

Cllr. Teasdale said in his opinion the Tower had never been rendered as you would have seen from how the mullions were set. His professional view was that should the rendering crack, then water would get behind and bring the rendering off. The best solution would be to point the Tower.

Cllr. A Kirkbride reported that A Craske would be replacing a new flood light post.

10. Askrigg Foundation Building

The Trustees have been able to award the building contract for the two flats and a small cottage, plus refurbishment of the retail unit to Neil Dinsdale of Hawes. The work is expected to start in April and could take approximately 24 weeks to complete. Asbestos removal will begin on Monday 17th February and should take two to three days. Planners are refusing to allow the installation of wooden double glazed windows, insisting on the current ones being repaired. The Trustees believe this is not a viable option for affordable housing and negotiations are underway to try and resolve the situation.

11. Healthwatch

The consultation is still ongoing around the future of the Friarage Hospital. The minutes of the Healthwatch meetings is that the Tuesday evening appointments at Aysgarth are not being fully utilized and people should be encouraged to use them.

12. Cemetery

A meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday 11th February 2020

13. School boundary fence

A meeting with the school and the wider community had taken place to discuss transport etc., however, no one from Askrigg was able to attend. Cllr Fawcett said the meetings were arranged during the day when it was difficult for people to attend.

The hedging opposite the tennis courts had still not been trimmed. Cllr A Kirkbride said this was the Yorebridge Foundation responsibility and suggested the Clerk contact Christine Lambert.

14. Dog Fouling

Dog fouling continues to be a big problem in and around Askrigg. Cllr Fawcett said he was not happy that most of the meeting was taken up discussing this issue. He also added that he had received a number of complaints, over Christmas, of dogs roaming and that photos and videos had been taken.

An email had been received from a group of parents complaining of dog fouling on the pavements from the village down to the school. The Clerk suggested involving some children to design some signs which could be placed on the way down to school. Councillors supported this suggestion and Cllr Hodgson said he take this forward.

15. Speed Matrix

The Clerk reported the sign does slow some drivers down. A member of the public asked about the use of batteries rather than a solar panel. The Clerk said the solar ones were not recommended as they were heavy to change locations.

16. Local Plan Forum meeting

Cllrs A Kirkbride and Hodgson agreed to attend the next meeting on 10 February 2020 at West Burton.

17. Correspondence

- Tour de Yorkshire Event Fund – contents noted
- Natural England had responded to the letter sent regarding heather beetle. Also a letter had been received from Hawes Auction Mart regarding stewardship. Natural England are wanting to stop heather burning and cut instead. Cllr. Fawcett to speak with James Alderson, Hawes Auction Mart.
- The Cinnamon Trust is looking for volunteer dog walkers for a resident of Askrigg. Clerk to put the details on the notice board.
- Community First are looking for people interested in volunteering. Details to be placed on the noticeboard.
- National Non domestic rate demand notice. This is zero rate on the car park at Parkins Garth.

18. Any Other Business

A letter has been received from the occupier of Beech House regarding the lane at the back of the houses towards Seta Barn being very slippery after rain and in Winter. The Clerk to contact the Ranger as the footpath is YDNP responsibility.

An email, from a local resident, had been received asking that farmers be alerted to the damage and effects of plastic wrapping in fields etc. has on the livestock and environment. Whilst the Councillors appreciated the concerns it was felt not there responsibility.

A member of the public said she was concerned over fumes going into her kitchen at the bottom end of Silver Street. The Parish Council said they would try and find the source.

19. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 19th March 2020 7.30 pm back room of the Village Hall, Askrigg