

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON
Wednesday 20th January 2021

The Parish Council met via Zoom on Wednesday 20th January 2021

Present: Cllrs. B Fawcett Chair, J Hodgson, G Kirkbride, A Kirkbride, D Teasdale, and Mrs K Lynch, Clerk

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. D Scarr, Y Peacock (District Councillor)

2. **Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**

Having circulated the minutes of the Parish on Wednesday 26th August 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. **Highway Issues** (standing item)

Cllr. Fawcett reported on emails received from two residents concerned about parking in the Village. Cathy Gosling of Silver Street emailed regarding access out of Silver Street which she says is dangerous due to parked vehicles. She asked about siting of a mirror. The second email was from Tony Hutchinson a resident at Breconbar who had been involved in an accident late last year. The Parish Council felt things should improve when the contractors have finished work in the Foundation building.

An email had been received from Kathryn Browne with concerns that the road to the Heugh was not a priority for gritting. She said it was difficult for her father to get down the road for hospital appointments. Highways have said they will look into whether it could be made a priority or not.

6. **Finance**

6.1 Expenditure

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| 12/08/20 | s/o | HMRC | 38.00 |
| 28/08/20 | s/o | Clerks salary | 152.66 |
| 14/09/20 | s/o | HMRC | 38.00 |
| 28/09/20 | s/o | Clerks salary | 152.66 |
| 14/10/20 | s/o | HMRC | 38.00 |
| 21/10/20 | online | K. Boddy | 360.00 |
| 23/10/20 | online | Viking | 71.02 |
| 27/10/20 | online | Wel Medical | 86.22 |
| 28/10/20 | s/o | Clerks salary | 152.66 |
| 12/11/20 | s/o | HMRC | 38.00 |
| 19/11/20 | online | A Craske | 10.50 |
| 27/11/20 | online | Clerk backpay | 296.09 |
| 30/11/20 | online | Clerk salary | 152.66 |

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| 10/12/20 | online | NYCC | 180.00 |
| 14/12/20 | s/o | HMRC | 112.00 |
| 29/12/20 | s/o | Clerks salary | 194.93 |
| 12/01/21 | s/o | HMRC | 48.60 |
| 12/01/21 | online | A R Craske | 131.25 |
| 12/01/21 | online | C H Fawcett | 144.00 |

6.2 receipts

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| 03/09/20 | Compensation | 9.97 |
| 17/09/20 | Parish Income (HB) | 503.65 |
| 05/10/20 | Parish Income (HB) | 375.05 |
| 30/10/20 | Parish Income (HB) | 237.97 |
| 03/11/20 | Compensation | 9.79 |
| 20/11/20 | Grant monies (RDC) | 931.00 |
| 02/12/20 | Compensation | 9.79 |
| 03/12/20 | Northern Powergrid | 2.30 |
| 29/12/20 | Parish Income (HB) | 145.60 |

7. Precept 2020/21

It was agreed to keep the precept set at £3,500 for 2020/21

8. Planning

New applications: R/50/134E Pippy Oak Barn – Approved

Outstanding applications:

Wharton Barn: Still under consideration

9. Village Hall – Nothing to report

10. Church Update – Nothing to report

11. Askrigg Foundation – Work is near completion and Councillors commented on the high standard of work carried out. Applications had gone out and some people had expressed an interest.

12. Healthwatch – Covid-19 continues to be the priority.

13. Cemetery

The new commercial bin was now in place for people to place rubbish in. Clerk to check frequency of emptying of the bin. Old flowers etc. should be taken off graves and placed in the bin.

14. School – nothing to report

15. Speed Matrix

The Clerk informed the meeting that the sign had been recalibrated and was now not coming on too soon.

16. Local Plan Forum

As part of the local plan, there is a consultation with landowners etc. for sites in the Yorkshire Dales National Park for affordable housing. Cllr. A Kirkbride to ask that Askrigg, Newbiggin, Woodhall and Nappa be included in the plan.

17. Low Mill

Councillors were concerned about the future of Low Mill

18. New Single Council

Proposals have been put forward to Government

19. Village Leaflet to new residents

The Clerk and Mrs Kate Empsall continue to update the leaflet and will take a final draft to a future meeting.

20. ACE Project

The project is looking for appropriate sites for Electric Vehicle charging points. One site suggestion was to put two points on the Church Wall on the cobbles. The Parish Council own the cobbles and felt the more appropriate siting would be in Parkins Garth.

21. Correspondence

- Email: A Morgan – Concerns over the cutting back of the hedgerow from Newbiggin to Horrabanck Farm Gate. Councillors said it was important the lane be kept tidied back.
- Letter: RDC Play Equipment. Some equipment reported as requiring attention but not urgent.
- Email: YLCA Clerks National Pay Ward. Clerks increase agreed.
- Email: NYCC Budget Priorities. NYCC is proposing an increase in Council Tax because of monies spent on Covid-19. Cllr Kirkbride asked about the monies holiday homes have been given by the RDC. Cllr. A Kirbride said only the homes which pay business rates got the money.
- Email RDC: There will be a 2021 Census. Noted
- Email YLCA: The Clerk reported the 6th May 2021 Election are planned to go ahead.

22. Any Other Business

Cllr. Fawcett asked the Clerk to contact Highways requesting they leave the old mirror as a spare when the new one is fitted.

The Parish Council had been notified that the owner of the Greets had pressure washed the cobbles and they had become dislodged. The Clerk was asked to write and inform the resident that any work on the cobbles would be done by a nominated contractor.

It was noted that the same resident had made a generous donation of £70.00 towards the Village flowers.

- 23. Date and time of next meeting:** Wednesday 3rd March 2021 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. Any member of the public wishing to join the meeting should contact the Clerk at karenaskriggpc@sky.com

