

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in the Village Hall, Askrigg

**Present:** Cllrs. A. Kirkbride (Chair), J Hodgson (vice Chair), G Kirkbride, D Scarr, D Teasdale, S Fawcett, Mrs K Lynch (Clerk), Cllr. Y Peacock and eight members of the public.

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

**1. Apologies for absence: None**

**2. Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**

The minutes of the Parish Council on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 as a true copy at the next parish council meeting in 2024

**3. Any items not covered in the Agenda**

None

**4. Declaration of interest**

Cllr A Kirkbride- Planning and Upper Dales Watch

Cllr D Teasdale – Planning

Cllr S Fawcett – Upper Dales Watch

**5. Highway Issues** (standing item)

Roadside trees from Newbiggin to Nappa and Heugh – clerk to report to Highways

Gutter blocked between Newbiggin and Arngill. Gorse bushes stopping it flowing – report to Highways

Heugh Lane – already reported

Howgate – 2 gaps not yet reported on highway wall – to be reported

High straights (Stanny Lane) concrete gulley broken when Highways did work up there and it has never been repaired. – to be reported.

Drain on Muker road blocked (what three words narrating.photo.slice)

Nappa Scarr to Nappa Hall right hand side culvert under road is flooding.

Skelgill – salt dump has not been replenished. – to report.

Cllr. Peacock asked the Clerk to report the issues on email and copy her in.

The Chairman informed the meeting that any vehicles blocking the pavements in the village to have letters put on them asking people not to block access.

**6. Finance**

**6.1 Expenditure – resolve to pay.**

28/10/23	K Lynch	Clerks salary	212.20
01/11/23	S Lynch	New Honesty Box	36.63
01/11/23	NYC	Grit bins	180.00
01/11/23	N Banks	Grass cutting	270.00
13/11/23	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	53.00
15/11/23	NYC	Yorewaste	24.02

28/11/23	K Lynch	Clerks salary	323.34
12/12/23	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	80.60
13/12/23	Kingfisher	Nappa Mirror	317.92
18/12/23	NYC	Yorewaste	24.02
28/12/23	K Lynch	Clerks salary	226.14

## 6.2 Receipts

19/12/23	Northern Powergrid	Waveleave	3.45
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## 7. Planning applications

**New Applications:** None

### Outstanding applications:

**R/50/222A/LB** internal and external alterations at Salisbury House, Askrigg. The clerk was asked to write to the planning department to request a copy of the plans to create a car park at the rear of the building. Concerns were raised on vehicle access to the rear of the property via Silver Street and that this is a conservation area.

**R/50/29G** full planning to subdivision of existing house to create two separate dwellings. The Vicarage, Askrigg

**R/50/154B** Full planning permission for demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new house (part retrospective) at Cedar View, Woodhall

**R/50/104A** application for removal of Condition 9 (occupancy condition) The White Rose Hotel, Askrigg. The clerk was asked to contact planning to say the Parish Council had now no objections as new information had been presented to the meeting.

## 8. Carrs Billington Site update

Cllr Y Peacock gave an update on the recent article on Richmondshire Today stating plans for 14 houses to be built on the site by Broadacres. This is not quite true and the owner of the site and the National Park would have to be consulted. J R Hopper currently has the site for sale on the open market. The parish council reiterated they are still keen on retaining some of the site for village parking.

## 9. Village Hall update

Grants are available, however, monies have to be raised prior to any work being carried out.

## 10. Church update

A public meeting regarding the rendering of the tower still to be arranged. The Church Warden had contacted the Clerk to say the bags of rubbish will be removed when weather permits.

## 11. Playground

There are a number of issues from the recent inspection but nothing urgent. Cllr Kirkbride had been into the playground tidying debris etc.

## 12. Healthwatch

Nothing to report.

## 13. Cemetery

A date for the next 'tidy up' of the cemetery will be arranged by Cllr D Scarr.

#### 14. **School**

The school has been informed by their landlords, that due to an identified gap in insurance cover the school gates must be locked at all times including out of school hours. It is hoped a solution will be found.

Vicky Collins has been appointed the Executive Headteacher to replace Mrs Charlotte Harper.

#### 15. **Low Mill Outdoor Centre**

Asa Gurden attended the meeting and gave the following update and said Low Mill is back on the right path.

Well over 1,000 school pupils have visited last year and growth in our self catering income, both are projected for further growth in the coming year.

The operation has been delivered by 3 members of staff with the support of Alfresco Adventures a local business delivering the bulk of the outdoor activities. This worked well in 2023 and will continue in 2024

We've got a few volunteers helping around the centre with some ground works and driving minibuses but we can always use more!

Fundraising is starting to gain a bit more pace with the new fundraising committee about to have its first meeting and some successful conversations with previous funders still underway.

Lastly we are still on the lookout for more trustees especially anyone with experience in fundraising, property management, commercial accommodation letting or education.

To volunteer or offer support please contact [asa.gurden@lowmill.com](mailto:asa.gurden@lowmill.com)

#### 16. **Public transport**

Mrs Annison was unable to attend the meeting but did send a written report as follows:

**Home and School Transport: North Yorkshire Council (NYC)** are proposing to consult on major changes to current policy, including a proposal to amend the main eligibility criteria to be 'the nearest school (with places available)' in order to save the council a projected £3.2m. their local families although the statutory responsibility - and hence the policy decision - rests with NYC.

**There is a flurry of consultations, community engagement events and surveys about public transport** taking place at present. In part, this is caused by forthcoming changes in responsibilities (and therefore budgets), such as the proposal for NYC to become a Mayoral Authority in May.

#### **NYC is also preparing a new Local Transport Plan.**

Whatever the subject or headline title, and whoever the organiser, most surveys are now conducted online. However NYC - to its credit - recognises that many people are either not on email or not entirely comfortable with digital (for whatever reason). NYC therefore provides free paper copies for its own surveys through libraries and community hubs. (UWCO in Hawes seems to be well supplied with these - and the necessary addressed envelopes!)

**The YDNPA has just announced a new survey** related to revision of its Management Plan for 2025-2029. This asks respondents to choose and rank 6 items - from a given list of 18 - that most need doing in the national park over the next five years.

**17. Vehicle Activation Sign**

The Clerk gave an update on a recent data download from the sign. The Police also have access to the data and will continue carrying out speed checks. The data showed over 51% of vehicles were travelling over the 30 mph speed with the highest speed recorded at 56.8 mph in a 30 mph zone outside the primary school.

**18. Proposed erection of War Memorial**

A local Askrigg and Bainbridge mens group have proposed paying for a war memorial plaque to be placed in the wall of the Greets. The owners of the Greets are happy for this to be carried out. Cllr A Kirkbride informed the meeting that there was a memorial inside the Church and said he could not support the proposal. Following a vote of members it was agreed that this could go ahead. An example of the wording for the plaque will be brought to the next meeting. All the necessary paperwork etc. will be done by a nominated member of the group as the Clerk said this was not within her remit.

**19. Correspondence**

Email: YDNP Stone Arched Bridge, Newbiggin - Noted

Email: YDNP Tree in a Conservation Area - Noted

Email: YNC Home Upgrade grant 2 - Noted

Email: NY Police Upper Wensleydale Dales Watch – This was agreed in principal

Email: S. Oram – Quotation for 2024 village tubs – It was agreed that the quotation for the tubs was acceptable and the clerk would contact him to proceed with the work.

**20. Any other business**

**21. Date and time of next meeting** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7.30 p.m. back room of the Village Hall, Askrigg

