

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Wednesday 20th July 2022

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 20th July 2022 in the Village Hall, Askrigg

Present: Cllrs. B Fawcett Chair, J Hodgson, D Teasdale, and D Scarr, A Kirkbride, Mrs K Lynch and 1 member of the public

The Chairman, Cllr. Fawcett, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also formally thanked Cllr. Hodgson and his father David for allowing the Jubilee Beacon to be lit on Whitfield and for cleaning up afterwards. Cllr Fawcett said it was an excellent site for the beacon.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr G Kirkbride and Cllr Y Peacock

2. **Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**

Having circulated the minutes of the Parish Council on Wednesday 11th May 2022, 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**

Cllr. A Kirkbride - Planning

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

Cllr. Fawcett said the culvert at Nappa was still not properly cleared and the wall had not been re-instated. The clerk to follow up the request to cut back trees up Howgate and will also report pot holes down the West End. It appears the no through road sign at Gill Gate has disappeared. The clerk will contact Highways to ask it be replaced. The old car outside Skeldale House is still causing a problem for people trying to get out of Silver Street onto the main road. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways and Cllr Peacock regarding placing a yellow line in front of Skeldale to restrict day time parking and allow safer access to and from Silver Street.

A resident had asked if a bus stop marking on the road would be possible at the bus stop in the village. This was discussed and decided it was not needed.

6. **Finance**

6.1 Expenditure – resolve to pay.

2/05/22	HMRC PAYE	48.22
16/05/22	BHIB Parish Insurance	193.54
17/05/22	NYCC Yorewaste	22.06
28/05/22	K A Lynch Clerks salary	240.07
01/06/22	Russells – Strimmer	336.00
06/06.22	J W Alderson Petrol	22.30
06/06/22	Dales & Bowland Donation	100.00
13/06/22	HMRC PAYE	59.80
16/06/22	NYCC Yorewaste	22.18
27/06/22	Sykes House Jubilee tea	89.08
27/06/22	P J Rees grass cutting	110.00
27/06/22	Keith Boddy grass cutting	360.00
27/06/22	W Braithwaite village tubs	865.70

28/06/22 K A Lynch Clerks salary 198.47

6.2 receipts

13/05/22	HMRC VAT refund	2,337.00
31/05/22	Honesty box	310.75
20/07/22	Honesty box	451.64

7. Planning

New Applications:

None

Outstanding applications:

R/59/50C – Erection of a domestic garage, turning area and resiting of oil tank – Park House, Low Abbotside – No objection from parish council. – approved

8. Village Hall

Cllr. Teasdale informed the meeting that he had a meeting with the village hall secretary on Thursday 21st July to see what work was required.

9. Church update

Mrs Stephanie Durrant, Churchwarden, St Oswald's Church attended the meeting. She said the Church was actively seeking to close the small churchyard but they had to prove the graveyard was full. She said it was intended to get Atlantic Geomatics to carry out ground penetrating radar survey to help with this but the vegetation has to be kept low to facilitate this. It is hoped this will be funded by the Diocese (at least in part). The parish council agreed to loan the strimmer to the church week beginning the 8th August.

The parish council agreed to donate £250 towards the cost of repair to the church clock. Mrs Durrant informed the meeting of the sample render patches which have been placed on the church tower and will remain there for a year to see how they weather etc. She also agreed to ensure the parish council receives any relevant information on the church.

10. Playground

Nothing to report

11. Healthwatch

Nothing to report

12. Cemetery

The cemetery committee have cut the grass twice recently. Cllr Teasdale reported one of benches is not safe to sit on. This will be checked.

13. BAWB Foundation

Nothing to report

14. Low Mill Outdoor Centre

Asa Gurden had responded to an email from the clerk to say things were on going but nothing really to report.

15. Public transport developments

Mrs Annison submitted an update report and the contents were noted.

16. Village up keep

The clerk asked for clarity on who was cutting which areas of the village.

Jim Paredes – Cemetery, back lane, grass by Meadowsweet, front of football pitch

Anthony Porter – green at Newbiggin

Bruce Fawcett – triangle at Newbiggin
Allen Kirkbride - Roadside at Parkins Garth and Moor Road
Keith Boddy – Top Lane, Moor Road

The village tubs will be discussed at the March 23 meeting

17. YDNP Local Plan Consultation No 5

The plan quotes 50 new dwellings per annum (850 over the plan period) Cllr Fawcett said he felt Askrigg has had more than its fair share of new housing over the years. Content of the plan noted.

18. Correspondence

Letter: Mr & Mrs Cockerill – Terry Cottage. The parish council have no issues with the land to the rear of Terry Cottage from the walled stile to the junction with Seata Barn being registered with Terry Cottage.

Email : Mrs Deans – Cobbles near Yoredale. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Northern Power to ask that the cobbles be re-set as they took them up during recent works.

Letter: Judith and Robert Nicholls. – back lane cutting. Cllr Fawcett said the back lane needed cutting due to the amount of nettles on the footpath. It was noted there are some bushes overhanging the lane making it difficult to pass. Cllr A Kirkbride said he would take a look.

Email: PC Gary Hankin – Crime report noted.

19. AOB

Cllr A Kirkbride said the Yorkshire Water pumping station in Askrigg is a disgrace and needs painting. The clerk agreed to contact Yorkshire Water.

Cllr Hodgson asked if anything had been agreed with Highways to extend the footpath near to Carrs Billington to make it safer for families with pushchairs and older people. Clerk to follow up.

Cllr Hodgson also pointed out the pathway on the opposite side is also very narrow.

The Clerk suggested moving the speed matix to the pole opposite Lowlands Farm. This was agreed..

20. Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the back room of the Village Hall, Askrigg

