

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Village Hall, Askrigg

**Present:** Cllrs. B Fawcett (Chair) J Hodgson, Cllr A Kirkbride, D Scarr, Mrs K Lynch (Clerk), Cllr Y Peacock and 2 member of the public.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. D Teasdale and G Kirkbride

2. **Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**

Having circulated the minutes of the Parish Council on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 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**

Cllrs. A Kirkbride - Planning

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

Cllr Fawcett was concerned that the road at Nappa had not yet been repaired. Cllr Peacock informed the meeting that the work is on the programme of work and will be repaired.

Some councillors were unhappy at the recent road closures on the A684 which had resulted in traffic, including lorries, being diverted through Askrigg. Lorries had been struggling and some breaking down trying to go up Howgate which had caused issues with the backlog of traffic. Cllr Peacock explained that due to the fatality of a contractor elsewhere in the country North Yorkshire Highways will not allow personnel to work near to moving traffic which is why the road was closed.

There are a number of trees which are starting to overhang the highway and some are obstructing the street lighting. The areas identified are Low Abbotside, Station Road, Newbiggin, Howgate and Becks Bits. Cllr Peacock to arrange a meeting with highways to drive through the identified areas with representatives of the parish council to arrange for them to be cut back. Any which are on private land the clerk will write, on behalf of the parish council, to the land owners.

6. **Finance**

**6.1 Expenditure – resolve to pay.**

12/05/23	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	53.00
16/05/23	NYCC	Yorewaste	23.89
28/05/23	K A Lynch	Clerks salary	212.20
07/06/23	K A Lynch	Reimbursement for keyboard/mouse	29.96
12/06/23	HMRC	Clerks PAYE	53.00
28/06/23	Braithwaites	Flower tubs	887.70
28/06/23	JW Aldersons	Petrol	10.84
28/06/23	K A Lynch	Clerks salary	212.20
03/07/23	PMS Tree Care	Stump removal	480.00
03/07/23	N Banks	Grass cutting	135.00

**6.2 Receipts**

01/06/23	Sandersons (burial fees)	440.00
06/06/23	Honesty box	306.55
27/06/23	Dog bin contribution from Bainbridge PC	135.00

## 7. **Planning applications**

**New Applications - R/50/1122C** Householder planning permission of extension to provide additional living space. Stone Barn, Moor Road, Askrigg. The parish council is fully supportive of this application on the grounds that it is a local growing family whose children attend the local schools, run a local business. In addition the proposed extension will not be visible from the road. Clerk to write to the planning department.

### **Outstanding applications:**

R/50/29G Full planning for two glamping cabins with hot tubs and solar panels. Tuttle House, Silver Street, Askrigg. – Outstanding

R/49/21R Full planning to convert and extend existing building to create owner/manager and emergency on site vet accommodation at Bainbridge Vets. The parish council has responded to say they are fully supportive of the application. – Outstanding

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

## 8. **Carrs Billington Site update**

North Yorkshire Council are still looking at the viability of purchasing the Carrs Billington site. One of the proposed options is still looking at housing as this would generate more revenue towards the purchase of the site. The parish council would still like to see a car park with small business units or the possibility of live and work units but again with car parking.

## 9. **Village Hall update**

New windows are currently being fitted. Everyone agreed the work so far is a great improvement of the building.

## 10. **Church update**

Still awaiting a date for a public meeting regarding the work on the tower.

## 11. **Playground**

The clerk informed the meeting that the tree stump had now been removed. However there is a small amount of rubbish which requires moving. At some point new wetpour will need to be laid where the tree stump has been removed.

## 12. **Healthwatch**

A synopsis of the last meeting was noted.

## 13. **Cemetery**

Cllr. Scarr agreed to move soil that had accumulated.

## 14. **School**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing additional to report

## 16. **Public transport**

Mrs Annison gave a brief update. She explained the £2 adult single fare had been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> October and thereafter £2.50 for a year. Also there is now a Little White Car which

can take Askrigg residents to medical appointments. This is on a pre booked service and is dependent on volunteer drivers.

### **17. Vehicle Activation Sign**

The current sign has been taken back to the supplier to be updated to a solar version. The cost of the upgrade will be met by North Yorkshire Council and the supplier. The parish council agreed to pay for a data upgrade at a cost of £567.00 This will allow the Parish Council to access data from the device such as volume of traffic, speed of vehicles etc.

### **18. Correspondence**

Email: YDNP – Response to consultation No 6 – Land for Housing. Cllr Fawcett said Askrigg had enough houses. Other parish councils have identified areas for development.

Email: Judith Bromley – Day in the Dales for refugees and asylum seekers based in Darlington is being held in Carperby on the 24<sup>th</sup> July. The expense of hiring the bus is covered by local Quakers and are the parish council if they would like to make a contribution to other expenses. Cllr Fawcett said we would not be making a contribution as the parish council does not make charitable donations as the village raises money for such organisations.

Email: YDNP – Annual report 2023 – contents noted.

Email: NYC – NY Local Access Forum – contents noted.

Email: Grass cutting. The Clerk had received emails from two residents who were concerned that the grass cuttings are not being collected up Moor Road and Newbiggin. A resident from Newbiggin attended the meeting to raise her concerns and possible solutions. The Clerk said it had been difficult to get someone to cut the village grass and one company the quote for yearly cuts would have been twice the precept so was not an option. The Parish Council has now managed to get someone who is able to do the whole of the village grass cutting but he is unable to take the cuttings away and he has not been asked to do so. Cllr Peacock told the meeting that Bainbridge do not collect grass cuttings so they are left in situ. Cllr Fawcett said residents at Nappa keep the areas cut and tidy themselves. It was agreed the clerk to draft a letter to residents explaining the situation and ask for any willing volunteers to keep outside their properties tidy should they wish.

### **19. Any other business**

A member of the public asked what response had come back from the Police regarding the car outside Skeldale House. The car is insured and exempt from tax so it is up to the owner to move it. It was noted that the debris under the car had been moved and the car cleaned.

Residents at Nappa have asked about getting the mirror replaced. The clerk explained that highways no longer provided mirrors. Cllrs Hodson to ask if the residents can obtain a price for a new mirror and send to the parish council for consideration.

### **20. Date and time of next meeting** Cllr Fawcett asked if meetings could be changed to a Thursday evening. The clerk to change dates and bookings.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 in the back room of the village hall



