

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
23 June 2020

The Parish Council met socially distanced at Ellerkin, Askrigg on Tuesday 23 June 2020

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

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

1. Apologies for absence: D Scarr

2. Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Having circulated, the minutes of the Parish held on Thursday 6th February 2020, 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. Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish Council is exempt from external audit for the year 2019/20 as its annual turn-over does not exceed £25,000. The Certificate of Exemption was duly signed and sent to PKF Littlejohn LLP.

The Annual Internal Audit Report was carried out by Amanda Carter of James Carter Associates and the contents were noted. The Parish Council thank Amanda for her help.

The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20

6. Accounting Statements 2019/20

Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish Council approved the Accounting Statements for 2019/20. The documents were duly signed accordingly.

In accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations and Transparency Code for small authorities, all documents will be published on the Parish Council website.

7. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Fawcett would remain the Chairman with Cllr Hodgson proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman.

8. Highway Issues

No new outstanding issues

9. Finance

9.1 Expenditure – resolve to pay

09/02/20	100842	C H Fawcett	120.00
12/02/20	s/o	HMRC	38.00
28/02/20	s/o	Clerks salary	152.66
17/03/20	100843	YLCA	211.00
17/03/20	100844	A Craske	58.74

12/03/20	s/o	HMRC	38.00
28/03/20	s/o	Clerks salary	152.66
07/04/20	100845	NYCC	600.00
14/04/20	s/o	HMRC	38.00
27/04/20	100845	RDC	125.74
28/04/20	100847	Clerks salary	152.66
27/04/20	100848	Viking (cancelled)	60.88
13/05/20	on line	A Porter	405.00
12/05/20	s/o	HMRC	38.00
28/05/20	s/o	Clerks salary	152.66
31/05/20	on line	BHIB (Parish Insurance)	193.54
10/06/20	on line	K Boddy	240.00
10/06/20	on line	Viking	60.88
12/06/20	s/o	HMRC	38.00

9.2 Receipts

03/02/20	Burial fees	250.00
18/02/20	Headstone Fee	100.00
18/03/20	Parish Income	184.73
02/04/20	Compensation	9.05
03/04/20	NYCC	40.90
21/04/20	Northern Powergrid	2.30
30/04/20	RDC Precept	3,500.00
05/05/20	Compensation	18.84

9.3 Financial Standing Orders

The Clerk tabled a revised Financial Standing Orders document which was duly approved and will be posted on the Parish website.

10. Planning

New applications: 3 School Croft, Askrigg. No objections from the Parish Council
Outstanding applications.

Wharton Barn – resubmission made with a change to holiday rental.

11. Village Hall

Nothing to report

12. Church update

Nothing to report

13. Healthwatch

Nothing to report

14. Cemetery

The Cemetery Committee had agreed to a price increase on burials etc. Cllr Fawcett raised concerns on the use of plastic flowers on graves. It was agreed a sign would be put at the entrance stating no plastic flowers are allowed on graves.

15. School

Nothing to report

16. Speed Matrix

The sign had been off during lock down but now rules have been lifted it had been activated again. There is concern that drivers are still not taking notice and not slowing down. As a result the battery is only lasting approximately one week.

17. Local Plan Forum meeting

Nothing to report.

18. Correspondence

- Email: YLCA Code of Conduct for Local Councils Consultation
- Email: Sue Stokes – Askrigg Community Energy Project
- Email: RDC – Climate Emergency declaration
- Letter: NYCC – Commons Act

19. Any Other Business

There have been complaints of a no parking sign being put on the wall outside the School House. The Clerk to contact the owner to ask it be removed.

Cllr. Fawcett asked for approval to pay £30.00 to a resident who is doing the mowing at Nappa. Agreed.

There have been reports of cars being sold from parish land. It was agreed this was not acceptable and the owner would be informed.

Report of Ash Die Back on trees up Moor Road – noted.

19. Date and time of next meeting: To be confirmed at a later date.