

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 8th March 2018

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall, Askrigg on Thursday 8th March 2018

Present: Cllrs. B Fawcett Chair, J Hodgson, A Kirkbride ,M Alderson, G Kirkbride, D Madley, Mrs K Lynch Clerk, plus members of the Public & Betsy Everett (press)

1. **Apologies:** None recorded

2 **Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**

Having been circulated, the minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th January 2018, were confirmed as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

The Councillors noted the press were recording the meeting.

4. **Declaration of interest**

Cllr. Kirkbride declared an interest under Planning Applications and Cllr Madley under School.

5. **Highway Issues**

The road at Heugh still needs repairing. It was noted that during the recent snow, both roads up Moor Road had been cleared. The light up Moor Road has still not been reinstated. Cllr G Kirkbride proposed and Cllr M Alderson seconded that a `bus stop` be erected on the road at Parkins Garth. There is one on the opposite side.

Resolve: Clerk to follow up

6. **Finance**

6.1 Payments resolved to pay

18/01/18	A Porter	450.00
18/01/18	C H Fawcett	84.00
18/01/18	NYCC	180.00
25/01/18	HMRC	32.20
28/01/18	Clerks salary	128.98
25/02/18	HMRC	32.20
28/02/18	Clerks salary	128.98

6.2 Receipts

26/01/18	Honesty box	105.03
14/02/18	Funeral fees	250.00
21/02/18	Funeral fees	300.00

6.3 Budget Meeting – a date to be arranged end of April. It was agreed to leave the tendering process until next year.

7. **Planning**

New applications: R/50/202 Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling or holiday let – no objections from the parish council.

Outstanding applications

R/50/180A – The Old Vicarage, full planning permission for change of use of existing domestic garage to holiday let. - noted

R/50/200 Lowlands Farm, full planning to convert 2 railway carriages to tourist accommodation sited on old railway siding. **Approved**

/51R/50/123D – Pippy Oak Barn, Newbiggin. Full planning permission for 10 camping pods. Creation of parking area and erection of facilities block. **Withdrawn**

8. **Village Hall** – Funding of £750 has been secured with a further £500 from the Parish Council to refurbish the toilets.

9. **Askrigg Foundation Building** – Cllr Hodgson expressed concern over the vacant units when work on the upstairs of the building will not start for months and there were people who have expressed an interest in renting the units. I

Resolve: The Clerk would write to the Trustees on the matter.

10. **Healthwatch** – It was noted the next meeting is on the 12th March 7.30 p.m. at Hawes Surgery. Cllr G Kirbride said she would be attending.

11. **Speed Issues** – Cllr A Kirkbride suggested speed humps would slow down traffic on Station Road. Cllr Fawcett was not in agreement and suggested vehicle registrations should be taken and given to the Police. The Clerk suggested asking Highways and the Police to the meeting in May.

Resolve: Clerk to follow up

It was noted the annual insurance premium was due. Cllr Fawcett asked the Clerk to enquire how much extra it would be to cover headstones on the Policy.

Resolve: Clerk to contact the Insurers

13. **School.**

Cllr A Kirkbride said he had attended the Consultation on the future of the BAWB federation of schools and whilst people have said children should be in one school the three parishes all want to keep their school. Cllr Madley, who is also a member of the governing body said they recommend funding for all three schools but in a different format. He also added funding had been agreed for only five years when a child starting school seven years would have been better.

14. **Correspondence**

- It was noted a living a good life event would be taking place on 29th March 10 – 1 p.m. at the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- Trees in a conservation area – YDNP agreement to tree works a Mill Gill Cottage.
- It was noted the proposed second home tax had been withdrawn.
- Parish Community Plans. Recommendation is that Community Plans be refreshed after around 5 years. This will be carried forward to the next meeting in May.
- Future of Northallerton Court closure. Councillors agreed the decision to close Northallerton was not a good decision for the area.

15. **Any other business**

- The Clerk reported a problem with dog fouling on the side of the road down Beck Bits. Cllr Alderson had also been contacted by a resident who had seen someone regularly

letting their dogs foul down Thwaiteholme road. Any person caught letting their dog foul anywhere should be reported

16. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 17th May 2018, 7.30 p.m.