

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 21

The Parish Council met via Zoom on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

**Present:** Cllrs. B Fawcett Chair, J Hodgson, G Kirkbride, D Teasdale, and Mrs K Lynch, Clerk Y Peacock (District Councillor), B Everett (press), C Gosling and R Annison (members of the public)

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. D Scarr and A Kirkbride

2. **Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**

Having circulated the minutes of the Parish on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 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**

None

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

Resident, Cathy Gosling raised concerns in exiting Silver Street. She said vehicles were parking on the white lines outside Skeldale House making it difficult to see vehicles approaching. She also asked about a mirror but Cllr. Fawcett said they can distort how fast vehicles are going. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Highways to ask the white lines be repainted.

It was acknowledge how well the Gritters had performed during the recent snow. Cllr Peacock said the Gritting team could be contacted on 01609 780780

6. **Finance**

**6.1 Expenditure**

12/01/21	HMRC	48.60
15/01/21	A Porter	810.00
19/01/21	Yorewaste	33.88
28/01/21	Clerks salary	194.93
12/02/21	HMRC	48.60
17/02/21	Yorewaste	41.84
28/02/21	Clerk salary	194.93

**6.2 receipts**

06/01/21	Compensation	9.97
23/02/21	Donation	75.00

7. **Precept 2020/21**

It was agreed to keep the precept set at £3,500 for 2020/21

## 8. Planning

**New applications:** R/50/214 replacement garage door Flat 1 Cowlingholme, Askrigg – No objections

**Outstanding applications:**

Wharton Barn: Approved

9. **Village Hall** – Cllr Peacock informed the meeting of grant monies available.

10. **Church Update** – Nothing to report

11. **Askrigg Foundation** – Both flats and the cottage are now allocated and legal documents to be signed. A co-operative has been set up to use the refurbished shop. It will be called Heather and Grouse and will run workshops as well as retail. A locality grant has been awarded of £9,000

12. **Healthwatch** – Covid-19 vaccinations on going at Tennents, Leyburn.

13. **Cemetery**

The waste bin is on a four week collection schedule.

14. **School** – Each of the schools have a noticeboard where the Parish Councils can display any information or photos. The Clerk proposed when we can meet in person we shall have a new Parish Council photograph taken and send it to the school.

15. **Local Plan**

The Parish Forum has submitted views forward on the consultation on housing. They have proposed there should be no boundary line and each planning application should be judged on its own merit. Cllr Kirkbride has asked Woodhall, Nappa and Newbiggin be included.

16. **Low Mill**

The Trustees of Low Mill have asked for a Parish Council representative. This person does not have to be on the Parish Council but someone who has the expertise. Cllr G Kirkbride said there were currently no women on the Trustees. It was agreed the Clerk would check with Cllr. A Kirkbride to see if he had someone in mind.

17. **New Single Council**

Cllr Peacock informed the meeting that in light of the changes for a single council, there would be no elections in May for North Yorkshire. She said the NYCC model would have 1 CEO and there would be millions of savings from back office.

18. **ACE Project**

There are grants available for EV charging points and a proposal of two in Parkins Garth Car Park had been suggested.

19. **Village Leaflet to new residents**

The Clerk had circulated the draft village leaflet to the Parish Councillors for comment/suggestions. Cllr G Kirkbride said she would look through the leaflet making any amendments as necessary.

20. **Correspondence**

**Email: Sanctuary Housing – Parkins Garth** - There has been nobody come forward, locally, for the recent vacancies. Sanctuary had received permission for the RDC to advertise externally. Cllr Peacock told the meeting that people had to keep their details and registration up to date on the Home Choice lettings website.

**Email: National Lottery Funding** – this is community funding which the Parish Council could apply for a grant for the village cobbles.

**Email: Judith Bromley and Nigel Metcalfe.** Cllr Fawcett said he would walk the path in question and report back at the next Parish Meeting.

**Letter: Urban Highway Grass Cutting** The Parish Council will continue to receive a small payment from NYCC for grass cutting.

**Letter: N S & I Changes to Authorized signatories** A letter had been sent to the N S & I to change details on the Cemetery account now it is managed under the Parish Council. It was agreed by all those Councillors present to change the signatories to Cllrs. Fawcett and Scarr and K Lynch the Clerk.

**Email: Mathew Campbell re Wharton Cottage** Mr Campbell and family are purchasing Wharton Cottage. He written to ask the Parish Council if the grass in front of Wharton Cottage, which is Parish land, could be paved so an electric vehicle charging point could be installed on the wall of the house. All the Councillors present agreed this could not be allowed as the Parish needs to retain what green space there is. The Clerk will reply to Mr Campbell.

## **21. Any Other Business**

The Clerk had been speaking with a member of Bainbridge Parish Council regarding the roadside verges near the bridges at Breconbar which need cleaning back. The Clerk will contact Highways. Bainbridge are also contacting Highways.

The Clerks printer has stopped working. It was agreed she could purchase a new printer.

Cllr Fawcett said he had received complaints of litter on highways. Cllr Hodgson said he had been told some of the litter is being blown out of the recycling lorries because doors have not been closed properly. Cllr Peacock said she would speak to NYCC

The Clerk said she would report repairs to pot holes down Mill Lane and Howgate Hill.

## **22. Date and time of next meeting:** Cllr Fawcett said he hoped we could meet in person for the next meeting in May. Date to be arranged.