

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 in the Village Hall, Askrigg

**Present:** Cllrs. B Fawcett Chair, D Teasdale, A Kirkbride, G Kirkbride, Mrs K Lynch, Cllr Y Peacock plus 2 members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. J Hodgson and D Scarr

2. **Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**

Having circulated the minutes of the Parish Council on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 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, Little White Bus

Cllr. Y Peacock - Little White Bus

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

Cllr Peacock informed the meeting that an order for works had gone in to repair the dangerous road between Nappa and Woodhall.

Cllr Peacock confirmed the grant monies for signage/highway safety near to Carrs Billington. The Parish Council will decide on what needs to be done.

The old car outside Skeldale House is still a problem due to the shortage of parking and safety when driving through the village.

Cllr A Kirkbride raised concerns that there were no snow signs at Crow Trees and he had, in fact, had to pull three cars out of the snow over Askrigg Common with the tractor. Also there had been no diversion signs when the new flood signs were in use.

6. **Finance**

**6.1 Expenditure – resolve to pay.** The following was proposed and seconded for payment.

12/01/22	s/o	HMRC	48.60	
18/01/22	d/d	NYCC	20.83	
18/01/22	online	C H Fawcett	150.00	* returned
28/01/22	s/o	Clerks salary	194.93	
15/02/22	d/d	NYCC	21.19	
07/02/22	online	C H Fawcett	150.00	
07/02/22	online	Kompan	10000.00	
07/02/22	online	Kompan	1784.00	
14/02/22	online	A Porter	995.00	
28/02/22	s/o	Clerks salary	194.93	

**6.2 receipts**

18/01/22	Rejected cheque	C H Fawcett	150.00
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**7. Planning**

**New Applications:**

R/50/59B The cottage, Low Lane, Woodhall

R/50/204B/LB 4 New Row, Askrigg

No objections

**Outstanding applications:**

R/50/175B/LB Rear extension to Wanleys House and Hillcrest.

Cllr A Kirkbride informed the meeting that the Shepherds Hut on Low Abbotside had been approved.

**8. Village Hall**

Cllr Peacock informed the meeting that there were grants available for work on village halls.

**9. Church update**

Rev. Clark had responded to the email regarding work on the Church clock. He said he would ask for specific details regarding the repair work and forward them to the Parish Council. With regard to the Middle Cemetery Rev Clark said they believe the site to be full yet they cannot prove this to be the case as there are no historical records to confirm this is true. Cllr Peacock said she would make some enquiries.

**10. Playground**

Cllr A Kirkbride said he had collected 15 bags of leaves etc. from the playground. There are some repairs needed to some of the equipment but the recent inspection suggests these are not urgent.

**11. Healthwatch**

The Government has said GP practices have to offer Saturday appointment to see patients.

**12. Cemetery**

The clerk asked for a list of sites which require grass cutting as Anthony Porter has finished with this role. This will enable the clerk to advertise the post.

The Chairman had received letters from people who had relatives in the Firs cemetery.

They are concerned about the top of the cemetery. Cllr Fawcett said they would carry out work when the next site 'tidy up' was due.

**13. BAWB Foundation**

The school provides email updates on what is happening in school

**14. Low Mill Outdoor Centre**

Asa Gurden, parish representative, provided a written update as he was unable to attend due to work commitments. The recruitment of instructors remains a challenge so they can meet demand. They are about to recruit a new role of Visitor Experience Coordinator.

They are in the process of re launching the bursary fund and they have received a donation of £50k already in the bank.

They are on the look out for people to undertake some minibus driving for the centre, they will need to have D1 on their licence and be willing to undertake a DBS check. A full advert will be in the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter.

**15. Public transport developments**

There are proposed changes to the Little White Bus route 156 Hawes to Leyburn. Mrs Annison gave a brief update from reading the changes. She will provide a written report to the Clerk.

**16. Elections 5 May 2022**

All councillors will have to stand for election this year. Election packs will be sent to the Clerk. All Councillors must complete the form regarding expenses, even if there are no other candidates.

**17. Correspondence**

Email: Pip Pointon regarding reporting in the D & S and or Richmondshire Today. It was agreed the clerk to contact Pip and ask her if she can do the reporting on behalf of the parish council.

Email: Mick and Joanne Wright regarding Croft House and West Leigh. Mr and Mrs Wright were in attendance at the meeting. They requested an explanation from the parish council regarding the concerns over the refurbishment of West Leigh. Cllr A Kirkbride said he had concerns because the house was in the conservation area. Mr Wright said they had retained work in keeping with the village. This was discussed and the Chairman acknowledge that the work carried out was good.

There had been some concerns raised over parking in the square. Mr Wright provided written and photographic information of the problems they have had over the years regarding parking of vehicles. He said there was enough parking on the square for 8 vehicles if people parked correctly. It was acknowledge there was a problem in the square and throughout the village. This will remain a problem until a solution to the parking problem is addressed.

**18. Any other business**

Overhanging trees are a problem at Newstead and Becks Bits. The Clerk to contact Highways.

**19. Date and time of next meeting** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the back room of the Village Hall, Askrigg

