MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th November 2017

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall, Askrigg on Thursday 16th November 2017

Present: Cllrs. B Fawcett Chair, A Kirkbride ,M Alderson, G Kirkbride, D Madley, Y Peacock, Mrs K Lynch Clerk, plus members of the Public.

1. Apologies: Cllr. J Hodgson, Betsy Everett (Press)

2 Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Having been circulated, the minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21st September, were confirmed as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Any items not covered in the Agenda

A member of the public pointed out that at the last meeting there were concerns raised about the future of the three schools, Askrigg, Bainbridge and West Burton. Since the last meeting there have been changes to the funding process and NYCC will receive extra funding and will make a decision as to where the funding will go in the New Year.

4. Declaration of interest

Cllr. Kirkbride declared an interest under Planning Applications.

5. Highway Issues

Cllr Kirkbride reported the kerbs stones up Moor Road have been re-set. Work on cutting the hedges from Breconbar to Sedbusk is to be carried out within the next 30 days. Also Highways have inspected the flags around Askrigg and there are a number which are either loose or broken. This work is to be carried out within the next 30 days.

The Clerk reported receiving an invoice for £180.00 for the replenishment of two grit bins received in October prior to their replenishment. The Parish Council raised concerns at the cost and Cllr Peacock reported she would look into the matter.

6. Finance

6.1 Payments resolved to pay

27/09/17	HMRC	32.20
28/09/17	Clerks salary	128.98
07/10/17	HMRC	32.20
12/10/17	Viking Direct	31.19
25/10/17	Keith Boddy	148.00
25/10/17	HMRC	32.20
28/10/17	Clerks salary	128.98

6.2 Receipts

25/09/17	Precept 2 nd payment	1750.00
29/09/17	Honesty box	519.09
02/11/17	Waveleave	2.30
03/11/17	Honesty box	226.36

7. Planning

New applications

R/50/134D – Pippy Oak Barn, Newbiggin. Full planning permission for 10 camping pods, creation of a parking area and erection of facilities block.

R/50/51F – Uredale Mill, Askrigg – Full planning for conversion of existing industrial building into separate units.

R/50/193A – Full planning for erection of agricultural building for storage and livestock, Land on Horrabank Farm, Newbiggin. – Parish Councillors agreed the building needed to be positioned nearer to the existing buildings.

Outstanding applications

R/50/39V Kings Arms Hotel, refurbishment of pool room, WC's, Kitchen and snug/bar. - Approved

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

R/50/181D - Full planning permission for restoration and repairs, Nappa Hall. Granted

8. Parish Precept

It was agreed to keep the Precept at £3,500

9. Draft recommendations for the new electoral arrangements for RDC

Cllr Peacock gave an update stating there would be 24 ward members representing the RDC. Askrigg and Low Abbotside would be within the Yoredale ward.

10. Askrigg Foundation Building

The owner of Askrigg Collectables has raised with the Chairman, a contribution towards the electricity for the area used as a parish office.

11. YLCA Membership fees

It was agreed to continue with the membership at a fee of £175.00

12. Healthwatch

Cllr Peacock reported that medication cannot be left at outreach sites. Medication can be delivered to home addresses but has to be signed for.

13. Speed Issues

The Clerk is to contact Cllr Blackie to ascertain the position regarding parish councils purchasing their own speed matrix.

14. Cemetery

It was noted that the clean up of the Cemetery had not happened.

RESOLVED: Members of the Committee would arrange a suitable time in the New Year.

15. Christmas Tree

It was agreed to purchase a tree. Cllr A Kirkbride reported an electrical source needed to be installed. Andrew Craske will carry out the electrical work but it was noted there was some digging work required. Clerk to contact Cllr Hodgson for him to ask Stuart Gatenby to carry out the ground work.

16. Correspondence

Email – changes to the Little White Bus service – contents noted

Email - YLCA Transparency Fund - grants available for website, equipment etc. - noted

Letter – Great North Air Ambulance request for funding – it was agreed not to donate as the village regularly gives via charity events.

Copy letter – Dept. for Digital Culture Media and Sport – Data Protection Bill. Contents noted

Email – Building new homes in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. It was acknowledge there is a shortage of affordable homes for local families to buy.

Email – RDC – Play Equipment. There are a number of defects needing repair. Also a build up of moss, algae and debris is visible on the site. Clerk to contact Heather Hodgson.

Email – YDNA Management Plan Annual Forum. Contents noted.

17. Any other business

A resident of Moor Road explained his frustration at not been able to get a light reinstated following the removal of a damaged electricity pole. The Clerk reported she had also reported the issue with NYCC and the RDC. Cllr Peacock agreed to follow this up along with the Clerk.

Cllr Fawcett informed the meeting that the wall at Heugh had not been repaired despite it being previously reported. Clerk to follow up

Cllr. Fawcett had received, from a resident, concerns over the number of cars parked on the footpaths causing problems for disabled people and people with pushchairs. Cllr Alderson proposed and Cllr G Kirbride seconded a consultation on increasing the use of double yellow lines through the Village and Moor Road.

18. Date and time meetings for 2018

All meetings will commence at 7.30 and will be held in the back room of the Village Hall.

Thursday 18th January

Thursday 8th March Thursday 17th May

Thursday 19th July

Thursday 20th September

Thursday 15th November