

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 16th November 2023

The Parish Council met on Thursday 16th November 2023 in the Village Hall, Askrigg

Present: Cllrs. A. Kirkbride (Chair), J Hodgson (vice Chair), D Scarr, S Fawcett, Mrs K Lynch (Clerk), and 4 members of the public.

Following the resignation, due to ill health, of Cllr B Fawcett, Cllr. Kirkbride was appointed as the new Chairman.

The Chairman, Cllr. Kirkbride, welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the new Councillor, Stephen Fawcett. He also thanked Cllr Fawcett for his long office as Councillor and Chairman to the Parish Council.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs D Teesdale, G Kirkbride and Y Peacock

2. **Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**

The minutes of the Parish Council on Tuesday 26th September will be signed as a true copy at the next parish council meeting in 2024

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

None

4. **Declaration of interest**

Cllr A Kirkbride- Planning

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

Concerns were raised at the poor condition of the road surface through Askrigg, in particular the dip in the road near to Carrs Billington entrance. Also there are a number of pot holes at Becks Bits, Thwaiteholme and up Silver Street. The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways.

The Northwest face of the bridge at Newbiggin is in need of repair. The Clerk will report to Highways.

6. **Finance**

6.1 Expenditure – resolve to pay.

07/09/23	Neil Banks	Grass cutting	270.00
12/09/23	HMRC	Clerk PAYE	53.00
13/09/23	TWM	Software Speed Matrix	567.00
18/09/23	NYC	Yorewaste	24.02
28/09/23	K Lynch	Clerks salary	212.20
04/10/23	K Lynch	Travel	28.80
04/10/23	Village Hall	Hall fees	30.00
04/10/23	Neil Banks	Grass cutting	270.00
12/10/23	HMRC	Clerk PAYE	53.00
17/10/23	NYC	Yorewaste	23.89

6.2 Receipts

15/09/23	Honesty box	546.28
25/10/23	Honesty box	149.51

6.3 Precept 24/25

The annual precept of £3500 has not increased for at least 11 years. The Chairman explained how the parish has been looking into purchasing some land to expand the Fir Trees Cemetery as it is coming close to full capacity. A proposal to increase the precept to £6,000 to enable the parish council to save money for the purchase of the land was unanimously agreed by members. A figure, to be agreed, will be put into the saving account and ring fenced for the future purchase of land.

7. Planning applications

New Applications:

R/50/222A/LB internal and external alterations at Salisbury House, Askrigg. Concerns were raised about the possibility of the building being used a holiday accommodation e.g Air B & B as the village is already saturated with holiday properties. The Council were also very concerned about parking should this become a holiday property as parking is already a huge problem in the village. In view of the concerns raised, the Parish Council could not support this application.

R/50/154B Full planning permission for demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new house (part retrospective) at Cedar View, Woodhall. Updated plans were circulated and discussed. It was agreed the parish council would support the revised plans, which now include a reduction in height of the new building, as this is a local family living and working in the Dale.

R/50/104A application for removal of Condition 9 (occupancy condition) The White Rose Hotel, Askrigg. The Parish Council cannot support the removal of the Condition 9 as this provides accommodation of staff.

Outstanding applications:

R/50/29G Tuttle House, Silver Street, Askrigg. Full planning for two glamping cabins with 1 hot tubs and solar panels - Refused

R/49/21R Full planning to convert and extend existing building to create owner/manager and emergency on site vet accommodation at Bainbridge Vets.

R/50/29G full planning to subdivision of existing house to create two separate dwellings. The Vicarage, Askrigg

8. Carrs Billington Site update

Nothing further to report.

9. Village Hall update

Cllr Kirkbride had attended the AGM and reported £35,000 up front is required for a grant to upgrade the toilets. Currently looking at how this could be funded.

10. Church update

A public meeting regarding the rendering of the tower still to be arranged. A member of the public informed the meeting that there are bags in the old side cemetery filled with grass which could do with moving. Clerk to write to the Church.

11. Playground

There are a number of issues from the recent inspection but nothing urgent. A new swing seat needs to be ordered.

- 12. Healthwatch**
Nothing to report.
- 13. Cemetery**
A date for the next 'tidy up' of the cemetery will be arranged by Cllr D Scarr.
- 14. School**
Cllr Kirkbride informed the meeting that the head teacher is leaving.
- 15. Low Mill Outdoor Centre**
Nothing to report.
- 16. Public transport**
Nothing to report. It was acknowledged that Mrs Annison is an excellent advocate for taking public transport issues forward.
- 17. Vehicle Activation Sign**
The Clerk now has the software installed to obtain data from the sign. The Police also have access to the data and will be carrying out speed checks. The last data showed one vehicle travelling at 55mph in a 30 zone outside school. The clerk will bring recent data to the next meeting.
- 18. Government Services Pay Agreement 2023** – The Clerk pay award for 2023 has been agreed nationally as a one of payment of £1925 pro rata plus a monthly increase of £17.34 from November onwards. For the Clerk it would be £121.40 back pay plus £17.34 added from November salary onwards. Members agreed to the increase.
- 19. Correspondence**
Email : North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre – no donation agreed.
Email: North Yorkshire Council Housing Strategy meeting. It was noted that Askrigg has 26 social houses.
Email : YLCA Law and Governance Bulleting – Councillors were asked to make themselves aware of the Code of Conduct which states their responsibilities and duties as a councillor.
- 20. Any other business**
Christmas tree and lights – The tree will be put up on Sunday 3rd December. The clerk was asked to purchase some new lights for the trees at the entrance of the Church.
Mirror at Nappa. Cllr Fawcett had costed a replacement mirror and it was agreed the Clerk could order this.
It was noted there appears to be more traffic cones being placed outside properties up the main street. Cllr Kirkbride reiterated that no one has a right to designated parking outside properties parking is there for anyone to use.
- 21. Date and time of next meeting** Dates for 2024 meetings to be arranged.

