

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 21st September 2017

A Parish Council meeting was held in the Village Hall, Askrigg on Thursday 21st September 2017

Present: Cllrs. B Fawcett Chair, J Hodgson Vice Chair, A Kirkbride, M Alderson, G Kirkbride, Mrs K Lynch Clerk, plus members of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. D Madley

2 The minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th July 2017, having been circulated to all Members, were confirmed as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. **Declaration of interest**

Cllr. Hodgson and Cllr. Kirkbride declared an interest under Planning Applications.

4. **Highway Issues**

Highways have arranged for contractors to repair pot holes within the next 30 days. Also contractors are to trim the hedges and trees overhanging the highway from Newbiggin end to Woodhall and down Becks Bits.

Work is still underway to find the source of water which is causing the road to flood outside Hargill House. Further trial holes will be carried out in the next 30 days.

Hedges and trees overhanging the highway on the road from Low Abbotside to Hawes are in need of trimming. Kerb stones on Moor Road have become dislodged and need repairing. It was reported that there are a number of flags loose around the village. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways for them to check all the flags in the Village.

RESOLVE: Clerk to contact Highways.

5. **Finance**

5.1 Payments resolved to pay

05/07/17	Ecclesiastical – Cemetery insurance	160.79
07/07/17	HMRC	32.20
20/07/17	ICU Marketing – Website training	45.00
28/07/17	Clerks salary	128.98
07/08/17	HMRC	32.20
28/08/17	Clerks salary	128.20
29/08/17	Braithwaite & Son – Tubs and flowers	648.98
29/08/17	Viking – stationery	15.24
29/08/17	ICU Marketing – web licence renewal	60.00
11/09/17	Keith Boddy	222.00

5.2 Receipts

22/06/17	Allotment rent	5.00
28/07/17	Burial fees	250.00
25/08/17	Honesty box	924.33

5.3 Bank reconcilliation

Copies circulated

6. Planning

New applications – R/50/39V Kings Arms Hotel, refurbishment of pool room, WC's, Kitchen and snug/bar. No objections

R/50/200 Lowlands Farm, full planning to convert 2 railway carriages to tourist accommodation sited on old railway siding. No objections.

R/50/193 Full planning permission for conversion of barn to one bedroom local occupancy dwelling. No objections.

7. Audit 2016/17

2016/17 submission received back authorised by PKF Littlejohn.

8. Askrigg Foundation Building

Housing need survey circulation to residents to assess local need and the possible conversion of the upstairs as flats.

9. The Pension Regulator

Declaration of Compliance completed and submitted.

10. Healthwatch

Consultation currently ongoing on the future of local mental health services. The Chairman informed the meeting that a response had been received from Rishi Sunak MP and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service regarding the length of waits for Ambulances to respond to two emergencies in the Village.

11. Speed Issues

Police have been in the Village monitoring the speed of vehicles on Station Road. One resident expressed concern that the Police were "hiding" in bushes with cameras.

12. Cemetery

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

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

13. Correspondence

Letter – BHIB and AoN Changes to Parish Insurance. AoN will not be providing insurance next year and BHIB will be the agent for next year.

Email RDC/NYCC It was noted that there is funding through the Stronger Communities Programme.

Letter – RDC Parish Precept. This will be carried over to the November meeting

Email – BAWB – BAWB Community Engagement. On the 4th October there will be `drop in` sessions for people to give views on the future of the three schools. Those views will be collated by Christmas and during the Easter term proposed options will then be put forward.

14. Any other business

The Village Hall toilets will close for public use but will be refurbished and used for functions. The disabled toilet will be used as a general public toilet.

It was agreed that Joanne Jones, On the Hoof, should be allowed to park her food van near the Church on a Sunday afternoon 2 – 4 p.m. The Parish Council wished her success with the venture.

Hand bells – Someone had complained about the noise from the hand bells when the Parish Council meeting is taking place. The Clerk will check when the hand bell group meets and look at the possibility of the Parish Council Meeting taking place when the hand bells are not meeting.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact David Liddell

The Chairman informed the meeting of the intention to go out to tender next year for the grass cutting.

RESOLVED: Clerk to look into the tendering process.

17. Date and time of next meeting Thursday 16th November 2017 7.30 p.m., back room of the Village Hall.