



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH 2021

Present

Parish Councillors: C Gill; J Kennedy; I Marr; N Pocklington; J Asquith; S Cross
District Councillors: M Barningham;
County Councillor: A Wilkinson
Clerk: S Nicholson
Apologies: Cllr C Les; Cllr J Noone; Police

100) **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair thanked everyone for attendance in to this virtual meeting and noted the apologies.

101) **Public Session**

Q1: *Mrs S Hemingway - I am worried and wanted to bring to the Parish Councils notice the amount of dog excrement that is not being picked up from dog walkers and dog bags fully of excrement being left on trees and fences. Over two days I collected over 150 bags?*

A1: *The Chair stated that he did see the article about the issue in the news and thought about if a bin could be located in that area, the position of the bin and also if Hambleton District Council would be in a position to collect from the bin would be a requirement.*

Another councillor pointed out that this had been discussed last month and the parish then had decided that a bin was likely to be put in place when the Wilbert Farm Estate was completed. Another Councillor stated that they had also walked down the lane and seen numerous dog bags. With the expectation of having to wait 18 months was not an option. The Chair suggested that perhaps the clerk could check where was the best place for a bin and to contacted HDC to ensure they could collect from the bin.

Q2: *Mrs S Hemingway – also wanted to know if a bin was possible around the Play area down Jubilee Road which was also having problems?*

A2: *The Chair stated that this park was not the parish responsible. He understood that the residents paid a Management Fee and suggested that they contact them to discuss any additional bins required in the park.*

Action: Clerk to liaise with dog warden and residents to get a good location for a bin and check with HDC they could collect.

Q3: *Mr D Brown - wanted to bring to the attention of the Parish Council the following facts:*

- *The builder on Wilbert Farm Estate had changed to Taylor Wimpey*
- *They had out an application in to reverse the agreed site of the Play area and the bungalows.*

These were originally discussed and changed because of the possible agreed antisocial behaviour that is sometimes linked to play areas.

Mr B also wanted to ensure that the Parish Council were supportive of any action to change this to the Barratt Home plan?

A3: Cllr MB Stated that he had received a number of concerns from residents and he had been speaking to Peter Jones at HDC about both these issues. He understood that PJ had referred the matter back to the Applicant and had requested they look at this again at the application. The Chair and other Councillors all agreed that with the residents that the Barratt Homes plans should be adopted.

There was a discussion around the positions of trees and the houses / bungalows on the brow of the hill and access. The Chair and other councillors stated they were also concerned about traffic coming directly out onto Bedale Road from the Estate and the use of a mini roundabout not being adequate.

Action: Clerk to register on the HDC Planning site against the application the views of the parish being in support of the residents' request. Clerk to also register the concerns about the possible traffic issues.

102) **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

103) **Covid-19**

The Chair reminded everyone that information was available via the NYCC Website.

104) **Minutes from meeting dated 17th February 2021**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Resolved

105) **Matters Arising / Action from last meeting not on this agenda**

Item	Details	Person	Action Taken
89 (81.3)	Highways The Salt bin on Plews way is damaged Clerk to email Area 2 cc Cllr AW	Clerk	Email Highways 19/2/21 Completed
90.2	Local Housing TPO on going	Cllr JN	Emailed Cllr JN 19/2/21 Completed
92	Hambleton District Local Plan How was the PSPO operating regarding fines issued and if those were covering the cost of admin.	Clerk	Emailed GA 19/2/21 Emailed Councillors Completed
97.4	Highways Bird excrement – Bedale Road There is a lot of Bird excrement on Bedale Road near to the bridge that accommodated the A(M)1. Contact Area 2 for advice as it may be them or Highways England.	Clerk	Emailed 19/2/21 Completed

Cllr SC The work had not been done.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways

99.2	Correspondence <u>Rubbish around Aiskew Garage</u> Complaints about rubbish that is coming from the garage,	Clerk	Emailed and sent letter 18/2/21 Completed
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106) **External Sector Reports**

1. **Police Report**

Unfortunately the police were unable to attend. A report had been circulated before the meeting to all councillors. There is an issue with the number of scams being recorded.

Question Cllr: There had been an issue with a lorry turning in Leeming Bar that the Police had been called to and wanted a follow up to the incident.

2. **District Council Report**

Cllr MB reported on the following:

1. The lighting on Aiskew Bank should be completed next week.
2. HDC had been successful with obtaining &M towards the DE-Carbon Emission program. This includes upgrading of all Leisure Centres with Solar panels and LED lighting
3. HDC had now received their first electric Refuse Lorries.
4. Climate action was to go to be approved in April to reduce the districts carbon footprint.
5. Polling cards are in the process of being distributed
6. HDC are holding Business workshops in helping small business with workshops, social media, holidays and basically getting those business back on track after.
7. Reorganisation is out for discussion over the next 8 weeks

There was a long discussion by councillors about raising the profile of the parish and the possibility of arranging a meeting with the Planning Development Manager, John Berry, from HDC. Councillors stated that the parish was lacking in facilities including Shops / Doctors / Community Centre and with 200+ houses being built surely there was scope to have these included facilities included within future plans.

Action: Clerk to draft letter to John Berry in respect of offering a meeting with the parish with regards to raising our profile.

3. **County Council Report**

Cllr AW reported the following:

1. We are seeing rates fall but still need to be vigilant.
2. Schools are back with a 905 attendance.
3. The Community Support Organisations (CSO's) continue across NYCC - local voluntary organisations supporting people.
4. Vaccinations for over 55 has started this week and we are encouraging everyone to participate. People who refused initially can still apply to be vaccinated.
5. The Election for NYCC Councillor has been [postponed until 2022 but the Crime Commissioners election still going ahead.
6. Local Government reform is in the consultation period for the next 8 weeks.

Cllr JW started that he had always included Aiskew and the outlying villages into the Bedale figures to maximise on the population statics and to get facilities approved for the whole area. We just need to compete with other small areas like Stokesley and Easingwold.

A Councillor stated he was aware of this but with the number of residents now within the Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish alone we need our own facilities. Not just those within Bedale.

107) **Local External Committee Reports**

1. Burial Board

Cllr IM stated that there was not a lot to report but the issue around governance continues with the Clerk at Bedale working on that situation. The Board had spent some money on the drainage situation within a corner that was subject to constant flooding

Q1: There is an area that is really neglected and could do with fencing to allow it to recover?

A1 Cllr IM stated he would relay that message to the clerk

Q2: The wooded area at the back of the Rectory is looking bad?

A2: This area has always been subject to Springs seeping through and does need looking at.

A Councillor commented that there was an area that the Scouts and Guides were originally trying to turn into a wild garden area but that project has been abandoned and area does need some attention.

108) **Hambleton District Local Plan**
Nothing to report.

109) **Planning Applications and Decisions**

1. TPO – Aiskew House
Granted

2. 21/00370/FUL – Nixon
Bedale Road Single story ext. front and side
DD
Discussed no observation

3. 21/ 0382/FUL – Cardwell
2nd Dwelling and Parking
DD
Discussed no observation

A Councillor stated that they should be discussing all Planning Applications even when the Clerk had sent round prior to the meeting. The Clerk stated she had requested extensions to previous planning applications that had been refused. Cllr MB stated this should not be the case and we should insist that planning allow an extension until the following meeting.

The Chair also mentioned ongoing development of the new Care Home facility that has been with the planning department for a couple of years.

110) **Playgrounds**

1. Inspection Contract Awarded

The Councillors had appointed MacVenture to Inspect the Playground equipment under the delegated powers given to them at the last meeting. The Clerk reported the first Inspection had taken place and a summary of items that needed attention had been completed and would be sent to Councillors in the few days.

Cllr JK Stated the newly relocated cone still did not work on Leeming Bar Play Area. The Clerk stated she had emailed Streetscape who had confirmed they would come back out to look at it.

2. Dog Signs

Cllr JK stated that the dog signs needed to be replaced because they had the wrong details on them. The signs were removed today.
A question was raised about putting the clerk's name and telephone number on the signs. The Clerk pointed out that she uses her own personal number for council work. A Councillor stated that perhaps they should invest in their own phone and that number and email address was then put on the signs.

**Action: Clerk to obtain another phone and pay as you go sim.
Clerk to liaise with Cllr JK about signs**

111) **Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees**

1. Contracts Awarded

The Councillors had appointed Gareth Hastie to do the grass cutting and Tree Inspection under the delegated powers given to them at the last meeting. The Clerk reported that she had had a meeting with the Contractor and he had copied the parish maps with the grass cutting marked on them. However, he stated if we would bear with him for the first cut and let him know if any parts had been missed.

2. Trees on Potlands

Cllr JK stated the trees along Potland are looking neglected and really need to something done with them. Councillors had a discussion about ownership of the trees and decided they need to find whose was actually responsible for them before any work can be done. The Chair stated that trees need to be planted in late Autumn so we have some time to sort this out.

Action: Clerk contact HDC, Broadacres and Highways to try and find out who owns that strip of land and the trees.

112) **Allotments**

The Clerk stated that all the Tenants except two had completed the agreements and paid the fees. The Clerk stated the final letter would be sent out to those who have not responded at the end of the month stating they would be required to relinquish the plot if the relevant agreement and fees not paid immediately.

The plots would then be allocated according to the waiting list.

113) **Highways**

1. VAS

The Clerk stated the VAS had been ordered she would contact Cllr SC when it becomes available, approx. 6-8 weeks

2. Oak Trees

Cllr JA and the Clerk had been to look at the plants and were not suitable to be replanted at this stage. They are very tiny.

3. Road Signs on Grass Verges (JK)

Cllr JK reported a number of signs that had been left on the road / verges after work had been completed.

Cllr AW requested details – which was provided to her. Cllr AW stated she would take that up with Highways.

The Chair also requested the issue of the Crossing on Bedale Road was raised again with Highways. The Chair stated that not only was the crossing not marked but wasn't really fit

for purpose and a different type of crossing was required. The Clerk stated she had reported this again to Highways and also the state of Bedale Road in that particular area.

Action: Clerk to email highways and copy to Cllr AW

The Chair advise Councillors about the continued removal of local footpaths and how they could report them to the Ramblers Association.

114) **Financial Matters - To consider and make payments on the following:**

1. Payment / Monthly Summary

The Clerk asked the opinion of the Councillors on the new Summary Sheet. The Councillors indicated that they were happy with this being included.

2. Stationary

Clerk advised this was the annual stationary bill.

Agreed to all Payments

115) **Correspondence / Information / Other Business**

1. Councillors Names on Noticeboards

Cllr JK raised the issue of names and telephone numbers of Councillors being on the Noticeboards.

A number of Councillors did not want this, After a short discussion agreed that the Clerks name and new telephone number would be made available on the noticeboards and all calls placed via the Clerk.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....