



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 28th April 2021

Present

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

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2021/22

Details

- 1) **Welcome and Apologies**
The Vice Chair thanked everyone for attendance in to this virtual meeting and noted the apologies.
- 2) **Public Session**
No residents attended this session
- 3) **Declarations of Interest**
None declared
- 4) **Covid-19**
The Vice Chair reminded everyone that information was available via the NYCC Website.
- 5) **Minutes from meeting dated 17th March 2021**
The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
Resolved

Matters Arising / Action from last meeting not on this agenda

Item	Details	Person	Action Taken
101.1	Public Session Clerk to liaise with dog warden and residents to get a good location for a bin and check with HDC they could collect.	Clerk	Completed.
101.2	Public Session 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.	Clerk	Completed

All other items were on the agenda to discuss.

6) **Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues**

1. Vacancy for Parish Councillor

The Clerk stated that she would put up a vacancy notice after the May elections on both notice boards and the website.

2. Code of Conduct (New)

The clerk had sent this to all parish councillors prior to the meeting. Due to the number of apologies decided to defer until the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to add to the next agenda.

3. Meeting Place

The Clerk stated that this may be the last Zoom meeting because provision to meet virtually had only been approved until 7th May. Awaiting Secretary of State decision.

Action: Clerk to monitor and keep Councillors aware of the changing position

7) **External Sector Reports**

1. **Police Report**

A report providing all the Crime and ASB figures had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report highlighted the Police action on targeting fly tippers and "Metal" theft.

The Police also reported on a number of calls they have received from Leeming Bar and surrounding areas concerning some suspicious activity during the early hours of the morning when a person(s) had been caught on CCTV trying car doors. Residents should ensure all doors are locked. The Police also requested all suspicious activity is reported to 101 or 999 if it was happening at that time.

2. **District Council Report**

Cllr MB reported on the following:

1. HDC are holding a Business event on the 11th May at the Centre of Digital (C4DI) based at Treadmill in Northallerton. During that week there will be a conference on digital technology via Zoom and will be available to all, details are available via the HDC site.
2. HDC are pleased to announce that the Universities of Sunderland and York have set up a new educational e-Campus at Treadmill. This is really important phase for further education in this area. This is the first step in the fight to maintain the younger generation to be educated and work in Hambleton.
3. HDC have responded to the government reorganisation by stating at this particular time of hardship due to the pandemic Hambleton suggesting we stay at the status quo. If this is not possible then the preferred option would be that the option were as many jobs as possible are retained.
4. The lighting on Aiskew Bank has been completed.

*Question: Which option is HDC in favour of East / West or the NYCC?
Answer: HDC are in favour of the option that retain the most jobs. If the East / West option is chosen then the East centre is likely to be York and the centre for the West Harrogate. That would leave Northallerton out on a limb and could be detrimental to Northallerton.*

3. County Council Report

Cllr AW reported the following:

1. North Yorkshire residents without access to computers who wish to pay tribute to HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, are encouraged to visit their local library where a National book of condolence is open for people to share their messages on www.royal.uk
2. Residents can book appointments to use the public computers, staff are on hand to offer assistance. Services and opening hours will vary between libraries, so prior to visiting customers should check with their library by calling 01609 533800 or visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/library-and-record-office-services-during-coronavirus-covid-19
3. Vaccination Programme. People aged over 45 now being contacted. First use of the Modena vaccine in the County. If not had the vaccine and now wish to please contact your local NHS.
4. Free lateral flow tests available to everyone without symptoms. See NYCC website - collected or posted.
5. List of all testing sites on NYCC website, new site at Catterick.
6. Please continue to support our local businesses 900+ listed online.
7. Louise Wallace confirmed as the Director of Public Health, after covering for the last few months. Role expanded to include Health Integration, Engagement, and Governance with Health and Adult Services.
8. Consultation regarding the future of Outdoor Learning in North Yorkshire. Schools, teachers, young people, members of the public and other organisations invited to participate.
9. North Yorkshire school attendance remains high at 94 per cent.
10. Support to help low income families meet the cost of food for children will continue this May half-term, through the Department for Work and Pensions Covid Local Support Grant.
11. Our archives and records office will be reopening from the 27th April, staff during lockdown have been cataloguing and providing access to even more historical documents from across the county.
12. For those who want to enjoy exercise in the open air there is also the Yorkshire Cancer Research Tour de Walkshire campaign, inviting people to walk, run or cycle and raise funds for the charity. [https://join.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk/event/tour-de-walkshire\[1\]2021](https://join.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk/event/tour-de-walkshire[1]2021)
13. LED Streetlights Programme. The replacement streetlights over 50,000 are all fitted with energy saving LED lamps. These lamps are greener, save energy and reduce our carbon footprint. Saving money of around £1.2million a year. The programme has been delivered 2 years earlier and around £5million under budget.
14. Finally, the government led consultation on local government reorganisation in the county has now closed. The next stage is now for government to analyse our proposal for a single unitary council covering the county and the alternative proposal of splitting the county area into 2 councils on an East/West basis. The government will also have to consider all of the responses before finally coming to a conclusion. Probably July.

8) Local External Committee Reports

1. Burial Board

Cllr SC stated the Burial Board was due to meet next month so an update could be expected then.

2. Resources and Facilities Meeting with HDC

A copy of the minutes from the report had been forwarded to councillors. However due to the number of apologies and the sensitivity of an item it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to add to next Agenda

9) **Hambleton District Local Plan**

Nothing to report.

10) **Planning Applications and Decisions**

All Granted

1. 21/00370/FUL –Nixon
Single storey extension to the side and front of dwelling.
Beech View 50 Bedale Road Aiskew
2. 20/02800/FU
Single storey rear extension and change of roof finish.
2B Willow Gardens Leeming Bar North Yorkshire
3. 20/02905/FUL – Bangs
Single storey extension
Spar Aiskew Garage
4. 21/00382/FUL - Cardwell
Construction of 2 dwellings +parking
25 Northallerton Rd. Leeming Bar
5. 21/00460/FUL - Wilson
Single storey extension
44 Otterbeck Way, Aiskew

11) **Playgrounds**

1. Mattison Play Area

The new fence and gate have been installed but need to check the situation about the matting with Matthew from Streetscape. A councillor stated that she had been told that some of the wooden slats holding the matting down had been pulled up.

Action: Clerk to contact Matthew (Streetscape) to check and get advice if that is the case what we can do.

2. Dog Signs

On-going due to end of year accounts this item still needs to be completed.

Action: Clerk to try and resolve asap

3. Monthly Inspection

The Clerk stated that she had inspected all the playgrounds and no further items of concern were present. However, we do need to decide on the work and the priority over the next 12 months. MacVenture had sent in their quote for the work required as stipulated in the ROSPA Inspection.

Action: Add to next Agenda.

Clerk to priorities work needed in a planner for councillors.

4. Freemans

The police had been called by a resident because a number of youths (20+) were seen trying to damage the large slide on the park. CLLR JK stated the police had attended but by then the majority of youths had moved on. The resident was also subjected to verbal abuse from the youths.

Action: Clerk to contact the Police and ask them to maintain a close watch on the playgrounds in particular Freemans.

12) **Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees**

1. Trees on Potlands

The Clerk stated that all the relevant people had been contacted but without response.

Councillors discussed the way forward and the conclusion was that NYCC should be aware of who owned that piece of land and it was therefore their responsibility to maintain those trees.

Action: Clerk contact NYCC again to try and find out who owns that strip of land and the trees.

13) **Allotments**

The Clerk stated that one tenant had relinquished his tenancy and this had been offered to someone who had accepted the tenancy.

14) **Highways**

1. VAS

No further update at present, just waiting to be advised it is ready for use.

2. Dog Bin (Sandhill Lane)

Completed and installed.

3. Bird Excrement

The Clerk stated that the work to remove the excrement had been completed. A Councillor had observed that the pigeons were still there and therefore this was ongoing. There is a need to get the pigeons removed.

Action: Clerk to seek advice from HDC Vermin control.

4. Grit Bin on Industrial Estate

This is still completely damaged and not useable. A councillor suggested we simply remove to the recycle centre.

Action: Cllr AW to look into how we resolve the issue.

5. Crossing Bedale Road

The Clerk stated that Highways had confirmed the work is to be done but could not provide a timescale. A councillor commented that this is becoming a safety issue now because none of the markings are visible.

Action: Clerk to take back to Highways (copy in Cllr AW) to advice of the current safety issues.

15) **Financial Matters**

1) Payment

The Clerk had forwarded the monthly accounts prior to the meeting and confirmed the payments due. **Agreed**

2) CIL Money
The Clerk advised that approx. £35K was available that may be used in the future towards a small community hall should an opportunity arise.

3) Yearly Accounts
The Clerk advised the accounts have been completed and are at the stage ready for approved at the next meeting. An internal audit will be sort asap.
Agreed

16) **Correspondence / Information / Other Business**

1. Flower Beds Co-Op
Cllr JK informed the meeting that the flower beds are once again a disgrace outside the Co-Op in Leeming Bar. The Clerk had [previously contacted the management scheme but it appears to have been just left again.

Action: Clerk to follow up request for the area to be tidied up and maintained correctly.

2. Wenesleydale Railway
Cllr NP had forwarded the following report
The first issue relates to Wensleydale Railway and the wholesale tree felling and brash clearing along the railway. As I understand the situation there are a number of rumours circulating as to why these clearances have taken place without a consistent explanation from railway volunteers. It would be nice if they told us what they were doing. The second relates again to the railway, the residents of Ascough Wynd are becoming increasingly unhappy about what they refer to as the scrapyard in front of their houses. Could the railway confirm the use of this part of railway and about being good neighbours.”

Action: Clerk to write to Wensleydale railway concerning both matters.

3. Aiskew Garage Rubbish
The Clerk stated that she had received complaints again about the mount of rubbish that is coming from the garage.

Action: Clerk to write again to the Aiskew Garage and seek their co-operation in maintaining a better environment.

4. Simple Dutch
Cllr NP had forwarded the following report
Residents are parking on the gravel next to Simply Dutch, are all authorities accepting that this is ok or is some enforcement action required.

**Action: Clerk to write to Highways about concerns again of parking on that land and getting off next to the traffic lights.
Clerk to write to Simply Dutch about the user of the land that is being used for parking and the dangers.**

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

