



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 19th May 2021
At Temple Fun, Leeming Bar

Present

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

Ref:
2021/22

Details

- 17) **Welcome and Apologies**
The Chair thanked everyone for attendance in to the meeting and noted the apologies.
- 18) **Declarations of Interest**
None declared
- 19) **Minutes – consideration of 28th April 2021**
The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
Resolved

Matters Arising not on this Agenda

| Item | Details | Action Taken |
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| 16.3 | <u>Aiskew Garage Rubbish</u> The Clerk stated that she had contacted Aiskew Garage and they had responded. They requested themselves a Duty of Care visit from HDC. A copy of the report was sent and distributed to everyone. | Forward letter / email to Glenda Brown together with a copy of the report showing the parish had done everything possible. |
| 20) | Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>Vacancy for Parish Councillor</u> The councillors were informed of the resignation of Cllr J Asquith on personal grounds. The Chair formally thanked Cllr JA for her time and commitment over a number of years as a parish councillor and she will be missed. The Chair stated that we need two councillors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 x Leeming Bar• 1 x AiskewReminded that if no one available within the parish we could see to co-op outside the villages.<u>Code of Conduct (New)</u> | |

The Clerk stated that she had correspondence from HDC who are considering the Code of Conduct before offering training. Agreed to continue with present regulations until HDC advised differently.

3. Venue – Place / Cost

We are thankful to the owner of Temple Fun who had agreed to the venue for parish meetings. The cost would be £30pm. The Councillors also considered the Zoom meeting and the cost involved. They decided to continue with Zoom until further notice.

Agreed

21) **External Sector Reports**

1. Police Report

Unfortunately due to an incident the police sent their apologies. A report had been forward to everyone prior to the meeting.

2. District Council Report.

Cllr MB reported on the following:

1. HDC has launched Discover Hambleton and can be found on their Website. The expectation is to increase and advise tourism what is open and when within Hambleton DC.
2. HDC are pleased to announce the new Chair of HDC is Councillor M Barningham.
3. Yorkshire Day has been cancelled this year due to current restrictions on Covid and the uncertainty of what restrictions may be in place.

3. County Council Report

Cllr AW reported the following:

1. Covid-19

We have moved to Step 3 of the Government's 4 Steps out of Lockdown. We hopefully remain on track for Step 4 on 21st June. Please remember:
Continue to think about the vulnerability of loved ones
Outdoors is always safer than indoors
Continue to follow social distancing when not with friends and families, including work places pubs, restaurants etc.
Hands, Face, Space, fresh air. Together we can beat this.

2. Vaccination Programme continues to roll out across the county. If not yet had the vaccine and now wish to please contact your local NHS. Free lateral flow tests available to everyone without symptoms. See NYCC website. List of all testing sites on NYCC website, new site at Catterick. Please continue to support our local businesses 900+ listed online.

3. Stronger Communities will work closely with the CSOs to discuss and develop recovery activity over the next 6 months. Rebuilding people's independence and confidence to re-engage in their communities.

4. 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. The scheme ensures children eligible for Free School Meals continue to have access to food during the school holidays and also gives schools discretion to provide help to other families in need.

5. Chairmanship of the County Council was handed over to County Councillor

Stuart Martin who represents Ripon. Councillor Jim Clark, the outgoing Chairman carried out the duties of Chairman for an unprecedented 2 years and we are grateful to Councillor Clark for carrying on in the role during the last Covid dominated year. Vice Chair Margaret Atkinson.

6. Two new councillors following recent by elections

The County Council has two new councillors following recent by-elections. These are Cllr David Staveley (Conservative, Ribblesdale Division) and Cllr Matt Scott (Conservative, Harrogate Bilton Nidd Gorge Division). The outcome of the by-elections saw the Conservatives gain 1 seat and the Liberal Democrats lose one seat. As such, the membership of the Council is now 54 Conservative, four Labour, three Liberal Democrat, eight North Yorkshire Independent and three independent (unaffiliated). Whole council elections will be held in May 2022, having been deferred from 6 May this year as a result of the Local Government Review process.

7. New Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire

A new Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire was elected on 6 May 2021. Philip Allott (Conservative) formally took up post on 13 May, with responsibility for the governance of the North Yorkshire fire and rescue service and an oversight role to ensure effective and efficient policing in the area. Further information about the role of the PFCC can be found at <https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/>

8. The Council Plan 2021-25 sets out the council's vision for the next five years and outlines its ambitions for the county and how it intends to achieve them. It also looks at how the county can harness the power of devolution and rebuild its economy stronger than ever, as it pulls away from the shadow of the pandemic and the impact it has had on businesses, children's education, the voluntary sector, as well as people's mental health and incomes.

9. NYCC secures almost £2m to cut carbon in schools and offices

The bid for Government public sector decarbonisation funding by the County Council's property service will fund improvements to buildings, particularly the replacement of windows, which will improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. This supports the County Council's ambition to become carbon zero by 2030. Making properties more energy-efficient is a key strand of the council's carbon reduction plan.

10. North Yorkshire ahead of the game with 5G roll out

The Queen's Speech – this week - highlighted the proposed investment to extend 5G mobile coverage. We are already at the forefront of rural 5G roll out via Mobile Access North Yorkshire. The project will feed into future connectivity policy ensuring our communities' needs are at the heart of future technological advances

<http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/north-yorkshire-ahead-game-5g-roll-out> (external)

11. Compost Awareness Week – you may wish to take advantage of our cut-price compost bin offer. Find out a bit more about how to turn kitchen waste into great compost here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/simple-step-towards-more-sustainable-world>

12. North Yorkshire Safeguarding Partnership celebrated Mental Health

Awareness Week 10-16May. This year the theme was Nature and how connecting with the natural world can support good mental health. Join with thousands of people who will be finding new ways to connect with nature in their local environment. For more information. Mental Health Awareness Week visit [Mental Health Awareness Week 2021](#) or join the conversation on social media using #ConnectWithNature and #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek

13. Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak visited Aiskew and Leeming Bar Primary School's Natural Wellbeing Garden.

22) **Local External Committee Reports**

1. Burial Board

Cllr IM had sent a report prior to the meeting regarding the current status of the new governance that the JBB are seeking to instigate. Councillors had a short discussion regarding where ALBPC stood within the role. The Chair stated that it would appear whichever parish became the Host they would be required to hold the responsibility of land that is managed. The councillors also discussed the management of the cemetery and flooding during the winter months.

2. Resources and Facilities Meeting with HDC

The Clerk had provided prior to the meeting a copy of the report on the meeting that the Chair and other Councillors had with HDC representatives. The Chair gave a short verbal briefing and some items that had come from the meeting regarding links to education – with over 200 children in Aiskew being taught in other villages due to the lack of any primary care with Aiskew.

Action: Refer report to Cllr AW and Cllr CL

23) **Local Business Plan**

A letter of response had been drafted by Cllr SC and all councillors sent a copy prior to the meeting.

The essence of the letter is about parishes view to their proposals not being taken into account. A few additional wording was requested by Cllr IM which was added.

Action: Clerk to put on Headed note paper and send to HDC.

24) **Planning Applications and Decisions**

1. Morris, Bedale Road (21/01114/FUL)
Internal alterations & ground floor ext to North elevation
DD
No Observations
2. Simpson, Greenwell Care Home (21/00469/MRC)
Variation of condition 20. Increase beds from 60 to 70
+ additional 2 extra parking spaces
GRANTED
3. Flanagan, Otterbeck Way (21/00402/TPO)
Extensive Tree pruning
GRANTED

25) **Playgrounds**

1. Monthly Inspection

The clerk had completed the monthly inspection and had found no further items of deterioration except that which had previously been advised.

2. Mattison Play Area

The only issue remaining is the matting and securing that to the ground.

Action: Clerk to discuss completion of work with Matthew Day from Streetscape

3. Kingfisher Quotations for Repairs

Two quotations had been provided to councillors to consider:

- a) MacVenture
- b) Streetscape

After a discussion the councillors agreed to the work being completed by MacVenture.

Action: Clerk to inform both MacVenture and Streetscape and to monitor.

4. Dog Signs

On going

5. Freemans

The Clerk stated that she visited Freemans and confirmed that the equipment that had being abused does appear to be OK. The Clerk had also requested the police to maintain a presence as often as possible by visiting the area. The police had agreed to this.

26) **Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees**

Trees on Potlands

The Clerk stated that NYCC and HDC where not helpful and stated they should approach the Land Register.

The trees do need pruning and new trees adding to gaps.

Action: Clerk to seek information from Land register regarding who owns that piece of land.

27) **Highways**

1. VAS

This is completed and up in Leeming Bar on Bedale Road.

Action: Clerk to schedule change of venue for VAS. Inform ELBPC that they had forgone a payment for installing the VAS every few months as the work would be completed by Cllr SC

2. Bird Excrement

The issue will be resolved after the nesting season in September.

3. Grit Bin on Industrial Estate

Not the parish responsibility and write to advise the bin is wrecked and we believe the owner of the bin is no longer present on the Industrial Estate.

4. Crossing Bedale Road

Completed today by Highways.

5. Simply Dutch

The Chair stated that they had tried their best but without any back up from the

relevant District and County departments,

Action: Advise HDC and Highways it is not a parish responsibility and we have informed them and should an accidents occur because they had not acted it would be there responsibility not the parish.

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

1. Annual Accounts 2020/21
These had been completed by the internal auditor.

Action: send to External audit.

2. Monthly Summary including Payments
Agreed as per monthly schedule provided.
3. CIL Money
Details had been sent to councillors prior to the meeting.

29) **AOB**

1. Aiskew Garage
See item 19 (16.3)
2. Wenesleydale Railway
The Chair gave a verbal account from the letter received from Wenesleydale Railway. The parish was disappointed with their response.

Action: Clerk to send copy of letter to CllrCL

3. Co-Op Flower Beds
We had received a response.
Cllr JK to monitor the situation
4. Leech House
Cllr IM stated that if HDC were not going to replace the bench then perhaps ALBPC could. The bench would be to commemorative the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Action; Clerk to add to next agenda for further discussion.

Meeting Closed at 9pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....