



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15th February 2023
at Parish Hall, Aiskew @ 7pm

Present

Parish Councillors: N Pocklington; P Edworthy; J Kennedy; M Chaloner; J Asquith.
I Marr; J Proctor.
District Councillors: C Les
County Councillor:
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 4 Residents
Apologies: M Barningham; J Weighell; J Noone

Ref:
2022/23

Details

91) **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone and took the apologies.

92) **Public Session**

1. Question: *Had the parish any further details regarding the Industrial Planning from Caw Ingredients, in particular the site access?*

Answer: The Chair stated that at present we had not been sent any further planning / consultations information from Hambleton District Council. However, the parish had been made aware of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening opinion was going to be submitted to HDC.

There was a discussion about whether this would actually happen and the implications concerning one not being completed as this project did have some major environmental implications to the local environment.

There was also a discussion around any application and which authority would deal with it due to the change from District to the new Unitary Authority in April. Cllr CL stated it really didn't matter as the legal authority at the time will be required to follow the legislative guideline from the local plan. However, the new authority's interpretation of the local plan made be likely different to HDC.

Action: Clerk to write to Planning and Cllr JW requesting that the parish are requesting an EIA should be completed before any Planning Application is even considered.

93) **Declarations of Interest**

There was one declaration of interest declared by Cllr JA to be noted at the appropriate time.

94) **Councillor / Clerk Issues**

Vacancy

The chair stated that there is still one vacancy for the Leeming Bar ward and if anyone is interested, they should contact either himself or the Clerk.

95) **Minutes**

1. Minutes 18th January 2023.

Proposed – Cllr Judi Asquith

Seconded – Cllr Paul Edworthy

Agreed Unanimously

Resolved

2. Matters Arising

All items where either completed or on this agenda for discussion.

Resolved

96) **External Sector Reports**

1. Police Report

A copy of this month's police report had been forwarded prior to the meeting.

The Chair stated that the information provided does not have any real meaning without any background details. The Councillors agreed with the statement.

Action: Cllr CL stated he would pass on the feeling of the Parish Council to the Chief Constable at one of the liaison meetings he attends.

The only relevant information provided was that the Police are backing and requesting residents to report an incidents where Street lightings is either not working or where there is very poor lighting.

2. District & County Report

Report from Cllr.CL:

Hambleton District Council have only one more meeting and there are only 2 Planning meetings before the Unitary authority of North Yorkshire council will take over.

Q: Are you aware of where the Boundary Changes are in respect of Aiskew and Bedale?

A: Cllr CL stated that he understood the public consultation has been completed and Bedale and surrounding area would be linked in with Thirsk and Malton. However, this has not be confirmed and it may not happen as previous boundary changes have not gone through.

97) **Local External Committee Reports**

Bedale Hall

The Chair stated that he had missed the last meeting because the agenda, minutes and documents had only been circulated 3 hours prior to the meeting and he had a previous appointment.

At a Management meeting of the Hall they had decided to amend the part of the constitution making it clear that they would not allow a Tenant from the Hall to be considered as Trustee. There was an overwhelming majority for this to be agreed with only the Aiskew representative being against it.

Cllr IM raised concerns that the management Committee were amending constitutional items without it being sent for consultation.

The Chair stated that at present there appears to be a breakdown in the relationship between ALBPC and Bedale Hall Trustees.

The Chair requested another councillor to volunteer to that committee as Cllr JP would not be allowed to attend.

Cllr JA stated she would attend.

AGREED

Action: Clerk to advise Bedale Hall Trustees that Cllr JA has been proposed and to forward dates and information to both her and the Chair.

98) **Parish Reports**

1. Potland Trees / Fence (NYCC / Broadacres)

The Chair confirmed that the parish had a meeting with Broadacres which was not as successful as the previous meeting in the summer.

Broadacres stated that the trees belong to NYCC and Cllr JW stated he would seek permission for planting. Cllr JW also offered a sum of #300 from his locality budget towards the cost of the trees.

Action: Clerk to seek cost of 3xlarge Cherry trees and pruning of the others.

Broadacres will continue to investigate a solution to the parking problems along Potlands.

2. Aiskew Bank - Lighting

The Clerk stated that Cllr MB had confirmed with HDC that the swan neck had been fitted. He was aware that the light was not as prominent as one covering major roads.

3. Motel Building work.

The Chair stated that he was aware of building work at the rear of the Motel / McDonalds, and we had made enquiries with HDC to establish what work is being done.

Cllr CL stated he thought that it looked like they were installing electric charging points for the Motel use.

4. Path - Back Lane / Kingfisher

The Chair informed the meeting that Back Lane was overgrown and the Bridlepath from Kingfisher to Sand Hill Lane is also in a state of disrepair. He had requested the clerk to report the issues and to try and find out if there was a maintenance plan and if so, where would this work be done.

The Clerk stated that she had reported the issues to Patha at NYCC but had not received a response regarding a maintenance timetable. The clerk stated that she had requested our Grass Cutting Contractor (GCM) to trim Back Lane asap.

Action Clerk to Chase GCM and the Path officer.

99) **Community Hall Project**

Newsletter

Cllr JA provided a draft of a Newsletter for consideration. The Newsletter is a brief outline of the changes happening across North Yorkshire due to the reorganisation of a new Unitary Authority. It also outlines the parish roles within the area. It continues with who the Parish Councillors are where the parish meets and when. It also highlights issues within the parish that are of concern like the Wensleydale Railway crossing and the parish initial thoughts for a Community Hall, in Aiskew.

Agreed this should go ahead.

There was a very long discussion with input from all councillors regarding the concerns for and against Aiskew having a Community Hall. The issues discussed were:

- Feasibility
- Cost of running
- Residents backing the project.
- Lack of community involvement.

The Chair outlined current lack of enthusiasm for the project at this time. However, he stated that this could continue to a long-term goal for the parish in the future. In view of the opinions he requested a vote to put a hold on the project until some broader issues surrounding Aiskew community were addressed.

Proposal was that the Parish Council stops work on a Community Hall until further work is completed with the community.

6 Agreed

1 Disagreed

A HDC Communities infrastructure Funding would not be taken up at this time.

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Planning

1. **Blind Lane**

Nothing to report at present.

2. **Harkness Drive**

Nothing to report at present.

3. **Industrial development Site – CAW**

See Public session.

Observation the parish are requesting an EIA should be completed before any Planning Application is even considered.

4. **22/02565/FUL**

Cllr JA declared an interest in this property.

Construction of a residential dwelling as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 31 January 2023
Helmsley 43 Bedale Road Aiskew Bedale
Mr Graham

Delegated Decision

Observations: The parish has concerns around access, location of the site to the building due to restricted light access to neighbours and therefore are unable to support this application

5. **22/02804/FUL**

Removal of conservatory and formation of two storey extension to rear of dwelling.

6 Kingfisher Drive Aiskew Bedale

Mr And Mrs Dalton.

Granted

101)

Playgrounds

1. Repairs required from ROSPA Inspection

The Clerk had provided in advance details of the repairs that were needed on each Playground.

The Chair stated that every year the repairs increase and we should be considering whether a replacement budget was adopted to ensure items are replaced rather than trying to repair some at very high cost.

There was a discussion on which items should be prioritised. The clerk suggested that initially all the Medium Risk items needed to be done and she would obtain quotes for the work. The exercise equipment is already under review for work and costings past.

Action: Clerk to obtain costing for Medium Risk repairs.

2. Playgrounds Licence Activities

Councillors discussed whether the parish should be Licencing Groups who want to hold paid group activities on the Playgrounds.

The Clerk stated she had produced some documentation taken from Bedale Town Council who charge a fee of £30pa and have a requirement for the applicant to complete an Application Form, a Code of Conduct Form and a Terms and Conditions Form.

**Action: Clerk to forward Forms to the Parish Councillors for a decision at next months meeting.
Clerk to check Parish Insurance regarding this.**

3. Kingfisher
Waiting for the equipment to be serviced.

Action: clerk to chase up.

4. Leeming Bar
The Clerk had already for Streetscape to complete the work at a cost of £325+VAT.
Agreed

102) **Highways**

1. Crossing – Bedale Road / Jubilee Road (update)
The chair requested Cllr CL to look into why the crossing had not been installed because the money had already been sent to highways from HDC.
Action: Cllr CL agreed to investigate this.
2. Bedale Road A684 – resurfacing
The Chair stated that Cllr JW had agreed to transfer some of his Locality Budget to get a quick fix on some of the really bad potholes on Bedale Road. The Chair stated although the work had been completed by Highways the condition of the road was worse because there are now big humps on the road where before there was potholes. These are still dangerous to cyclist.

Cllr CL stated that although the County had £36M towards the cost of resurfacing the real issue was the cost of bitumen had risen by 30% because most bitumen was imported from Russia, and this is obviously not happening now due to the Russian v Ukraine War.

The Chair also commented that when the Energy Facilities do repairs they are not repairing the road to the standard before they dug the road up. The repairs are suppose to be signed off but the road repairs are where the road is now crumbling because of the number of repairs and bad repairs.

103) **Grass Cutting / Verges / Trees**

1. Two trees near allotments back of Grange Road.
The clerk confirmed that she been assured that now the weather is more settled the trees will be felled asap.

104) **Policies**
Standing Orders / Code of Conduct / Finance Retention Policy
The Clerk had made the changes requested and are ready to be adopted and signed off.
Agreed

105) **Allotments**
Change of fees collection 2024
The Clerk requested for payment for the allotment fees next year to be made via bank transfer. However, councillors stated that they wanted tenants to still be able to pay in various other ways. Although the last bank appears to be closing; payments by the parish will still be able to be made via the Post Office.
Agreed

106) **Financial Matters**
1. Monthly Payments Summary
Agreed

107) **AOB / Correspondence**
1. NYC Parish Charter Consultation Paper
Cllr MC briefed the parish on his recent attendance with the clerk at the drop-in service. The parish were informed about the following items that were discussed at the session:

- Suggestions for a designated officer to each parish
- The number of councillors per parish is so low they cannot attend each meeting.
- Communication from some County Councillors is poor to non-existent.
- The need to improve communication with parishes.
- The lack of enthusiasm by Councillors and Clerks for the portals that do not work two ways. You put information in that disappears or they never inform you of action taken.
- A real regular liaison group that everyone could attend.
- In-house training for Clerks and Councillors.

Cllr MC and the Clerk stated that all the parish representatives they spoke to were stating the same requirements.

2. Complaints
The clerk stated that she had received two complaints about the small roundabout at Simply Dutch. Vehicles are not stopping and there had been a couple of near misses.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....

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