

**LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 6th February 2020
MINUTES**

655. 15 Minutes for public participation session

Five parishioners sat in attendance. On behalf of the May Day Committee, Ms Scholes informed the Council that the May Day Committee would like to extend the festivities into the evening as this year is the 50th May Day anniversary. The Council agreed to support this and gave permission to the May Day Committee to use the Green and the Maypole Green on 2nd May. Ms Scholes asked if the Council would consider the placement of a bench with a plaque for a 50th anniversary volunteer. The Council agreed to suggest to the May Day Committee to place this plaque on the newly planted tree on the Maypole Green.

Mrs Metcalf thanked the Council for its prompt action regarding the flooding on Back Lane. Mrs Metcalf also participated at item 662.a.

Mr Palmer participated at item 662.e.

656. Present

Present: Cllrs Tyrer (Chairman), Inglis, Brierley and J. Morley. **Apologies** for absence: Cllr P.Morley. In **attendance:** CD Cllr Moorby and Marijke Hill (Parish Clerk & RFO).

657. Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Councillors did not **declare** any disclosable pecuniary interests.

No requests were made for dispensations in connection with items on the Agenda.

658. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 9th January 2020

Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 6th January 2020, should be approved and signed by Cllr Tyrer as a true and accurate record.

659. Matters arising from Minutes not otherwise included in the Agenda

There were no matters arising from Minutes.

660. Issues relating to Craven District and North Yorkshire County Councils, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, the Police and Parish Council Representatives to External Bodies

- a. CD Cllr Chris Moorby **reported** that regarding the development on The Flashes, the barrister's view is expected soon. Ground works for an additional development in Hellifield for a 9-hole golf course and nursing home has commenced and a 'stop notice' is being issued. CD Cllr Moorby will keep the Council informed.

CD Cllr Chris Moorby reported that, following a consultation, the Licensing Committee has passed a proposal to install CCTV in taxis to protect the public and drivers and this will be implemented by 1st April 2020.

- b. There was no report from NYC Cllr Welch.
c. There was no report from the YDNPA.
d. PCSO Jayne Grace had sent a written monthly police incidents report with 13 incidents between 6 January and 1 February, notably one crime burglary from a shed. Also reported were three highways incidents of broken down vehicles and suspect vehicle; five reports of concern for welfare; two reports of crime fraud; one domestic incident and one abandoned call.

661. Planning applications

661.a Received

The Council **agreed** that it had no comments on the following planning application:

CDC: 2019/21304/FUL – conversion of Field Barn to a 1 bedroom dwelling with associated access & car parking. Conversion of roadside barn to a 4 bedroom dwelling with associated access & car parking. Partial demolition of a storage barn and conversion of the retained part into a 3 bedroom dwelling with associated access & car parking. Construction of a garage block, Bend Gate House.

661.b Decisions

- 1 C/52/63X - application to modify the Section 106 Legal Agreement attached to planning permission C/52/63W, to accord with the new (2015-2030) Local Plan Policy L2, Appendix 6 at Kirkacre House **not yet decided**.
- 2 NYCC: 116795 Maypole Green Residential Parking Bay Order 2019 **not yet decided**
- 3 YDNPA: C/52/657C – full planning permission for conversion of barn to form dwelling, including change of use of former agricultural garage / storage area to provide bedroom 4 / games room with bathroom facilities (retrospective), Skirbeck **not yet decided**
- 4 CDC: 2019/21168/MMA – Minor material amendment to vary condition no. 2 (Approved Plans) of planning approval referenced 2018/19836/FUL granted 11 January 2019, Field No. 8107, Bend Gate Farm, Flat Lane **not yet decided**

661.c Other Planning Matters

- 1 There were no Other Planning Matters reported.

662. Reports and decisions on various village matters

662.a street lighting matters: update regarding new connection at Back Lane

The Council had made enquiries regarding a connection date for the new lamp post at Back Lane and it **noted** the reply from Electricity North West that the works are being programmed and the construction department will apply for the necessary road closure required after which a firm date on when the work will commence can be given. Mrs Metcalf informed the Council that ENW has confirmed the date of 9th March.

Cllr Brierley **informed** the Council that the new lamp post on Church Street has been installed on the exact location as previously agreed.

The Council was **informed** that the street light at the Maypole Green is faulty and the Council **agreed** that Cllr Brierley will report this to ENW.

662.b trees matters: to receive update regarding removal of sycamore on the Maypole Green

There was no further update and the Council is awaiting completion of works.

662.c Playing Fields matters: to consider action regarding burglary

The Council was **informed** that the donated strimmer has been stolen from the shed. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Morley will investigate measures to improve security on the shed and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

662.d clearing Western Green, including site visit by YDNPA Trees Preservation Officer and to receive correspondence regarding planting of trees

The Council was **informed** that a site visit has been arranged with the YDNPA Trees Preservation Officer on 11th February with Cllrs Brierley and P. Morley. The Council had received correspondence regarding volunteering projects within the area for tree planting in 2020 or other projects. The Council **agreed** to discuss possible additional areas for tree planting at the next Parish Council meeting.

662.e to consider review of Volunteer Policy and receive cost estimates regarding village summer planting volunteer project

The Council **reviewed** its Volunteer Policy and **resolved** to amend the text to read that volunteers must undergo an induction and a risk assessment if the Council deems this necessary. The Council **agreed** to send the reviewed Volunteer Policy to Mr Palmer, who will forward this document to the project volunteers. Mr Palmer presented the cost estimates for the village summer planting and the Council **resolved** to approve payment of the costs.

662.f lengthsman services matters

There were no lengthsman services matters to report.

662.g:maintenance on Back Lane, including Prisoners' Walk

The Council had reported the flooding on Back Lane to NYCC Highways and it **noted** the reply that the blocked drain, a soakaway approximately 2 m deep, has been cleared. When it rains the water will collect in the drain and then slowly soak away into the surrounding ground. If the ground is particularly wet this will take longer. Unfortunately, there is no alternative to this soakaway as the surrounding ground levels are higher and there is no way to take the water away from this location.

Regarding the overgrown vegetation from a garden on Prisoners' Walk, Cllr Morley **reported** that the owner has been made aware of this situation and will cut back the ivy as soon as possible. The Council **agreed** to monitor the situation and report back in due course.

663 To receive reports and decide actions on village matters other than maintenance

663.a to receive update regarding letter to the owners of Back Green Cottages and border licenses for Back Green Barn and Back Green Cottages

The draft letter to the owners of Back Green Cottage has been presented to the Council. The Council **agreed** to make some amendments to this draft letter and leave out the suggested legal actions the Council could take, for the time being. The Council also **agreed** to add a paragraph as a last attempt to the owners to start negotiations to come to an agreement with the Council in relation to the value of the proposed Deed of Easement.

663.b to receive update regarding gas connection to Back Green Cottages, including provision of Parish Council's solicitor's details to NGN

The Council had been given notice by Northern Gas Networks that the works to connect Back Green Cottages would commence on 3rd February. The Council was **informed** that the NGN works could not be carried out on that day owing to a NYCC Officer referring to a possible required application to the Planning Inspectorate to lay utilities under any Village Green under the Inclosure Act 1857 and the Commons Act 1876. The Council was further **informed** that NGN believe that it would be unfair not to provide the owners of Back Green Cottages a new connection as requested when it is obvious that there are other connections under the Village Green and NGN will get this work back into the program of works as soon as possible. The Council **noted** that the proposed solicitor has withdrawn from acting on behalf of the Parish Council in relation to the easement with NGN and it **agreed** to contact Savage Crangle Solicitors in Skipton instead.

663.c to consider action regarding setting up of card board collection facility for Settle Swimming Pool

In connection with the representation made at the Parish Council meeting in November, the Council was **informed** that volunteers collect paper and cardboard from the primary school and Rohan shop once per month and that the FOSSP would be happy to discuss future possibilities for collection with the Parish Council. Although the Council considered some options, it **agreed**

that setting up a central collection point for paper and cardboard in the village would be unpractical. The Council **decided** that it would not pursue this issue any further.

663.d to receive update regarding setting up of computer training sessions

The Council was **informed** that Age Concern is finalising some details regarding publicising the running of computer training sessions and that these could commence soon.

664. Financial matters

664.a To receive Financial Statements and bank reconciliation to 28 January 2020

The Council **resolved** to approve the Financial Statements, including the bank reconciliation to 28 January 2020.

664.b To re-issue payment to LP Village Hall for £52.00

The Council **resolved** to re-issue a cheque payment to the Village Hall for £52.00 as, owing to a clerical mistake, the previously signed cheque had to be destroyed.

664.c The Council approved and authorised payment of the following accounts:-

Vodafone direct debit wifi Village Hall January	£ 23.00
E.ON (street light electricity January)	£ 92.95
M. Hill clerk's salary and expenses January 2020	£556.00
Beck's Garden Machinery Ltd (repair and service mower)	£473.34
T. Palmer (annual expenses Village Magazine)	£ 25.43
LP Helping Hands Group (donation)	£ 50.00

Received:

HSBC interest January	£ 2.92
Parish Magazine advertisements	£430.00
ENW (2 wayleaves)	£ 4.60
Cllr Inglis (return of petty cash grass cutting contractor)	£ 40.11

The Council **agreed** that there are ample funds in the current account available to cover payments of these accounts.

665. Reports on or notice of meetings of other bodies.

- * YDNPA: Farm Grant Updates 2020 – options for upland farmers' evening meetings: poster
- * YLCA: Yorkshire Day, 1 August hosted by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- * YLCA: White Rose Update 10/01; 17/01; 24/01; 31/01; Craven Branch Meeting 25 January;
- * NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin 02/02;
- * Parish Online News & Updates January
- * PFCC: Precept consultation to 28 January
- * YLCA: Governance and Accountability – Joint Practitioners Guide survey; webinar training January – March
- * E.ON Monthly Market Report December 2019
- * Northern Gas Networks Newsletter January 2020
- * Rural Services Network: the Rural Bulletin 28/01;
- * Earth Anchor Ltd e-brochure
- * Media Displays: Tour De Yorkshire 2020

666. Matters not included on this agenda, addressed as a matter of urgency.

The Council had **received** correspondence from CDC regarding two Parish representative vacancies to the Standard Committee and the letter was circulated.

667. Reports / comments on other matters for information only, or for inclusion on a future agenda.

The Council was **informed** that Settle Stories could organise a family performance 'Arabia Nights' similar to last year for £375.00. The Council **agreed** that the Chairman, Cllr Tyrer, will liaise with Settle Stories to get this organised for the 7th March.

The Council was also **informed** that Settle Stories organise a workshop for storyteller Aliza Alzougbi to work with local children in the Primary School and Settle Stories is seeking funding for this event of £400.00. The Secretary of the May Day Committee will ask the Committee if it would consider a donation to Settle Stories.

668. Date of the next parish meeting

The Council **considered** the date and time of the next Parish Council meeting as **Thursday 5th March 2020** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21 pm.

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M. Hill
Clerk to the Council