

**LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024**  
**MINUTES Meeting 10 2023-2024**

The Parish Council allocated a reasonable period of time at the start of the meeting to allow registered electors the opportunity to ask questions and / or make statements that relate to the work of the Council.

**Public Participation**

Ms Scholes informed the Council that the recently erected 'no parking' sign on Back Green is not visible from the highway. The Council considered this item further at 10.7c.

Ms Scholes also asked about the progress of court proceedings at Back Green. The Council considered this item at 10.8e.

**10.1a Present:** Cllrs James Bellis, (Chair), Katy Attewell, Gareth Croll, Steve Harris, and Liz Palmer.  
**Apologies** for absence received from Cllrs Ann Kay and Rob Wood.

**In attendance:** North Yorkshire Council Councillor Simon Myers, for part of the meeting, and Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill.

**10.1b** The Council **considered** the reasons for absence provided by Cllrs Kay and Wood and **resolved** acceptance of these as relevant.

**10.2 Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

- a Councillors did not record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, and any other relevant Interests under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct in connection with items on this agenda.
- b No requests were made for dispensation in connection with items on this Agenda.

**10.3 Minutes of Meeting**

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 9, held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, should be approved and signed by the Chair, Cllr Bellis, as a true and accurate record.

**10.4 To receive updates on Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the Agenda**

- a update regarding the Council's intention to purchase a pallet of sandbags  
 The Council **reiterated** its intention to purchase a pallet of sandbags as soon as an appropriate storage facility has been found.
- b The Council **noted** that the grass mowing contractor has accepted the new contract and it was **informed** that, before the start of the grass mowing season, the contractor will arrange with Beck's Garden Machinery for the Kubota to be serviced.

**10.5 To receive reports from North Yorkshire County Council and the Police**

- a. County Councillor Simon Myers reported that, following the local government reorganisation, a 30-year devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire, with an investment fund of over £500 million, was announced in August 2022. This led to the launch of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. Elections for the mayor of the combined authority will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. At the inaugural meeting of the combined authority on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, a combined authority budget was proposed and endorsed.  
 In relation to the upcoming closure of School Lane and Green Gate Lane, in order the replacement of the collapsed culvert can be carried out, County Cllr Simon Myers asked for the names of all affected farmers in order these can be contacted by NYC Highways.

Cllr Myers reported that the NYC Transport Committee will address flooding issues in the county and also that Highways will clear out all drains in the village in due course.

County Cllr Myers arrived at item 10.7b of the meeting and left after delivering his report.

- b. The Council had **received** the police incidents report, which contained 7 incidents during the period between 10 and 30 January, all of a minor nature.

## 10.6 To consider new Planning Applications, Decisions, and Other Planning Matters

### a. Applications

The Council **noted** it had not received any planning applications.

### b. Decisions

- 1 CDC: 2020/21553/OUT – Outline application with some matters reserved for the development of up to 99 lodges, reception cabin with parking, and landscaping including ground modelling and water features (resubmission of previous application 42/2016/17496 refused 28 March 2019), Amendment received December 2020, Land To The East Of Waterside Lane, Hellifield. **Not yet decided.**
- 2 YDNPA: C/52/675D Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday accommodation and installation of package sewage treatment plant, Mearbeck. **Not yet decided**
- 3 YDNPA: C/52/57C – Outline planning permission for erection of 10 No. residential properties with access, appearance, layout and scale (landscaping reserved) at Land at Grosvenor Farm, Main Street. **Awaiting legal agreement**
- 4 YDNPA: notification under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell two ash located at Coney Cliffe (24 Main Street), Long Preston. **No objection raised.** The Council to note that the YDNPA has made a recommendation that a replacement tree of native species is planted within the first planting season after felling.
- 5 YDNPA: notification under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to fell 2 cherry trees at Wildman's Barn, Long Preston. **No objection raised**

### c. Other and additional Planning Matters

- 1 The Council **considered** its reply to NYC Definitive Map Officer regarding the Informal Consultation for Wildlife & Countryside Act S53 Application CRA/2007/39/DMMO and CRA/2020/02/DMMO for an Order to modify the Definitive Map and Statement of public rights of way along Langber Lane, Dacre Lane and Haw Lane, by amending the status of the currently-recorded Footpaths and Unclassified Roads to Bridleway / Byway Open to All Traffic. The Council had carried out a detailed survey of the three lanes and had asked Hellifield Parish Council and Otterburn Parish Meeting for their comments. The Council **decided** to object to reclassifying the public access sections of Langber/Haw/Dacre Lanes as 'Byway Open to All Traffic'. Poor surfacing, access required by existing users, no or limited passing/turning places and all three lanes are 'dead ends' leading to impassable footpaths. A change to BOAT would be inappropriate considering the conditions and state of the tracks and footpaths. Reclassifying the lanes as bridleways would be possible, but ill-advised for the above reasons.
- 2 YDNPA: APP/C9499/W/23/3329633 – appeal made to the Secretary of State against planning application "refused" decision of C/52/690A Full planning permission for conversion of barn and outbuilding to form dwelling and annex (part retrospective). The Council was **informed** that the appeal will be determined by the Secretary of State on the basis of Written Representations as set out in Part 2 of The Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009, as amended. The

Council **agreed** it had no additional comments to make or modify or withdraw its previous representation.

### 10.7 To consider action regarding parish maintenance matters

#### a. Playing Field matters

1 Cllr Palmer **reported** on the site meeting with a local playground maintenance contractor, Chris Cowgill, and the Chair of the PFA, Kerry Foster, discussing the repair of the medium risk items of play equipment as highlighted by the RoSPA Inspection Report. The Council **agreed** to await Mr Cowgill's quotation and ideas and consider adopting a phased approach to repairs based on prioritising repairs in terms of urgency against budget availability at a future meeting. The Council **decided** to ask Mr Dave Eastwood to spray around the poles of the equipment frames this spring to reduce damage from the strimmer.

2 Regarding the servicing or replacement of the fire extinguishers at the pavilion the Council was **informed** that fire safety legislation for non-residential premises requires recording a completed fire risk assessment for the pavilion. The Council **agreed** for Cllr Croll to make enquiries with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service in terms of carrying out a fire risk assessment of the pavilion.

#### b. bus shelter maintenance

The Council was **informed** it is in progress of obtaining a second, itemised, quotation for maintenance work on the bus shelter and the two outside notice boards opposite the Maypole Green.

#### c. lengthsman services

Cllr Harris **reported** that the lengthsman has erected a 'no parking' sign on Back Green and the Council **agreed** to have this sign relocated in order it is fully visible. The Council was **informed** that the replacement of the removed sign on Main Green is in progress.

#### d. NYC Highways matters

1 clearing of drains in the village

The Council **noted** that NYC Highways will clear all drains in the village in due course as reported by NYC Cllr Simon Myers at item 10.5.

2 ways to improve parking on the Main Street by creating parking bays

The Council had **received** a representation about ways to improve parking on the Main Street by narrowing the carriageway in order parking bays can be installed and **noted** that NYC Cllr Simon Myers will re-address this issue with the NYC Highways Authorities.

#### e. drainage maintenance on Main Green, including edging around Main Green

The Council has **received** a representation regarding flooding issues around Charbert Cottage, The Green, including a request to re-install edging around The Green in order to alleviate water run-off. The Council **agreed** to investigate methods of improving the infiltration on all of its village greens and had asked NYC Cllr Simon Myers to address with the Highways Authority to put up notices on the highways before the operatives clear the autumn leaves in order there are no parked vehicles; to clear / scour all drains in the village as a matter of urgency now and preventatively each year in the future; and to reinstate / install higher kerbing around the village greens and The Green in particular.

#### f. grit bin on Moor Lane and additional grit bins

The Council has **received** correspondence that a resident has reported the grit bin on The Green and on School Lane as being empty on the NYC website, but was unable to request a grit bin

refill for the grit bin on Moor Lane, as this appears not to be on the NYC grit bin map. The Council **agreed** for Cllr Croll to investigate and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Council was **informed** that Parish Councils can acquire and maintain additional bins at their expense, at a cost of £50 for a bin and an annual £75 charge for up to two refills from NYC. Alternatively, the Parish Council could procure a grit bin from a local firm and have this refilled by the same local firm as and when required. The Council **agreed** for Cllr Croll to investigate the options as well as potential locations for one or more additional grit bins and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

- g. YDNPA matters  
There were no YDNPA matters reported.
- h. any other maintenance issues  
There were no other maintenance issues reported.

### 10.8 To consider action regarding parish matters other than maintenance

- a. average speed cameras on A65  
The Council had **received** a representation from a resident with regard to the progress made in terms of the deployment of average speed cameras by NYC. The Council **agreed** to ask NYC Cllr Simon Myers to re-address this matter with NYC Highways.
- b. renewal of nomination of The Maypole Inn and The Post Office as Assets of Community Value  
The Council **agreed** to submit the application form for the renewal nomination of The Maypole Inn and The Post Office as Assets of Community Value to NYC.
- c. D-Day 80 event on 6 June 2024  
The Council **noted** that beacon lighting preparations are in progress and that the Long Preston PCC has agreed to ring St Mary's Church bells on 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- d. to consider extension of lengthsman services contract  
The Council **resolved** that this item is considered in private session, excluding the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, as discussion in public would be prejudicial to the public interest.  
The Council **agreed** to extend the lengthsman services contract to the second year and to appoint Cllr Harris as the lengthsman's first point of contact.
- e. progress of court proceedings at Back Green  
to consider asking the Council's insurance company to appoint a panel solicitor in order the Council is fully covered for all legal expenses  
The Council **resolved** that this item is considered in private session, excluding the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, as discussion in public would be prejudicial to the public interest.  
The Council was **informed** that its insurers cover the Council for legal expenses up to £100,000 only as long as the case is considered by one of the insurers' panel solicitors. The Council **resolved** to ask its insurers to appoint a panel solicitor in order the Council is fully covered for all legal expenses.

### 10.9 Finance

- a. The Council **noted** the total balance of both accounts to 25<sup>th</sup> January as £19,941.25.
- b. The Council **approved** the payment of the following accounts:-

Vodafone (wifi Village Village Hall	£ 30.45
Npower (street light electricity January)	£245.04
LP Village Hall (hall hire 11/1)	£ 25.00
Timberworks (fence and gate at playing field)	£714.00
M. Hill (clerk's salary & expenses January)	£766.25
D. Bussey (lengthsman services January)	£301.00
Sharon Press (Parish Magazine February)	£221.00
HSBC (monthly bank charges)	£ 14.50
The Council <b>noted</b> receipt of £1,298 on behalf of the Parish Magazine Committee to 28 <sup>th</sup> January.	

#### **10.10 Reports on or Notice of meetings of Other Bodies**

\* YDNPA: National Park Management Plan first public consultation until 26th February; farm grant update meetings in February for farmers, land-owners, and land-managers.

\* The Council **agreed** for Cllr Harris to attend the NYC Highways workshop on-line on 26 February;

\* YLCA: Craven Branch meeting 20 February; NALC Chief Executive Bulletins; White Rose Bulletin 19/1;

\* The Council was **informed** that Cllr Palmer had attended the mayoral candidate's visit in the area on 31 January; mayoral hustings on road safety.

#### **10.11 To determine any Matter not included on this Agenda which the Chairman considers must nevertheless be addressed as a matter of urgency.**

The Council **noted** that no matters of urgency were reported.

#### **10.12 To receive reports/comments on other matters for information only, or for inclusion on a future agenda.**

- a. The Council **agreed** to prepare an annual schedule of works to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **10.13 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting**

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to conduct the Chair closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.

**Marijke Hill**  
**Clerk to the Council**