

**LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL  
THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs James Bellis (Chairman), Robert Wood, Katy Attewell, Steve Harris, Chris Moorby, and Liz Palmer.

**In attendance:** Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill and two members of the public.

**10.1 Public participation session of up to 15 minutes to enable parishioners to comment on matters concerning the Parish. This will be conducted in accordance with paragraphs 3(e) and 3(f) of the Council's Standing Orders.**

On behalf of the May Day Committee Michelle Scholes asked if the Council would consider granting permission to use the Green and the Maypole Green on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for the annual May Day festivities and also for the marquees to be put up a couple of days early in order these could be used for possible Coronation events. The Council **agreed** to support this and gave permission.

Mr Middleton enquired about the Council's position regarding the planning application amendments for the conversion of Maypole Barn. The item was discussed at 10.7a.1.

Mr Middleton also enquired about the correspondence received regarding free funding for electrical charge points in the village. This item was further discussed at 10.9c.

**10.2 Apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllr Ann Kay and County Cllr Simon Myers.

**10.3 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.

**10.4 Minutes of Meeting**

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9, held on 5<sup>th</sup> January should be approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Bellis, as a true and accurate record.

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

- a. Regarding the planting of trees on the moors over the village, Cllr Harris **reported** that most of these trees have been planted on the Settle side of the boundary. The Council **agreed** that the trees should be put on a map in order they can be monitored.
- b. Regarding the update of the Community Emergency Plan, the Council **agreed** to put an advert in the Parish Magazine to ask for volunteers, especially those with specific skills, such as nurses, builders, etc. The Council was **informed** that sandbags are stored in the Water Trust building.
- c. Cllr Moorby **reported** that the defibrillator cabinet lock is now working.
- d. The Council was **informed** that the manhole cover on Main Street near Rohan shop has been repaired.

**10.6 To receive reports from Craven District and North Yorkshire County Councils, and the Police**

- a. District Councillor Chris Moorby reported in summary regarding the creation of the North Yorkshire Council, that good progress in many areas has been made, however the longer term and strategic elements of the plan will need to be addressed.

Craven District Council Officers have been working with colleagues across districts and in North Yorkshire County Council to prepare the draft North Yorkshire Council climate emergency strategy, outlining the approach NYC will take to tackling causes and impacts of climate change. Some of the positives and targets to highlight are:

\* Zero Carbon project, which includes the installation of solar panels on many buildings. The project also includes improved insulation in council buildings. The council also worked closely with Yorkshire Housing to install 28 properties with solar panels and six with air source heat pump installation.

\* Electric Vehicle Charging Network. Electrical Vehicle Charge Points are live and available in CDC car parks in Skipton, Settle, Ingleton, Bentham, Crosshills, Gargrave, as well as in YDNPA car parks.

\* Decarbonising Community Buildings. NYCC has funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Craven venues such as village halls and community centres to get a 'decarbonisation plan', which will provide information on steps to improve energy efficiency of their buildings.

\* Craven Net Zero Affordable housing project. Preparatory work has started on this project whereby Craven District Council will acquire and retrofit empty properties to create at least three dwellings for use as affordable housing.

\* Make use of the Local Plan and supplementary documents to support and enable lower carbon development and improve biodiversity.

\* Build on tree planting achievements already in Craven and continue to promote the White Rose forest across Craven. To mitigate sufficient carbon to achieve the Council's 2030 target for its own activities, it is estimated that at least an additional 11,000 trees would need to be planted by the Council by the end of 2023. CDC is working with private landowners to establish a tree planting project to the north of Skipton called the 'Gateway Forest'.

\* An ongoing target that needs long term support is to develop safe walking and cycling routes to ensure that the district is accessible for commuting and leisure.

Regarding the planning application for the Flashes areas, the planning manager is hoping that this will be determined at a CDC planning committee meeting before North Yorkshire Council take over from CDC on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

Three warmer spaces grants have been granted, two to Hellifield and one to Long Preston.

- b. There was no report from County Councillor Simon Myers.
- c. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 8 incidents during the period between 1 and 28 January 2023, of which three were vehicle related in the area.

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

### a. Applications

- 1 YDNPA: C/52/93C – amended full planning permission for conversion of barn to 3 no. cottages for local occupancy or short term holiday lets, Maypole Barn, Main Street. The Council **reiterated** it had supported the original proposals and **ratified** it had no additional comments to make on the amended proposals.
- 2 YDNPA: C/52/744 and C/52/744A/LB – Householder planning permission and Listed Building consent for alterations and conversion of garages to form kitchen at Town Head House. The Council **agreed** it had no comments to make.
- 3 YDNPA: C/52/680B – Householder planning permission for installation of flue for woodburning fire (retrospective) - amending planning approval C/52/680A, 1 Cornmill Cottages, Main Street. The Council **agreed** it had no comments to make.

### 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/52/76A – full planning permission and relevant demolition of an unlisted building in a conservation area in respect of demolition of concrete, dashed render single garage and erection of 1 no. dwelling at Land to rear of Greengates, School Lane. **Not yet decided**
- 3 YDNPA: C/52/57C – Outline planning permission for erection of 9 No. residential dwellings (access only and with all other matters reserved), Land at Grosvenor Farm, Main Street. **Not yet decided**
- 4 YDNPA: C/52/620E – full planning permission for re-siting of existing secure container; install feather boarding to all elevations and roof over with plastic-coated roof sheets (part retrospective) at Long Preston Playing Field, School Lane. **Not yet decided**
- 5 YDNPA: C/52/89G – Full planning permission for erection of extension to existing agricultural building, Megs Farm, Green Gates Lane. **Approved conditionally**
- 6 YDNPA: C/52/11Q/LB – listed building consent for works externally to repair/repaint crack damage to front elevation and to create an outlet in the stone gutter using a lead socket and install a downspout and, internally for localised crack repairs and re-plastering in the dining room, kitchen, and spare bedroom at Glenroyd, 4 Main Street. **Not yet decided**
- 7 YDNPA: notification under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to crown lift a Cherry and 2 Beech by 3.5m, remove a limb from a Cherry that is overhanging the driveway of the property, crown reduce the Beech and remove a branch from a conifer that has failed at Ash Park, Long Preston. **No objection raised**

**c. Other Planning Matters**

The Council **noted** that there were no other planning matters to consider.

**10.8 To consider action regarding parish maintenance matters**

**a. street lighting matters**

- 1 The Council was **informed** that a site meeting had taken place with the NYCC Street Light Officer and Cllr Wood to determine the feasibility of the installation of a new street light at Greengates Lane, and that it had **received** a provisional estimate for this project of approximately £4,500 plus VAT. The Council was further **informed** that the deadline for application from the NYCC Members Locality Budget Fund was 31<sup>st</sup> January and **ratified** to ask County Cllr Simon Myers to allocate £2,000 towards the costs of this new street light. The Council **decided** to now ask the NYCC Street Light Officer for a more robust quotation.
- 2 The Council was **informed** that during the above mentioned site meeting the NYCC Street Light Officer confirmed that it is feasible to install a low level supply pillar at Todd Style Footpath for a provisional estimate of £2,700 plus VAT, which would then need a contractor to run a private cable along the length of the footpath, either by trench along the footpath or via the field to a point on the side of the footpath where low level lighting could be placed.
- 3 The Council **noted** it has still not had a reply from the NYCC Street Lighting Officer regarding the electricity connection to the newly erected column at Magna Print and **agreed** to ask County Cllr Myers to address this matter.

**b. Playing Field matters**

- 1 The Council was **informed** that the additional signage, such as ‘people use the playing fields at their own risk’, and a few signs ‘no dogs allowed’ have been purchased and will go up soon. Regarding the waste material around the pavilion and the car park the Council **agreed** to order a full size skip for the non-combustible waste and burn the combustible waste in a controlled manner at an appropriate time.

The Council was **informed** that some sections of the boundary wall with the field has collapsed and **agreed** to make enquiries about maintenance responsibilities by looking at the Deeds. The Council **approved** the Risk Assessment and **agreed** to upload this on its website.

c. telephone kiosk

The Council **noted** the reply from the Heritage Group that they would like to exhibit items of historical interest relating to the village and **agreed** that the Chairman should make enquiries where to obtain the cork display boards to be used on two sides of the kiosk.

The Council **agreed** in principle that different village groups should put up displays in the kiosk at different times for visitors and residents about the history of the village on a temporary basis.

d. lengthsman services

The Council was **informed** that the lengthsman has completed the work on the benches.

The Council was also **informed** that some posts have snapped on Back Green and that The Green could benefit from having posts put up all around it to stop vehicles parking on the verges and **agreed** to discuss this item at the next Parish Council meeting.

e. NYCC Highways matters

1 Todd Style Footpath

The Council had **contacted** County Councillor Myers regarding the state of disrepair of Todd Style Footpath and **noted** the reply that he will be addressing the matter of resurfacing this footpath with NYCC Highways.

2 proposed new mirror at junction with Station Road

The Council **reiterated** its position that there should be a mirror of a better quality on Main Street at the junction with Station Road and it is awaiting a reply from County Councillor Simon Myers in relation to possible liability issues if the Parish Council were to replace the mirror on land for which NYCC has maintenance responsibility.

f. YDNPA matters

The Council had **agreed** to contact the YDNPA Area Ranger regarding the barbed wire placed on the fence on a Public Right Of Way between New Pasture Plantation and Scalehaw Lane and it is awaiting images to be sent to the Area Ranger for reference in order to investigate if action is necessary where there is not a 1 000 mm gap of a structure or of manoeuvring space.

g. Baptist Church collapse of boundary wall

The Council was **informed** that part of the Baptist Church boundary wall had collapsed with stones falling on the pavement on Main Street and that the lengthsman will carry out a risk assessment for the repair.

It was **reported** that there is a pile of rotting down grass behind the wall where the former grass cutting contractor was instructed to put the mowings from the greens, as well as an ivy growing all along the wall on the inside aspect and a tree near to the area where the wall has collapsed. The Council **agreed** to clear the ivy and the pile of grass first prior to asking the lengthsman to repair the wall.

h. other maintenance issues

There were no other maintenance issues reported.

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

a. Speeding matters

- 1 The Council had sent a letter regarding installation of average speed cameras on the A65 and installation of a 20mph zone on either side of the main road to the PFC Commissioner and MP

Julian Smith as well as to the NYCC Leader and to the campaign group '20's Plenty' and **noted** the reply from NYCC Leader Carl Les that the Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner are responsible for speed matters and also **noted** the reply from MP Julian Smith that the matter would be forwarded to the NYCC Leader.

The Council **agreed** that Cllr Moorby should make contact again with Cllr Taylor at Cowling Parish Council to enquire if we could work together on this matter.

- 2 The Council was **informed** that the data from the VAS has been downloaded so that the VAS can be re-positioned and **agreed** that the Chairman, Cllr Bellis, would interpret the data and inform the Council of his findings.

b. Parking matters

- 1 The Council was **informed** that the Village Hall has been booked on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for the Public Consultation Meeting to discuss the Council's detailed Parking Issues Report, which is publicised on the Council's website and printed in the February issue of the Parish Magazine.

- 2 Cllr Harris **reported** that the procurement of 'no parking' signs on all village greens is in progress and that the Chairman, Cllr Bellis, should make a logo which could be printed on the signs.

c. free funded EV charge points in the village

The Council had **received** correspondence that the government has selected the Craven District for free funding of Electrical Vehicle Charge Points in the local towns and parishes and **agreed** to invite Mr Charlie Wright from char.gy to a site visit and to carry out a survey in the parish.

d. Coronation of HM King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The Council **agreed** that a community group be formed to organise events to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and an advert will be publicised in the Parish Magazine for a public meeting to discuss the possibilities. The Council **agreed** to book the Village Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm to facilitate the meeting at which all residents are welcome.

e. To consider renewal of contracts for lengthsman and grass cutting contractor

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.

- 1 The Council **agreed** that Cllr Wood should ask the lengthsman if he would consider renewal of the contract and provide a quotation for the hourly rate of lengthsman services and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 2 The Council **agreed** that Cllr Harris should ask the grass cutting contractor for feedback on the first year of his two year contract and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

f. dispute matters on Back Green

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 had written to the owner of 4 Back Green to carefully consider the option of resolving all disputes by mediation and it is awaiting a reply by 27<sup>th</sup> February at the latest.

## 10.10 Finance

- a. The Council **resolved** to approve the Financial Statements and Report to 28<sup>th</sup> January and **noted** the total balance of both accounts as £20,868.71.
- b. The Council **approved** the payment of the following accounts for January:-

Vodafone direct debit wifi Hall	£ 26.85
Npower (street light electricity January)	£101.80
LP Village Hall (hall hire 5/1)	£ 25.00
M. Hill (clerk's salary & expenses January)	£712.35
HSBC monthly bank charges for January	£ 17.30
Cllr Wood (expenses signage at playing field)	£ 56.28
D. Bussey (lengthsman services to date)	£200.49
T. Palmer (postage expenses Parish Magazine)	£ 16.32
Sharon Press (Parish Magazine February)	£224.00

The Council **noted** receipt of £4.60 from ENW as annual wayleave payments

The Council **noted** receipt of £10.95 from HSBC as interest in January.

The Council **noted** receipt for adverts of a total of £1,125 for adverts to the Parish Magazine Committee in January.

- c. Regarding the new HSBC bank mandate the Council was **informed** that the process is near completion.
- d. The Council **noted** receipt of an invoice from NYCC for a payment of £1,335.90 for 'installation of new columns at various locations in Long Preston' and was **informed** that the invoice dates back to 2018 when NYCC installed three new columns, one on Church Street, one on Back Lane, and one on Maypole Green adjacent to the telephone kiosk. The Council **agreed** to approve payment of this invoice.

#### 10.11 Reports on or Notice of meetings of Other Bodies

\* YDNPA: Farm Conservation team to hold a series of free evening events through February for landowners, land-managers and farmers which will cover the latest updates for Countryside Stewardship and other grants; Newsletter Winter edition

\* NYCC: notification to pass a resolution that the provisions of Part III of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 shall be adopted and shall apply within the county of North Yorkshire with effect from 1 April 2023;

The Council **noted** that, in accordance with the North Yorkshire (Structural Changes) Order 2022 from 1 April 2023 the North Yorkshire Council will be the sole principal authority for North Yorkshire. The relevant predecessor district and borough councils previously resolved to adopt the provisions of Part II of the 1976 Act, which relates to the licensing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, drivers and operators.

\* NYCC: Climate Change Strategy Draft for Public Consultation meeting 13 February

\* YLCA: White Rose Bulletin 6/1; 20/1; Craven Branch meeting 21 February; NALC parliamentary briefing – Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill- Lords second reading, 17 January 2023; NALC Chief Executive's Bulletins

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

There were no urgency matters reported.

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

- a. The Council **noted** NYCC Planned Road Closure Notification Moorfields to Moor Lane, Long Preston for a period of 5 days between 16th and 20th January 2023 to allow SR Hall Groundworks to repair a damaged stop tap and replace a water meter.
- b. The Council was **informed** that the salt bins on Greengates Lane and School Lane are the responsibility of the Parish Council to be re-filled with salt.

**10.14 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting**

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.06.

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