

**LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 12th May 2022
MINUTES**

Present: Cllrs James Bellis (Chairman), Robert Wood (Vice-Chairman), Katy Attewell, Steve Harris, Ann Kay, and Liz Palmer.

In attendance: Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill, and thirteen members of the public.

2.1 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.

There were 13 people in attendance. Four residents raised concerns in relation to the planning application at Megs Croft about overshadowing and loss of outlook as the dimensions of the proposed storage shed are not clear on the plan and also the noise and disturbance of the expanded business. This item was further discussed at 2.7a1.

Two residents raised concerns in relation to the newly erected polytunnel in the field off Back Lane. This item was further discussed at 2.7c2.

Two residents enquired about the progress made in relation to the Council's enforcement policy for the issue on Back Green. This item was discussed at 2.9d.

2.2 Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr Moorby and notice of late attendance has been received from County Councillor Myers.

2.3 Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a Cllr Palmer **recorded** a Personal Interest in connection with item 2.7c2: representations received regarding the erection of a polytunnel in the field off Back Lane.
- b No requests were made for dispensation in connection with items on this Agenda.

2.4 Minutes of Meeting 1 2022-2023

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 1 held on 7th April 2022, should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Bellis, as a true and accurate record.

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

The Council **agreed** to write a 'thank you' letter to the three Interim District Councillors for their dedicated contributions to many village matters in the past 18 months.

2.6 To receive reports from Craven District and North Yorkshire County Councils, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and the Police

- a. County Councillor Staveley **reported** that the newly elected 90 councillors will serve the final 11 months of the County Council and then for a further four years on the new North Yorkshire Council when it launches on 1st April 2023, making decisions that affect everyone living and working in the county. During the course of the next few months there will be many decisions to be taken that will set the shape of the new council.

On the covid front, the data is showing that North Yorkshire is still relatively high compared to the rest of the country. The England average is that 4% of the population are testing positive for covid, in North Yorkshire the figure is 5.2%. this is however a significant reduction from the figure of 2 weeks ago which stood at 8.7% of the North Yorkshire population with covid. The numbers of people in hospital beds in the hospitals that serve North Yorkshire with covid has decreased as well in the last couple of weeks. There are still over 300 people with covid in the hospitals that serve North Yorkshire. Not all of these are North Yorkshire people and the majority of people with

covid are not in hospital because of covid but the infection has been found whilst tested within the hospital environment. There are however 18 people in intensive care beds who have covid.

- b. District Councillor Moorby **reported** in summary about the main issue that will affect all the people of Craven, the new Unitary Authority, which will, on the 1st April 2023, take over the whole of North Yorkshire. The elections for this authority took place on 5th May and the Conservative Member, Simon Myers was duly elected for the district of Gargrave, Malhamdale, Hellifield and Long Preston. Matters will carry on for the next eleven months at the District Council, including the waste collection, licensing and planning.
There is no news about the Flashes and the planning application for the 99 lodges, but this will be coming before planning committee in the next few months. The damage done to the Flashes has had a devastating effect on the wildlife, as hardly any lapwings nesting on the moors have been spotted.
- c. There was no report from the YDNPA.
- d. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 19 incidents during the period between 6 April and 10 May 2022, all minor.

2.7 To consider new Planning Applications, Decisions, and Other Planning Matters

a Applications

- 1 YDNPA: C/52/89F full planning permission for erection of agricultural storage building at Megs Croft, Greengates Lane. The Council **agreed** to notify YDNPA that it had received representations from residents raising concerns, including loss of outlook and overshadowing in their back gardens and noise and disturbance resulting from use.
The dimensions of the proposed storage building are not clear on the map but the drawing of the proposed building seems to suggest it to be of a similar height, possibly higher than the existing storage buildings. The Council would suggest that the dimensions of the proposed storage building are made clear by the applicant and that the proposed building is not any higher than the newly erected boundary fence.
Due to the likely expansion of the farm business and use of further equipment there will be an increase of farm traffic, as well as an increase of noise by machinery and animals.
The Council would suggest that a detailed set of conditions accompany any planning consent to address residents' concerns about noise and disturbance, including proposed hours of operation of the business.
- 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. The Council **agreed** to notify the planning authority 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/52/738 – householder planning permission for second floor extension and other associated alterations, 7, Back Green. **Not yet decided**
- 3 YDNPA: C/52/680A Householder planning permission for installation of flue for wood burning fire, 1 Cornmill Cottages, Main Street. **Approved conditionally**
- 4 YDNPA: C/52/739 Householder planning permission for erection of single storey rear extension, May Barn, School Lane. **Approved conditionally**

- 5 YDNPA: C/52/643D Householder planning permission for conversion of attached double garage to provide kitchen and alterations including new front windows and new rear French doors, Town Head Lodge. **Approved conditionally**

c. Other Planning Matters

- 1 planning consent from YDNPA to clad the containers at the Playing Fields with recovered timber
The Council was **informed** about its proposal to the YDNPA Senior Planning Officer to clad the secure storage containers with the timber that was recovered after Storm Arwen damaged the shed, without having to submit a new planning application. The Council is awaiting a reply.

2 newly erected polytunnel in field off Back Lane

The Council had **received** numerous representations that a polytunnel has been erected in the field off Back Lane and was **informed** that planning application for a potting shed and to create an allotment area was refused planning consent by CDC and the appeal was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. The Council **agreed** to contact the CDC Planning Enforcement Officer to investigate if a planning breach has occurred.

3 information board on Edge Lane

The Council was **informed** that planning permission to install an information board at Edge Lane, informing people about improvement and protection of the floodplain and the kind of wildlife in the area, is not required by the Ribble Rivers Trust as long as the Council could confirm their support for the project to the Planning Officer at YDNPA. The Council **agreed** to reiterate its support.

2.8 To consider action regarding parish maintenance matters

a. street lighting matters

1 additional street light on Magna Print

The Council was **informed** that ENW has acknowledged receipt of the application form to get a quotation from them and it is awaiting a reply.

b. Playing Fields matters

1 public meeting to discuss the re-forming of the PFA

The Council **agreed** to publicise an article in the Parish Magazine, inviting residents to a public meeting to discuss the future of the PFA on 11th June at the pavilion at 10.00 am.

2 refurbishment of the pavilion

The Council was **informed** about the maintenance on the pavilion that has been carried out by volunteers recently, including completion of the installation of the new roof; repair of the floor; new guttering fitted; west end wall repaired; and donated kitchen units and fridge/freezer fitted. Cllr Moorby had **reported** that the cost of the replacement of the decking would be approximately £700 and the Council was **informed** that the remaining current PFA trustees confirmed to cover the cost of this necessary repair from existing PFA funds.

The Council **noted** that Cllr Moorby had spent £105.34 as expenses for the pavilion maintenance and **ratified** the decision to approve this payment.

3 hire charges

The Council **noted** receipt of £100 from the proprietor of 'Where2Walk' as donation for the use of the pavilion regularly to hold courses. The Council **noted** receipt of £11.15 from the 'honesty' box, installed at the Playing Fields, for the use of car parking facilities. The Council **resolved** to postpone considering applying hire charges to the pavilion until a later date in order a new PFA committee can be formed.

c. renovation of telephone kiosk

The Council was **informed** that the windows are replaced and the kiosk is re-painted. The Council **agreed** to thank all volunteers involved for the work they have done to complete this project.

- d. grass cutting services
The Council **noted** that the grass has been cut immaculately by the newly appointed contractor.
- e. lengthsman services
The Council was **informed** that the some of the stones are removed and some of the wooden posts are in disrepair on Townhead Green and **agreed** to ask the lengthsman to replace these. The Council **reported** that some of the benches around the village need some maintenance and **agreed** to carry out an assessment to all the benches and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.
- f. Kayley Hill tree maintenance
There was no further report.
- g. NYCC Highways matters
The Council had **received** representations about parking issues at the Village Hall, where people drive across the Village Hall driveway to avoid crashing into parked vehicles along The Green, causing damage to the kerb and driveway settings. The Council **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways Engineer and invite them to a site meeting in order all options can be discussed. County Cllr Myers will raise this matter with NYCC Highways and report back in due course.

2.9 To consider action regarding parish matters other than maintenance

- a. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2nd – 5th June 2022
The Council was **informed** about the progress made regarding plans for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and that the community group organising the beacon lighting on 2nd June and the Big Lunch on 5th June, has so far raised £350. The Council **decided** in principle to procure a tree to mark the Jubilee as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, subject to a suitable planting location.
- b. Planting of Rowan tree on Maypole Green's WI garden
The Council **considered** the proposal by the Long Preston WI President to plant a Rowan tree on Maypole Green's 'WI garden' to mark their 90th anniversary. The Council **agreed** to not oppose the idea of planting a tree but **decided** to ask them to reconsider the location and species of trees, as there is little space for a fast growing Rowan Tree on the WI garden at the Maypole Green.
- c. Plans for the Annual Parish Meeting
The Council **agreed** to invite the same local groups and organisations as last year apart from the Village Gardening Group and **agreed** to hold this meeting on 9th June at 8.00 in the Village Hall.
- d. Village Greens and Back Green
 - 1 In relation to the Council's enforcement policy on Back Green, the Council was **informed** that its solicitors will send a letter to the owners of Back Green Cottages, explaining in detail that parking on a registered Village Green is an obstruction to the use of the Village Green and is illegal, despite the residents' claim that parking rights had been registered, and that the Parish Council can enforce the prohibition of illegal parking under the current legislations through the courts.
 - 2 The Council **noted** that the matter of Northern Gas Network's refusal to reinstate Back Green has been forwarded to its solicitors.
 - 3 Regarding the installation of 'no parking' signs on all village greens the Council was **informed** that 16 signs are required.

2.10 Finance

- a. The Council **resolved** to approve the Financial Statements and Report to 28th April and **noted** the total balance as £9,060.73.
- b. The Council **approved** the Explanation of Variances paper.
- c. The Council **approved** the payment of the following accounts:-
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| Vodafone direct debit wifi Hall | £ 26.85 |
| Sharon Press (Parish Magazine May) | £220.00 |
| Steve Prior (village green maintenance April 2022 & expenses) | £468.01 |
| M. Hill (expenses for annual website renewal fee) | £ 84.84 |
| M. Hill (clerk's salary & expenses April) | £617.84 |
- The Council **resolved** to authorise the clerk to continue to pay all accounts by bank transfer until further notice.
- The Council **noted** receipt of £13,000 from CDC as first instalment of the precept on 4th May 2022.
- The Council **noted** receipt of £114.00 as adverts to the Parish Magazine Committee.
- The Council **noted** receipt of £0.28 from HSBC as interest for April.
- The Council **noted** monthly bank charges to HSBC for maintaining the account as £8.00.
- The Council **noted** increased Village Hall prices per session.
- d. The Council **resolved** to instruct the clerk to start the process of changing the Council's bank mandate with HSBC, following the elections held on 5th May 2022, and the appointment of new Members to the Authority and empower the clerk to continue to operate the Internet Banking on behalf of the Authority. The Council **agreed** to appoint new signatories at the next Parish Council meeting.

2.11 Reports on or Notice of meetings of Other Bodies

* YDNPA: nominations for a parish representative ("Parish Member") to sit on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to represent the Craven West parishes which fall within the national park.

* YLCA: White Rose Bulletin 8/4; 14/4; 29/4; 6/5; Training Programme June/July

2.12 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 other Matters not included on this Agenda reported.

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

There were no reports or comments for information only.

2.14 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday 9th June 2022 at 6.30 pm, succeeded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.18 pm.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council