

LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 9th June 2022
MINUTES

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

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

3.1 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 4 people in attendance and no public participation session.

3.2 Apologies for absence have been received from County Councillor Simon Myers.

3.3 Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a The Chairman, Cllr Bellis **recorded** a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in connection with item 3.7a1: planning application received for erection of 9 residential dwellings on land at Grosvenor Farm, Main Street.

The Chairman, Cllr Bellis also **recorded** a Personal Interest in relation to item 3.7c3: alleged breach of planning consent at Grosvenor Barn

- b The Chairman, Cllr Bellis, had made a request for dispensation in connection with item 3.7a1: 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. The Council **resolved** to grant dispensation for a period of four years.

3.4 Minutes of Meetings

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Minutes of Meeting 2, both held on 12th May 2022, should be approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Bellis, as a true and accurate record.

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

There were no updates on Matters from previous meetings recorded.

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

- a. There was no report from County Councillor Simon Myers.
 b. There was no report from District Councillor Chris Moorby.
 c. There was no report from the YDNPA.
 d. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 14 incidents during the period between 11 May and 6 June 2022, notably a report from a member of public patrol. The Council **agreed** to contact the PCSO and ask for more information on this particular incident.

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

a Applications

- 1 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. The Council **agreed** to notify YDNPA that it opposes this application in its present form for the following reasons, in summary:

a. loss of green space and wildlife. The Parish Council would request that a S106 agreement for compensation of loss of green space be applied should planning permission be granted and that the compensation should be allocated to the parish of Long Preston.

b. parking. The Parish Council notes the absence of adequate on-site parking spaces, which would lead to vehicles being parked outside the development on the narrow roads. The Parish Council would request that an on-site parking area should be additionally provided or at least a visitors parking area.

c. traffic. The Traffic Survey Data used (2009) is out of date and few data are used. The Parish Council would request a speed survey be carried out prior to any consent given. The Parish Council's initial analysis of the VAS data is a more comprehensive and extensive data set, showing that in a 2 month period 10.7% of vehicles were travelling at speeds between 30 and 50 mph. The Parish Council would welcome traffic calming measures to be installed on the Main Road to make it safer to enter and exit the proposed development. In addition, the site line for the proposed entrance does not take into account the change in gradient immediately to the West, rendering any proposed entrance to the site dangerous.

- 2 CDC: 2022/24090/EIASCRC – Request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion associated with planning application 2020/21553/OUT for: 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), Land To North East, Kendal Road, Hellifield. The Council **agreed** to request that an Environmental Impact Assessment is carried out for the following reasons, in summary:
- * The reasons given by the RSPB and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in their objections.
 - * The impact on the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Works on and around Gallaber Flash has destroyed the habitat for the lapwings, resulting that there are none to be seen nesting in the National Park on the moorland above both Hellifield and Long Preston.
 - * The site remains a seasonal wetland and floodplain. The 2020 biodiversity net gain survey was carried out in the summer months and does not reflect the autumn, winter and spring biodiversity conditions of the whole site.
 - * Regarding the flood risk, additional run-off caused by the development / covering of this site will extend into zones 2 and 3. A much more detailed flood risk analysis must be undertaken.
 - * Regarding biodiversity and conservation, the area has both Great Crested Newts and bird species that are on the red, endangered list. Additional run-off will potentially deepen the pond and alter its ecosystems.
 - * The destruction of green space beyond the stated plan has seen the reduction in that space which is a valuable environmental asset to the area and landscape character.
 - * The "Road to Nowhere" is a publicly funded asset and should be open to the public.
 - * There is no indicated plan for a bus stop on the development forcing users of bus services to use the hazardous stop on the A65 and there needs to be provision of a bus stop on the site. Access to Hellifield Station will not be improved for those coming from Long Preston as Waterside Lane is not complete to the station. There is no plan for public parking, adding pressure to the limited parking provision in the village of Hellifield.
 - * Regarding the economic and social benefit, the on-site facilities and the "ring -fenced" character of the development suggest that the development will be largely self-sufficient. Interaction with the local businesses in Hellifield and Long Preston, which are limited in their scope, is likely to be insignificant in enhancing the local economy.
- 3 CDC: 2022/23966/FUL – Conversion of existing farm buildings to 3 no. dwellings, Borks Hill, Sour Dale Lane. The Council **agreed** to notify its objection to CDC as the proposed development is in open countryside and vehicular access onto the main road is problematic.

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/52/76A 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.**
- 4 YDNPA: C/52/89F full planning permission for erection of agricultural storage building at Megs Croft, Greengates Lane. **Refused.**

c. Other Planning Matters

- 1 planning consent from YDNPA to clad the containers at the Playing Fields with recovered timber
The Council had not received a reply from the YDNPA Senior Planning Officer if it could use the recovered timber to clad the secure storage containers without having to submit a new planning application. The Council **agreed** to contact the Senior Planning Officer again.
- 2 newly erected polytunnel in field off Back Lane
The Council had **received** a reply from the CDC Planning Enforcement Officer to investigate if a planning breach has occurred regarding a newly erected polytunnel in the field off Back Lane and **noted** that an investigation has been opened and that it will be kept updated with CDC's findings.
- 3 alleged planning breach at Grosvenor Barn
The Council was **informed** that representations have been received that work is being carried out at Grosvenor Barn, possibly an alleged breach of planning consent. The Council **agreed** to investigate and report this to the YDNPA Planning Department.

3.8 To consider action regarding parish maintenance matters

a. street lighting matters

- 1 additional street light on Magna Print
The Council had **received** a quotation from ENW, not for a connection to the existing light on the building of Magna Print, but for the erection of a new column and an electricity connection to this near Magna Print for £2,553.63, exclusive of VAT. The Council **decided** to defer further discussions until the Parish Council meeting in September and also to consider installation of a street light on Greengates Lane.

b. Playing Fields matters

- 1 The Council **confirmed** to hold a public meeting to discuss the future of the PFA on 11th June at the pavilion at 10.00 am.
- 2 Regarding the replacement of the pavilion decking the Council **agreed** that Cllr Wood will carry out an assessment of timber requirements and associated costs and report back to the Council in due course. The Council also **agreed** to consider asking County Cllr Myers for a grant from the NYCC Locality Budget Fund.
The Council **noted** expenses to Cllr Moorby of £30.25 for maintenance on the pavilion and **ratified** the decision to approve this payment. Cllr Moorby **informed** the Council of further expenses incurred of £46.60 and the Council **resolved** to approve this payment.

c. grass cutting services

The Council had **received** a representation regarding 'scalping' on one or more village greens and **agreed** that an inspection of the grass cutting on the village greens, Lovers Walk, Baptist

burial ground and the Playing Fields will be carried out to provide feedback information to the contractor.

The Council was **informed** that the secure storage containers had been tampered with and that this incident has been reported to the Police. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Moorby should purchase a new wheelclamp.

d. benches maintenance assessment

The Council had **received** a maintenance assessment report and **agreed** to defer discussing the findings to the next Parish Council meeting.

e. lengthsman services

The Council was **informed** that the long grass around two benches need clearing as well as Todd Style footpath and it **agreed** to contact the lengthsman to carry out these services in addition to the replacement of stones and wooden posts on Townhead Green as reported at the previous Parish Council meeting.

f. NYCC Highways matters

The Council had **received** a reply from the NYCC Highways Engineer to discuss options regarding parking issues at the Village Hall and a site meeting has been arranged. The Council **resolved** to set up a working group, consisting of Cllrs Harris, Moorby, and Wood to prepare an initial report regarding parking issues in the village and present this to full Council in due course. The Council had **received** representations that Back Lane is overgrown with vegetation and **agreed** to ask NYCC Highways to clear this.

3.9 To consider action regarding parish matters other than maintenance

a. To appoint representative for the Village Hall Committee and the Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund

The Council **resolved** to appoint Cllr Palmer as its representative to the Village Hall Committee and Cllr Attewell as its representative to the Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund.

b. LP Women's Institute's proposal to plant a Rowan tree on Maypole Green's WI garden

The Council had **received** a response from the President of the Women's Institute to reconsider the location and species of the tree to be planted, and it **noted** that they would now plant roses to mark their 90th anniversary.

The Council was **informed** that a resident has donated an oak tree and it **resolved** to set up a temporary tree planting working group, consisting of Cllrs Attewell, Kay, and Palmer, to find a location for the oak tree and a location and tree species for the Parish Council tree to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy Initiative and report back to full Council in due course.

c. Village Greens and Back Green

- 1 The Council **noted** correspondence received to individual Councillors in response to the Parish Council's recovery of the Conveyances 1896 and 1969, including the maps, as well as the solicitors' letter to the owners of Back Green Cottages, explaining that parking on Back Green is illegal. The Council **ratified** the decision to ascertain the exact boundaries of Back Green as shown edged red on the annexed plan of the Conveyance dated 1969. The Council **noted** that both parties agreed that its map is accurate and that no trespassing or encroachment had occurred. The Council **agreed** that a letter should now be drafted to be sent to the three affected property owners on Back Green, explaining the latest findings.
- 2 The Council **agreed** to consider the wording on the 'no parking' signs on all village greens at the next Parish Council meetings.

3.10 Finance

- a. The Council **resolved** to approve the Financial Statements and Report to 28th May and **noted** the total balance of both accounts as £20,746.61.
- b. The Council **approved** the payment of the following accounts:-
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| Vodafone direct debit wifi Hall | £ 26.85 |
| Sharon Press (Parish Magazine June) | £220.00 |
| Steve Prior (village green maintenance May 2022 & expenses) | £496.56 |
| Account-ant (Yorkshire) Ltd (internal audit fee) | £ 96.00 |
| Npower (street light electricity December 2021) | £166.13 |
| Long Preston Village Hall (room hire 31/3; 7/4; 12/5; 9/6) | £ 80.00 |
| M. Hill (clerk's salary & expenses May) | £607.65 |
- The Council **noted** receipt of £0.27 from HSBC as interest for May.
 The Council **noted** monthly bank charges to HSBC for maintaining the account and activity charges as £10.17.
 The Council **noted** receipt of £27.22 for car parking at the Playing Fields.
- c. The Council **noted** and **approved** the following Reports on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Financial Year 2021-2022 and agreed to publicise these on its website:
- 1 Internal Audit Report;
 - 2 Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement;
 - 3 Section 2 – Accounting Statements;
 - 4 Notice of Public Rights and Publication of unaudited AGAR.
- d. The Council **agreed** to defer the appointment of signatories of the new bank mandate to the next Parish Council meeting.
- e. The Council **approved** the Assets Register and **resolved** to insure all assets to a value of £275,500. The Council **resolved** to approve payment of £1,502.32 to Zurich Municipal for the annual renewal of the Parish Council insurance.

3.11 Reports on or Notice of meetings of Other Bodies

- * YDNPA: re-appointment of Neil Heseltine from the parish of Kirkby in Malhamdale to the position as Parish Member Representative to the 21 parishes in the Craven West area of the National Park.
- * The Council **noted** the Craven District Council Consultation on proposals to provide additional electric vehicle charging points, two fast electric vehicle charging points on Ashfield, Settle, and additional overnight parking places order amendments to a maximum of 5 parking spaces to the overnight motorhome parking spaces at Greenfoot Car Park, Settle.
- * YLCA: White Rose Bulletin 13/5; 20/5; 27/5; Craven Branch Annual Meeting 22 June, Skipton, Conference 23 September. The Council **agreed** that Cllrs Moorby and Wood should attend the Craven Branch Annual Meeting

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

The Council was **informed** that a car with a registration number known to the Parish Council had driven over The Green in the evening of 8th June. The Council **decided** to report this to the Police.

3.13 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.

3.14 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02 pm.
This meeting was succeeded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council