

LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 6th July 2023
MINUTES Meeting 4 2023-2024

Present: Cllrs James Bellis (Chairman), Robert Wood, Katy Attewell, Ann Kay, and Liz Palmer.
In attendance: NYC Cllr Simon Myers for part of the meeting, Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill and five members of the public.

4.1 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.

Mrs Young participated at item 4.8b2: playing field matters.

Mr Hall participated at item 4.8i2: tree on Lover's Walk overhanging into Riley's Croft.

Mr Middleton participated at item 4.8i3: works to tree at Maypole Inn.

Mrs Slinn participated at item 4.10d: donation to the PCC towards the costs of felling a sycamore at the churchyard.

4.2 Apologies for absence.

The Council **noted** apologies for absence from Cllr Steve Harris.

4.3 Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a Cllr Rob Wood **recorded** a Personal Interest in relation to item 4.8i3: works to tree at Maypole Inn.
- b No requests were made for dispensation in connection with items on this Agenda.

4.4 Minutes of Meeting

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3, held on 1st June, should be approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Bellis, as a true and accurate record.

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

None reported.

4.6 To receive reports from North Yorkshire County Council and the Police

- a. County Cllr Simon Myers reported on various village matters and in particular that the grant of £2,000 from the NYC Member Locality Budget Fund to the Village Hall Committee to refurbish the caretaker's house has been signed off.
NYC Executive Members approved a new speed management strategy to guide a countywide review of speed limits across towns, villages and rural roads, however, this does not involve the introduction of a 20mph speed limit as the default in every town and village. Nonetheless, 20mph limits are fully embedded into this pro-active approach, while ensuring these are not the only option that can be considered to improve road safety, such as traffic calming measures.
NYC has secured £14.5 million from the Government's Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2) to help 700 homes worst affected by problems such as poor-quality insulation and inefficient heating systems. To qualify for this scheme, residents must be off-mains gas and have a household income of £31,000 or less, as well as their properties being technically suitable for the measures available and have an Energy Performance Certificate rating of D or below. Residents who are interested in applying to the Home Upgrade Grant can do so on North Yorkshire Council's website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/hug2.

County Cllr Myers has been appointed as member of the YDNPA Housing Working Group to work through the issues raised in the course of the latest consultation regarding land for housing development.

- b. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 10 incidents during the period between 1 June and 4 July 2023, notably four incidents of neighbour dispute.

North Yorkshire Council Councillor Simon Myers left the meeting.

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

a. Applications

The Council **noted** that it has not received any new 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/52/76A – 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/52/680B – Householder planning permission for installation of flue for woodburning fire (retrospective) - amending planning approval C/52/680A, 1 Cornmill Cottages, Main Street. **Not yet decided**
- 5 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**
- 6 YDNPA: C/52/93C – further amended full planning permission for conversion of barn to 3 no. cottages for local occupancy or short term holiday lets, Maypole Barn, Main Street. **Not yet decided**
- 7 YDNPA: C/52/695D Section 73 application to vary Condition 2 (design details of extension roof) of C/52/695C (Householder planning permission for erection of single storey extension to kitchen/ diner and associated alterations) at 19a - 19b Kirk Lee House, Main Street. **Withdrawn**
- 8 YDNPA: C/52/11R/LB Listed building consent for subsidence damage repair and reinstatement works at Glenroyd, 4 Main Street. **Not yet decided**

c. Other Planning Matters

- 1 Regarding the enquiry made in relation to the erection of a small garden shed at the Playing Field being considered by the YDNPA as 'permitted development', the Council **agreed** to send an image of the existing container with a little sketch showing the size of the addition as soon as the work on the container, for which the Council has been given planning consent, has been completed.
- 2 Regarding the summary of response to the YDNPA Local Plan consultation no. 6 – land for housing developments the Council **noted** that the YDNPA has published a summary of the response to the consultation on the Authority's website and that a small Housing Working Group will be appointed to assess the issues raised in the course of this Local Plan consultation, with a view to making recommendations to a meeting of the YDNPA later this year.

4.8 To consider action regarding parish maintenance matters

a. street lighting matters

- 1 There has not been a further response from the NYC Street Light Officer in relation to the new street light at Greengates Lane, the connection to the new column at Magna Print, and the low level supply pillar at Todd Style Footpath.
- 2 The Council was **informed** that the truncated stanchion next to the clean water drainage channel at Maypole Green is a decommissioned street light and that no electricity is fed to it.

b. Playing Field matters

- 1 Cllr Wood **reported** that the boundary wall has been repaired and a double rail fence has been installed on top. The pavilion decking has had two coatings of paint and the interior has been sealed. On behalf of the PFA, Diane Young **reported** that the revenue from parking has decreased significantly in the last few months and the Council **agreed** to address this issue with the primary school.
- 2 Cllr Palmer **reported** that an inspection of the banks has taken place and that no hogweed has been found. The Council **agreed** to make enquiries about the strimming and spraying of the nettles and thistles in the verges.
Cllr Palmer **informed** the Council about the shrubs cuttings from their garden, which could be planted on the banks as a canopy to stop the growth of weeds underneath. The Council **agreed** that this is a matter for the PFA to consider.

c. telephone kiosk

The Council was **informed** that the firm from whom the Council has purchased two damp and tamper proof cork display boards, Sundeala Ltd, has gone into Administration and that therefore, the amount of £338.88 is written off. The Council **agreed** to ask for a quotation from Timberworks for the delivery of one cork display board and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

d. flagpole on Maypole Green

There was no further report.

e. Baptist Churchyard

The Council has **received** a quotation from two dry stone wall builders for the repair of the two sections of collapsed boundary wall and **resolved** to accept the quotation received from Mr Rushton to rebuild 12 meters in total at £50 per meter.

f. other lengthsman services

Cllr Wood **reported** that the lengthsman has been instructed to strim Todd Style Footpath and also to strim around the bench on Back Lane.

g. NYC Highways matters

- 1 dangerous junction A65 / Station Road
NYC Cllr Simon Myers **reported** that NYC Highways is not intended to install any road signs on Kayley Hill.
- 2 Main Street improvements
On behalf of the Working Group Cllr Palmer **reported** about the issues on Main Street and suggested that the Council consider asking NYC Highways to install traffic calming measures in due course.

h. YDNPA matters

There were no YDNPA matters reported.

i. other maintenance issues, including tree matters

1 Saplings on boundary wall at Back Green

The Council had **received** correspondence about some overgrowing Ash saplings through the boundary wall with Maison D'Enchère on Back Green and **agreed** to ask Tree Tops Forestry to treat the saplings and remove the roots.

2 Tree at Lover's Walk, overhanging into garden at Riley's Croft.

The Council had **received** correspondence from a resident at Riley's Croft about an overhanging Ash tree into their garden. The Council was **informed** that the Ash tree is located on private land and is suffering from ash dieback. The Council **agreed** that the resident is entitled to remove any branches that overgrow their land and to make enquiries with the YDNPA Area Ranger about maintenance responsibility for Lover's Walk.

3 Works to tree at Maypole Inn.

The Council **noted** that the work to cut off overhanging branches within the car park of the Maypole Inn from a large substantial tree from one of the abutting gardens has been completed and that the wall in the corner, which had fallen into disrepair, has now been rebuilt.

4 Tree on parcel of land at Kirk Lee.

The Council had **received** correspondence that the branches of the tree on the parcel of land opposite Kirk Lee are overhanging into the road and **noted** that the tree has been cut back.

4.9 To consider action regarding parish matters other than maintenance

a. Parking matters

1 The Council has **received** correspondence about parked vehicles appearing to block public highways in the village. The Council **reiterated** its intention to carry out an assessment on all its village greens and its bisected roads and tracks in due course and it **agreed** to respond to the resident that vehicles are permitted to park on the highways and that, where a triangle of highways exist, it would seem reasonable for the time being, that vehicles can park on one of the three sides that make the triangle, thus not blocking the other two sides.

2 There was no further report regarding the quotations for the fixing of the 'no parking' signs.

b. Site visit regarding planting of trees as part of Woodland Recreation by YDNPA

The Council had **contacted** the YDNPA Woodland Recreation team and it **noted** their reply that they are interested to look at the land near Edge Lane that the Council had suggested for a woodland creation project. The Council **agreed** to send them a map outlining the area that is under consideration, in order they can look into the site's potential and arrange a site visit with Councillors if appropriate.

c. Kayley Hill approach into the village

The Council **agreed** to consider planting spring bulbs at Kayley Hill at its next meeting.

d. setting up a Christmas Lights Event working group recreation grant by YDNPA

The Council **agreed** to write an article in the Parish Magazine encouraging residents to come forward to volunteer organising the Christmas Lights Event.

e. 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.

1 The Council **noted** a further response to the Council solicitors' letter of claim from the owner of 4 Back Green stating they are not intended to abate from parking and placing objects on Back Green.

- 2 The Council **ratified** issuing court proceedings against the owner of 4 Back Green and contacting the Council's insurers for cover of court proceeding costs.
- 3 The Council had **received** correspondence from the owners of Back Green Barn that necessary repairs to their property cannot be carried out due to the parking of a large horse box on Back Green, close to their glass window and door, which is obstructing their legal pedestrian right of way. The Council **agreed** to write to the owner of 4 Back Green to move the horse box.

4.10 Finance

- a. The Council **resolved** to approve the Financial Statements and Report to 28th June and **noted** the total balance as £18,539.77.
- b. Cllr Kay **verified** the bank reconciliation to 28th June and reported that no issues have been found.

- c. The Council **approved** the payment of the following accounts for July:-

Vodafone direct debit wifi Hall	£ 30.45
Npower (street light electricity June)	£111.62
Sharon Press (Parish Magazine July/August)	£214.00
Steve Prior (grass cutting June 2023)	£455.01
LP Village Hall (hall hire June)	£ 25.00
Cllr Wood (expenses posts and rail fence from JT Atkinson)	£212.04
Cllr Wood (expenses 2 heavy duty outdoor padlocks from Amazon)	£ 29.98
M. Hill (clerk's salary & expenses June)	£716.75
Wellers Law Group LLP (continued instruction re matter on Back Green)	£843.60
D. Bussey (lengthsman services to date)	£340.20
HSBC monthly bank charges	£ 8.00

The Council **noted** receipt of £18.34 from HSBC as interest for June.

The Council **noted** receipt of £300 from North Yorkshire Council as Locality Budget Grant towards the costs of the Coronation events.

- d. The Council **considered** to give a donation to the Parochial Church Council towards the costs of felling a sycamore, which was found to be in a bad state caused by a fungi at St Mary's Church. The Council was **informed** that the total cost, which includes the light trimming of a silver birch, is £2,485, however, that the Anglican Diocese of Leeds is unwilling to contribute to the costs. The Council **resolved** to make a donation of £750.00 to Long Preston PCC as the churchyard has a public footpath through it and is regularly used by residents and visiting walkers and tourists.

4.11 Reports on or Notice of meetings of Other Bodies

* The Council **noted** the NYC Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2) funding.

* YLCA: White Rose Bulletin 2/6, 16/6, 30/6; NALC Chief Executive Bulletins; invitation to attend the Joint Annual meeting on 22 July.

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

The Council **considered** a request by the May Day Committee to hold a fundraising barbeque and camping night at the Playing Field on 11th August, as long as the kitchen in the pavilion is not used.

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

The Council has **received** a request from the May Day Committee to hold the May Day celebrations 2024 on the Playing Field and it **agreed** to consider this request at the next Parish Council meeting.

4.14 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to conduct the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council