

LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 1st December 2022
MINUTES

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

In attendance: Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill, and three members of the public. County Councillor Simon Myers attended the meeting for 15 minutes.

8.1 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.

Mr Newhouse reported that the area in front of the Village Hall is clear of parked cars most of the time, since the installation of a white line. However, cars now appear to be parked in front of the Church, opposite the T-junction, making it difficult for vehicles to pass. This item was further discussed at 8.9b.2

Mr Newhouse also participated at item 8.8d: stones available for West End village green.

Mrs Harrison-Walker reported about the mirror on Main Street, opposite Station Road and asked the Council to consider a replacement mirror of a better quality. This item was further discussed at 8.12 as a matter of urgency to be addressed.

Mrs Harrison-Walker also participated at item 8.8e.2: maintenance on Todd Style Footpath

8.2 Apologies for absence. None received.

8.3 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.

8.4 Minutes of Meeting

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7, held on 6th November should be approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Wood, as a true and accurate record.

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

The Council **noted** there were no matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the agenda reported.

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

- a. County Councillor Simon Myers reported that the County Council has decided to introduce discretionary council tax support for young people who have left care, including up to 100% reduction in council tax for those living on their own and 50% reduction for young care leavers living in a household with another person.

The County Council has decided to introduce a 100% premium for council tax bills on second homes within the next two years, which would effectively double council tax bills for second home owners. North Yorkshire has the highest number of second homes in the region, and concerns have been voiced that the trend is undermining the availability of housing for local communities as well as inflating property prices. The 100% council tax premiums on second homes would not be introduced until 1st April 2024, if the Government's new proposals become enshrined in law.

- b. There was no report from District Council Cllr Chris Moorby relating to Long Preston.
- c. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 12 incidents during the period between 31 October and 26 November 2022, of which five incidents were road related, such as parking dispute, broken down vehicle on the A65, a collision on Main Street, and manner of driving.

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

a. Applications

- 1 C/52/89G – Full planning permission for erection of extension to existing agricultural building, Megs Farm, Green Gates Lane. The Council **agreed** it had no comments to make.
- 2 C/52/695C – Householder planning permission for erection of single storey extension to kitchen/diner and associated alterations, 19a - 19b Kirk Lee House, 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**. The Council was **informed** that CDC will strive to determine this planning application before the integration to a unitary council on 1st April 2023.
- 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 CDC: 2022/23966/FUL – Conversion of existing farm buildings to 3 no. dwellings, Borks Hill, Sour Dale Lane. **Withdrawn**
- 5 YDNPA: C/52/93C – full planning permission for conversion of barn to 4 no. cottages for local occupancy or short term holiday lets, Maypole Barn, Main Street. **Not yet decided**
- 6 YDNPA: C/52/742 – householder planning permission for erection of single and double storey extension to rear of property, 4, Greenbank Terrace. **Approved conditionally**.
- 7 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**

c. Other Planning Matters

No other Planning Matters were reported.

8.8 To consider action regarding parish maintenance matters

a. street lighting matters

- 1 The Council **noted** the reply from the NYCC Street Light Officer regarding the installation of a new streetlight on Greengates Lane, that NYCC has no statutory obligation, or the funds, to erect street lighting on Greengates Lane or any other unlit roads. The Council was **informed** that County Cllr Simon Meyers might have some available funding left this financial year towards the cost of a new street light and **decided** to ask the NYCC Street Light Officer to provide a quotation.
- 2 The Council **noted** the reply from the NYCC Street Lighting Officer regarding the electricity connection to the newly erected column at Magna Print that the order to ENW to connect to the new column will be issued soon.

- 3 The Council was **informed** that street light 22 on the Village Hall snooker room has been repaired.
- 4 The Council **ratified** to report street light 30 on the triangle by the Post Office as faulty to the contractor and was **informed** that this street light has been repaired.
- b. Playing Field matters
- 1 Regarding the purchase of additional signage, such as 'people use the playing fields at their own risk', and a few signs 'no dogs allowed' Cllr Wood **reported** that the cost would be approximately £12.00 per sign. The Council **resolved** that Cllr Wood should proceed and be recompensed for the expenses incurred for the purchase of these signs.
- 2 The Council was **informed** that weekly inspections of the play equipment on the Playing Field are carried out by Cllr Wood. The Council **agreed** that these weekly inspections should be carried out by Members on a rotatory scheme.
The Council **considered** the placement of a waste bin at the Playing Field and was **informed** that CDC will not have the personnel capacity to empty this. Cllr Moorby will make enquiries if a wheelie bin from CDC is available.
- 3 The Council **noted** that a letter has been sent to the Playing Field Association, giving them permission for the renovation of the pavilion, required to submit a grant application form.
- c. tree assessment quotations
- The Council **noted** it had accepted the quotation by Tree Tops Forestry to carry out the tree assessment for £595.00 + VAT and it is awaiting a reply.
- d. lengthsman services
- The Council was **informed** that the work on the benches is in progress. Regarding the work at West End to place stones on the village green to stop vehicles parking, the Council **agreed** that Cllr Harris and Mr Newhouse should arrange a site visit to the available pile of stones in order to have some of them moved to West End.
- e. NYCC Highways matters
- 1 The Council had **contacted** NYCC Highways regarding maintenance work on Todd Style Footpath, which has recently migrated over to NYCC Highways' control and **agreed** to contact them again and request a reply.
- 2 The Council **considered** the representation at the public participation session regarding the installation of a street light at Todd Style Footpath and **agreed** to ask County Cllr Simon Myers if funding is available for some low-level lighting in conjunction with NYCC Highways.
- 3 The Council **noted** that District Cllr Chris Moorby had reported the displaced kerb at the junction of Station Road / A65 to NYCC Highways for urgent repair.
- 4 The Council had **received** further correspondence about the road noise on the A65 due to poor surface quality and **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways again to resurface the stretch of the A65 on either side of the traffic lights at the Maypole Green and Rohan shop.
- f. YDNPA matters
- The Council had **contacted** the YDNPA Area Ranger to investigate the barbed wire, which has been placed on the fence on a Public Right Of Way between New Pasture Lane and Scalehaw Lane and **noted** the reply that barbed wire next to a public footpath is permissible as long as the definitive width of the public footpath is available for the public use. There shall be no barbed wire, or other sharp or injurious object, or unsheathed electric fencing inside the structure or within 1 000 mm of the structure, or within the manoeuvring space. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Moorby should have a word with the landowner to ensure that there is a 1 000 mm gap next to the stone step stiles along Long Preston Beck.

g. other maintenance issues

The Council had **received** correspondence that the manhole cover on Main Street near Rohan shop has not been repaired yet and **agreed** to report this again to United Utilities.

8.9 To consider action regarding parish matters other than maintenance

a. Speeding matters

- 1 The Council **agreed** that the Chairman, Cllr Bellis, should write a letter to NYCC Chief Executive regarding average speed cameras and the installation of a 20mph zone on either side of the A65.
- 2 The Council also **agreed** that the Chairman, Cllr Bellis, and Cllr Moorby should download the data from the VAS in order this can be shared with NYCC Highways and the VAS re-positioned.
- 3 The Council has **received** correspondence regarding the launch of a petition to introduce Fixed and Average speed cameras to North Yorkshire and **agreed** that Members could individually sign this Petition.

b. Parking matters

- 1 The Council **considered** the detailed report from the Parking Issues Workgroup, which identified specific areas of concerns, as well as general and specific options, and **decided** to arrange a Public Consultation Meeting on Thursday 23rd February in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm to discuss the report with residents. The Council **agreed** to publicise the report on its website and in the Parish Magazine prior to the public meeting.
- 2 The Council **noted** correspondence received from the Village Hall Committee with regard to parking on Chapel Walk to ask people to park on the pavement side of Chapel Walk, as parking on the right-hand side would make it very difficult for residents to access and egress their driveway. Parking close to the junction and the corners can also create an issue with driving out of Chapel Walk.

c. telephone kiosk

The Council has not had a reply from the Heritage Group to come forward with their ideas about the future use of the kiosk.

d. the Christmas Lights Switch-on Event on 3rd December 2022

The Council was **informed** that the Village Hall has been booked for Saturday 3rd December for the community Christmas Lights Switch-on Event. The Chairman, Cllr Bellis, thanked all Members involved in the organisation of this event, particularly Cllrs Attewell, Kay, Moorby, and Wood.

The Council **ratified** the purchase of a 20 foot Christmas tree from Hawcliffe Farm for £300 plus VAT and it **noted** that Dinsdale Moorland Services are unable to consider a donation to the Christmas tree this year. The Council **agreed** that the Chairman, Cllr Bellis, will write a letter to Mr John Dinsdale, thanking him for all the previous years' donations.

The Council **ratified** the purchase of 5 outdoor sockets and plugs to connect the lanterns at the top of the Maypole for £39.65 plus VAT.

The Council **noted** that several sections of the Christmas Lights have been found unusable around The Green and **ratified** the purchase of a new set of Christmas Lights, necessary connections and transformer from Festive Lights for £239.81 plus VAT.

The Council was **informed** that the proprietor of the Post Office has handed in £100 from the charity box from a number of residents to the Parish Council towards the costs of the Christmas Lights Switch-on Event, which the Council has gratefully received.

e. Emergency Plan update

The Council **noted** correspondence received from the NYCC Resilience and Emergencies Officer to update the Parish Council Emergency Plan and **agreed** to defer discussions regarding this item to the next Parish Council meeting.

- f. to consider terminating the lease for the Baptist Chapel Graveyard
The Council **agreed** to defer discussions regarding this item to the next Parish Council meeting.
- g. 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 **considered** the next steps regarding the legal proceedings against the owners of 4 Back Green and the implications for the two parties involved and was **informed** of the two options left to legally resolve all matters in dispute with them. The Council **decided** to seek advice if, at this moment, mediation would be a better option to litigation and if so, **agreed** it should invite the owner of 4 Back Green to mediation as the better option prior to continuing to pursue litigation.

8.10 Finance

- a. The Council **resolved** to approve the Financial Statements and Report to 22nd November and **noted** the total balance of both accounts as £23,103.76, of which approximately £13,000 in revenue and £10,000 in capital funds.
- b. The Council **approved** the payment of the following accounts for December:-
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| Vodafone direct debit wifi Hall | £ 26.85 |
| Sharon Press (Parish Magazine December/January) | £241.50 |
| Npower (street light electricity November) | £ 90.77 |
| Royal British Legion (Remembrance Wreath 2022) | £ 25.00 |
| DJA & PH Thompson (Christmas tree 2022) | £360.00 |
| Cllr Wood (Festive Lights Ltd invoice for Christmas lights 2022) | £287.77 |
| Cllr Moorby (expenses for Christmas lights events) | £ 47.58 |
| LP Village Hall (hall hire 3/11) | £ 20.00 |
| M. Hill (clerk's salary & expenses November) | £705.50 |
| Harrison&Cross (testing Christmas tree lights + RCDs & swap faulty RCD) | £ 58.14 |
| Tim Palmer (expenses strimming Playing Field) | £ 16.27 |
| HSBC monthly bank charges for November | £ 8.00 |
- The Council **noted** receipt of £6.53 from HSBC as interest for November.
The Council **noted** receipt of £100.00 from members of the public as donation in the charity box at the Post Office for the Christmas Lights Switch-on event 2022.
The Council **noted** receipt of £250.00 from YDNPA for maintenance of 4 PROWs on their behalf.
- c. The Council **considered** the budget for the Financial Year 2023-2024 and **agreed** to set the expenditure budget at £26,740. The Council **resolved** to precept its new Billing Authority, North Yorkshire Council, for £26,500, an increase of 1.8%, thereby setting the receipts budget at £27,182 for the year.
- d. The Council **noted** the cost increase to the printing of the Parish Magazine as a result of inclusion of the Parish Council Minutes and **reiterated** to pay for these additional costs. The Council was **informed** that, following the trial of inclusion of the Parish Council Minutes in the Parish Magazine, a questionnaire for residents to agree / disagree a continuation of the inclusion will be included in the December/January issue.
- e. The Council was **informed** that some Members have reconsidered to be a signatory on the bank mandate and **agreed** an amendment to the new HSBC bank mandate to now include Cllrs James Bellis, Ann Kay, Elizabeth Palmer, and Robert Wood as signatories.

8.11 Reports on or Notice of meetings of Other Bodies

* NYCC: The Council **noted** that a consultation to replace the existing Charter and establish working relationships between the Unitary Council and 731 Town and Parish Councils will be undertaken from January 2023. The campaign also includes a commitment to pilot double devolution, which provides opportunities for town and parish councils and community groups to manage services and assets on behalf of the new council. All instances of double devolution would need to have a solid business case and delivery plan and be cost neutral to the new council.

* PFCC: Public Trust and Confidence online Survey; Community Remedy online Survey

* Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission (YHCC): Climate Action Pledge press release

* YLCA: White Rose Bulletin 11/11; 25/11; Webinar Training Programme November 2022 to March 2023; Law and Governance Bulletin November 2022; NALC Chief Executive's Bulletins

8.12 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** the representation by the resident at the Public Participation session and **decided** that County Cllr Simon Myers should address the installation of a replacement mirror on Main Street opposite the junction with Station Road with NYCC Highways as a matter of urgency. The Council also **decided** to ask County Cllr Simon Myers to start negotiations with the Highways Authorities to consider a more robust solution, such as the installation of a zebra crossing with traffic lights at this very dangerous junction.

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

There were no reports or comments reported.

8.14 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.10.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council