

LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 11th January 2024
MINUTES Meeting 9 2023-2024

The Parish Council allocated a reasonable period of time at the start of the meeting to allow registered electors the opportunity to ask questions and / or make statements that relate to the work of the Council.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance

9.1a Present: Cllrs James Bellis, (Chair), Katy Attewell, Gareth Croll, Steve Harris, Ann Kay, and Liz Palmer.

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Wood.

In attendance: North Yorkshire Council Councillor Simon Myers, for part of the meeting, and Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill.

9.1b The Council **considered** the reason for absence provided by Cllr Wood and **resolved** acceptance of this as relevant.

9.2 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.

9.3 Minutes of Meeting

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 8, held on 7th December, should be approved and signed by the Chair, Cllr Bellis, as a true and accurate record.

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

- a. placing 'no parking' signs on all village greens
Cllrs Bellis and Harris **reported** that 'no parking' signs have been erected on most village greens and that the remainder will be erected soon.
The Council was **informed** that one 'no parking' sign has disappeared from The Green and **decided** that this sign should be replaced.

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

- a. County Councillor Simon Myers reported on the NYC Members Budget Update seminar regarding the proposed NYC budget for 2024/2025, which indicated the pressures and currently proposed savings. Group meetings on budget refinement are ongoing and the budget will be considered by Full Council on 21st February. The savings do not envisage any meaningful cuts to front line services or delivery, although pressures continue beyond this year and NYC will draw on reserves to provide a balanced budget and further savings will have to be made.

County Cllr Simon Myers is continuing to negotiate the most ideal time to carry out the extensive works of the replacement of the collapsed culvert on Green Gates Lane with NYC Highways. Cllr Myers has asked Highways to clear out the drains around Charbert Cottage, The Green, following extensive rainfall over a period of time.

Cllr Myers reported that Settle Area Swimming Pool (SASP) is currently facing financial difficulty as their monthly energy bill has gone up from £1,000 to £7,000. Cllr Myers is in contact with the Trustees of SASP to discuss ways in which NYC can assist them.

County Cllr Myers left the meeting.

- b. The Council had **received** the police incidents report, which contained 11 incidents during the period between 7 December and 9 January, all of a minor nature.

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

a. Applications

The Council **noted** it had not received any 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. **Approved conditionally – Section 106 agreement**
- 3 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**
- 4 YDNPA: C/52/57C – Outline planning permission for erection of 10 No. residential properties with access, appearance, layout and scale (landscaping reserved) at Land at Grosvenor Farm, Main Street. **Awaiting legal agreement**
- 5 NYC: ZA23/25431/HH Two storey side extension, Railway View, 12 Ribblesdale Estate. **Granted**
- 6 YDNPA: C/52/77E Householder planning permission for installation of solar panels on the front roof elevation, 4, Rileys Croft. **Approved conditionally**

c. Other and additional Planning Matters

- 1 The Council **noted** the NYC North Yorkshire Local Plan Launch event presentation slides.
- 2 The Council had received the NYC Informal Consultation for Wildlife & Countryside Act S53 Application CRA/2007/39/DMMO and CRA/2020/02/DMMO for an Order to modify the Definitive Map and Statement of public rights of way along Langber Lane, Dacre Lane and Haw Lane, by amending the status of the currently-recorded Footpaths and Unclassified Roads to Bridleway / Byway Open to All Traffic. The Council **agreed** to investigate if the above mentioned lanes are suitable for motorised vehicles and provide comments and evidence for the Council to consider at the next Parish Council meeting. The Council also **agreed** to contact Hellifield Parish Council and Otterburn Parish Meeting and seek their views regarding Dacre Lane and Haw Lane respectively.

9.7 To consider action regarding parish maintenance matters

a. speed calming measures on Main Street

The Council had **contacted** NYC Highways asking for speed calming measures on Main Street and it **noted** the reply from the NYC Highways Customer Communications Officer that physical speed calming measures such as traffic calming/speed bumps will not be considered, nor does the location meet the criteria for a 40 mph buffer zone, however, NYC Highways will look at two or three pairs of additional 30 mph roundels on the road throughout the village. The Council was **informed** that the last speed survey of 2015 did not highlight a speeding issue and that North

Yorkshire Police had deployed the Safety Camera Van only nine times in seven months for short periods, excluding the months of May, July and August. The Council **agreed** to ask Highways to paint the roundels on the road and to ask the NY Police to deploy the Safety Camera Van in the village more often and for longer periods.

b. Playing Field matters

- 1 Regarding the repair of the medium risk items of play equipment at the Playing Field as highlighted by the RoSPA Inspection Report the Council was **informed** that a site meeting with a local contractor to provide an estimate of the costs involved will be arranged soon.
- 2 Regarding the servicing or replacement of the fire extinguishers at the pavilion the Council **agreed** for Cllr Palmer to contact Airedale Fire Protection Services to arrange a site meeting and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

c. bus shelter maintenance

The Council has **received** an estimate of the maintenance costs to the bus shelter and the notice boards of one local contractor and it **agreed** for Cllr Palmer to liaise with one other local contractor asking them to contact the Parish Council with a view to providing a second estimate of the costs.

d. lengthsman services

The Council **agreed** for Cllr Harris to contact the lengthsman and ask him to erect the remaining 'no parking' signs on Back Green and replace the removed sign on The Green.

e. NYC Highways matters

Cllr Palmer **reported** that most drains on Greengate Lane are blocked and the Council **agreed** to consider action at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Council **agreed** asking NYC Cllr Simon Myers to consider contacting NYC Highways for them to carry out an inspection of all village drains in the village and take any appropriate action.

f. YDNPA matters

There were no YDNPA matters reported.

g. any other maintenance issues

There were no other maintenance issues reported.

9.8 To consider action regarding parish matters other than maintenance

a. renewal of nomination of The Maypole Inn and The Post Office as Assets of Community Value

The Council was **informed** it is in the process of completing the form to be submitted to NYC.

b. D-Day 80 event on 6 June 2024

The Council has **received** a letter and further information from the Pageantmaster, Bruno Peel who is organising D-Day 80 on 6th June 2024 in commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings on the five Beaches in Normandy, France. The Council was **informed** of the several ways in which it can take part, such as to light a Beacon at 9.15pm on 6th June; and to ask the Churches to take part in the 'ringing out for peace' event.

The Council **agreed** for Cllr Croll to contact some members of the community to get them involved in the lighting of the beacon and also contact the PCC if they are willing to take part in the ringing out for peace event.

The Council also **agreed** for Cllr Harris to make enquiries in respect of building a beacon.

- c. to set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council
- 1 Annual Parish Meeting
The Council was **informed** that under the Local Government Act 1972 this meeting must be held between 1 March and 1 June and **agreed** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting 2024 on 4th April at 8.00 pm, preceded by the ordinary Parish Council meeting at 6.30 pm.
 - 2 Annual Meeting of the Council
The Council was **informed** that under the Local Government Act 1972 this meeting must be held any day in May and **agreed** to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council on 2nd May at 7.30 pm in the small meeting room upstairs, due to mayoral elections. This meeting will be immediately followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.
- d. to consider extension of lengthsman services contract and renewal of grass mowing contract, both for 2024-2025
- The Council **resolved** that item 9.8d.1 and 9.8d.2 are 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 extension of lengthsman services contract
The Council **agreed** to defer discussing the extension of the lengthsman services contract by a further year to the next Parish Council meeting.
 - 2 renewal of grass mowing contract
The Council had **received** a quotation for mowing the village greens 26 cuts per year for a total of £3,003.00 and **agreed** to offer the grass mowing contract for the year 2024-2025 to Mr Steve Prior. The contract allows for an extension by a further year at the discretion of the Council in the early spring of 2025.
- e. village green matters
- To **receive** an update regarding progress of court proceedings at Back Green.
The Council **resolved** that item 9.8e 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 **received** correspondence from its insurers stating they have not received the signed Terms of Appointment from the Council's solicitors. The Council was **informed** that its insurers only indemnify the Council's solicitor's fees to £100 per hour with the Council having to pay the difference. The Council had asked its insurers to clarify a number of points in their correspondence; particularly in respect of the insurer's indemnifying the hourly charge to a solicitor when appointed by the insurers. The Council is awaiting a reply from its insurers.

9.9 Finance

- a. The Council **resolved** to approve the Financial Statements and Report to 28th December and **noted** the total balance as £20,012.83.
- b. Cllr Croll **verified** the bank reconciliation and **reported** that no issues have been found.
- c. The Council **approved** the payment of the following accounts:-

Vodafone (wifi Village Hall)	£ 30.45
Npower (street light electricity December)	£229.24
LP Village Hall (hall hire 7/12)	£ 25.00
M. Hill (clerk's salary & expenses December)	£788.89
Timberworks (24 hardwood stakes for signage)	£288.00

HSBC monthly bank charges £ 8.00

The Council **noted** receipt of £24.05 from HSBC as interest for December.

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

The Council **noted** receipt of £975 on behalf of the Parish Magazine Committee to 28th December.

- d. The Council **considered** the appointment of its internal auditor for the current financial year and **resolved** to appoint Account-ant (Yorkshire) Limited to carry out the internal audit for the financial year 2023-2024 for a fee of £120.

9.10 Reports on or Notice of meetings of Other Bodies

* PFCC: precept consultation until 21 January

* YLCA: White Rose Bulletin 15/12, 5/1; Law and Governance Bulletin December; NALC Chief Executive Bulletins

* YDNPA: Autumn Parish Forum notes briefings and presentations.

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

The Council **noted** that no matters of urgency were reported.

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

- a. The Council has **received** a request for drainage maintenance on The Green, including edging and **agreed** to consider this at the next Parish Council meeting.
- b. The Council **noted** the YLCA biodiversity training webinar on 26th February and **agreed** for Cllr Palmer to attend.

9.13 Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday 1st February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to conduct the Acting Chair closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council