

LONG PRESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THURSDAY 13TH July 2018

MINUTES

Present: Long Preston Parish Council: Councillors Nick Tyrer (Chairman), John Goodall (Vice-Chairman), and Paul Morley; Parish Clerk Marijke Hill, Craven District Council Councillor Chris Moorby, North Yorkshire County Council Councillor Richard Welch, and representatives from May Day Committee, Heritage Group, and Playing Field Association and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Parish Council Cllr David Inglis, North Yorkshire National Park Authority Ranger Rob Ashford and North Yorkshire Police PCSO Jayne Grace.

2. **To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th April 2017**
The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th April 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Nick Tyrer, as a true and accurate record.

3. **Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Chairman, Cllr Tyrer reported that after elections earlier in the year four Councillors have been re-elected and that there are, therefore, three vacancies, which the Parish Council hopes to fill soon. More Councillors are needed in order to proceed with further projects in the village.

4. **Reports from County, District Councillors, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and the Police**

NYCC North Yorkshire County Council Councillor Richard Welch reported that by 2020 NYCC will get £200 million a year less than in 2008 and many services had to be cut. A large part of the budget is allocated to care for the elderly and 2% of the 4.99% council tax is now earmarked for elderly care.

NYC Cllr Welch will be the Chairman of the re-organised NYCC Craven Area Committee, now a Constituency Committee with six extra members from the Ripon area.

The community library in Settle is doing well with over 60 volunteers.

NYC Cllr Welch has given £2000 to the Castleberg Scouts for refurbishing the Drill Hall; £1000 to Hellifield Station Road Playpark for equipment; and £1000 to assist Settle Town Council with the cost of fireworks at the Christmas Lights switch on, all from the Members Locality Budget. Another £1000 was allocated to Settle Church for a portable stage for functions. An Environment Grant scheme has been introduced. Any litter picking group that would take collected rubbish to Settle Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) would need their cars registered with NYCC to allow the use of any HWRC.

The Members on the review committee have agreed to recommend that NYCC changes its policy to allow parishes to purchase and maintain a Vehicle Activated Sign. The report with recommendations will go to the NYCC Executive Committee for approval soon.

NYC Cllr Welch invited questions and Cllr Tyrer asked what NYCC's policy is regarding potholes as it seems that there are many awaiting repair. NYC Cllr Welch

replied that there are 5,600 miles of road in North Yorkshire and the County Council is doing the best it can with the funds it has.

Cllr Tyrer asked if the funding for road safety improvements on the A682 would include the re-alignment of the access from the Almshouses onto the A682. NYC Cllr Welch replied that the funding of £615,000 is made available from the Safer Roads Fund and involves junction improvements, vehicle restraint renewals, skid resistance upgrades and new signs and lines, but the re-alignment was not part of this scheme. However, whilst it would not be within the Parish Council's remit to apply for (part of) this funding to be used to re-align the Almshouses access, the Parish Council could write to NYCC to put its support for (part of) the allocation of this fund to the Almshouses access.

CDC Craven District Council Councillor Chris Moorby has been trying to get speeding enforcement on the A65 through Long Preston and reported that speed data obtained in 2016 indicated a mean speed of 29/31 mph and that the location was suitable for Community Speed Watch. This location has also been passed to the safety camera team for enforcement and NYP has a safety camera bike location, which will monitor for speed.

With regards to the planning application for development on land to the west of Hellifield, CD Cllr Moorby reported that YDNPA has withdrawn its objection on the basis that any planning permission should include a significant financial contribution to maintain and improve the local footpath and cycle network. Natural England have withdrawn part of their objection on the basis that the applicant should identify and agree to purchase land in the Long Preston Floodplain (and Long Preston Deeps SSSI) to mitigate the impact on wildlife on the Hellifield Flash.

Regarding the Northern Rail new timetable and subsequent fewer trains stopping at Long Preston, CD Cllr Moorby reported that Mr Graham North of NYCC had replied that, whilst accepting there are some large gaps in the timetable between Long Preston and Carlisle and vice versa, it is going to be difficult to accommodate more stops based on current demand and the impact that additional stops may have on the timings of all the trains arriving / departing Leeds and Preston. A further meeting with Northern Rail has been scheduled in September 2018 to address the issue of more trains stopping at Long Preston.

As Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee, a new policy was agreed by the full CDC and implemented to strengthen the situation regarding taxis and private hire vehicles with the aim to give CDC greater power over enforcement action and this new policy should make the situation safer for the residents of Craven.

YDNPA There was no report from the Area Ranger.

NYP There was no report from the North Yorkshire Police.

5. Reports from Community organisations

a. May Day Committee

Michelle Scholes reported that May Day was very successful, helped mainly by the good weather. Attendance was up from previous years. The cost was £1565 and the Committee has collected £1590.

Several film nights have been held over the year which has helped fund a new BBQ and more film nights are planned before the end of the year. The Committee has started to make plans for the 50th May Day in 2020.

b. Heritage Group

Richard Boothman reported that it has been a quiet year with no major projects being initiated and one of the projects, related to the parish records and memorials in the Churchyard took some time to get started.

The main project for this year and for the next few years is to archive all the material that the Heritage Group has accumulated over the last 10 years and Richard thanked Sheila Goodall and her team for their hard work with this project.

The Heritage Group would like to commemorate the end of the Great War by, again, displaying the photographs of the 15 men of Long Preston who lost their lives and mount them on 15 crosses ringing the village green. The Parish Council will discuss this item at its meeting in September.

The Heritage Group would support the Parish Council in its plans for change of use of the old telephone box after necessary refurbishment and the Group could put on small periodic exhibitions of material in conjunction with other village groups or put together a permanent information board for display to give a thumbnail history of the village and its development. This item, too, will be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting in September.

c. Playing Field Association

Andy Kay reported that some volunteers had stayed and tidied up the grounds and a small grant has been secured for some items of play equipment. The main issue is the new electricity supply, the cost of which is approximately £7,000. The YDNPA Sustainable Development Fund will provide £5,000 and Andy asked NYC Cllr Richard Welch if the PFA could apply for the remainder from the Environmental Grant.

d. Women's Institute

The Chairman read out the report from Jacquie Morley:

Members of Long Preston WI took part in various events throughout the NY West Federation area and also the Craven group of WI's. Once again the WI helped out at May Day, serving refreshments and cream teas in the village hall. Long Preston WI meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall and it has a varied programme of speakers throughout the year. In June 2018 several of the members visited the Clapham Cave Rescue Organisation headquarters followed by supper at Knights Table in Stainforth and in September the speaker will inform members about the work of the coroner's office. The WI is always keen to welcome new members.

6. Parishioners' concerns and comments

No concerns and comments were raised.

Cllr Tyrer closed the meeting by thanking all for their positive input. The meeting closed at 9.10pm.