

Clapham cum Newby Parish Council

Wednesday 19th June 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs Colin Price, John Dawson, Maria Farrer, Diane Elphinstone

In Attendance: Steven Culver (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), a Representative of the Sustainability Group & 3 members of the public.

Parishioner Participation

The Council was questioned as to the current situation of the pollution in the River Wenning. It was believed that the River Wenning Group had a copy of the latest statistics on the spills.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would contact the group to see what was available to bring back to the next meeting

1. To receive apologies: Cllr Ann Sheridan, Ann Stewart

2. Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and other interests in relation to items on this Agenda. To be raised at the relevant point in the meeting.

2.2 Requests for dispensations in connection with items on this Agenda. None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2024 as a true and fair record

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 2024 should be approved and signed by Cllr Price as a true and accurate record.

4. Action Point Review - Updates on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Meeting 15-May-24

- i) Changes to the bus service between Kirkby Lonsdale and Skipton meaning that buses would turn around in Settle requiring passengers to move to an alternative bus to continue their journey. *The clerk had contacted NYC Passenger Transport and been informed that since the service was not regulated it was up to Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches how they delivered the service, however the situation would be monitored.* **COMPLETE**
- ii) Potholes at Bleak Bank Farm and on Newby Moor had been reported by the Clerk and Cllr Dawson advised white lines had been painted around the ones by Bleak Bank. **COMPLETE**
- iii) The Potholes near the Masons Arms in Ingleton had been reported to Ingleton PC by the Clerk and subsequently raised to NYC. **COMPLETE**
- v) Following consultation with other interested parties the decision had been taken to withdraw the request to accompany the review. **COMPLETE**
- vi) The Clerk had reverted to Settle Beavers that the Council would be pleased for them to place some of their "please clean up after your dog" signs around the village. **COMPLETE**
- vii) The Clerk had resent the relevant the e' mail regarding the NALC Consultation on local energy Projects to all Councillors **COMPLETE**
- viii) The Clerk had advised that the Tree Nursery Lease now met the Councils requirements **COMPLETE**
- ix) Closed Churchyard mowing and annual memorial review. Due to inclement weather this was still **ONGOING**

5. To receive the Police Report

9 Incidents had been reported between 11th May & 15th June.

3 reports of a suspect drink driver

Single vehicle Road Traffic Accident on Bentham Moor

Anti-Social Behaviour – Traveller at Growing with Grace & Horses in Field

2 vehicle Road Traffic Accident – Laithbutts

1x False Report

2 vehicle Road Traffic Accident – Newby

6. Highways, Streetlight, Road Signage and Boundary Markers

6.1 To receive requests and decide further action on

- i) The situation regarding the overflowing drains in wet weather had been reported to NYC Highways who advise following a site visit that these have been placed in the workstack and should be complete by October. Cllr Dawson had unblocked a drain near the Church bridge that had been silted up.
- ii) Cllr Farrer had been approached by numerous residents regarding the problem of parking in the village on busy weekends. The suggestion was to use "residents parking only" signs on posts. The Council noted whilst not legally enforceable the residents could do this if they wished.

- iii) Cllr Price noted that there was now a 2nd hole in the wall on the road to Bentham and numerous potholes on the Keasden Road between the station and the Crossroads as well as one at the Crossroads itself. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would report these.
- iv) It was also reported that water dripping from the railway bridge was starting to cause potholes on the road underneath. Also that Station Road from the station towards the village still had many potholes that required filling. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would Report this to Area 5.

6.2 To receive updates and decide further action on outstanding issues

- i) Works at Clapham Station. North Yorkshire Highways has been asked to reinstate the excavation in March which should have seen it closed appropriately. Despite e-mails requesting an update being sent to both Area 5 and the previous individual who had provided updates, no updates were forthcoming again. Cllr Price advised that he had a phone number for Area 5 that he would pass to the Clerk.

7. Byways Open to All Traffic Update (BOATs)

There was no updates to receive from either the Cragg Lane or Thwait Lane BOAT submissions .

8. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

8.1 Parish Maintenance Matters

- i) None.
- ii) Mowing of Clapham Closed Churchyard. The Council had received a request from the Sustainability Group asking it to consider allowing further areas of the Closed Churchyard to remain unmown to enhance wildflowers. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should look to arrange a meeting with Matthew Holroyd to discuss the situation with a view to ensuring all graves on the trail had appropriate paths cut to them and were easily visible and that other areas of the churchyard where there could be wildflowers be left unmown but with paths cut through.
- iii) The Capstones to Mafeking Bridge had been recovered and could be cemented back in place next week. It was noted that there were numerous capstones dislodged on the village side of the underpass too. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Area 5 since the underpass was the Highways responsibility.

8.2 The community emergency plan, community defibrillator training and other topics related to the emergency services

There was no Update

8.3 Neighbourhood Planning

There was no update.

8.4 Climate Emergency

The Cry of the Curlew exhibition had been well attended on the Saturday and Sunday, but less so on the Friday. It has now been requested to go to Bentham Church and both Bentham and Austwick Schools after it's residency in the Kendal Museum and The Folly.

It was noted that so far this year all Curlew nests had been predated, so despite there being more pairs that in 2023 we were yet to have any successful nests.

The Group had a meeting with Electricity North West to investigate what could be done under their Community Fund and were now reviewing options.

The Group will also have a stall at the Church Fete in July.

9. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications

ZA24/25892/FUL - Hard surfacing of track, including partial re-alignment, turning area and 2no. raised timber bridges (Hailshower Track, F&K Estate, Keasden Road). Comments had been received from both Cllrs Sheridan & Price and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would combine these into a response from the Council.

10. To receive the following planning decisions / information

- i) i) ZA24/25677/FUL - Skylark, Woodgill Farm, Keasden Road - **APPROVED**

11. Financial Matters

11.1 The Council **NOTED** automated payments and receipts made since last meeting;

i) Bank Charges April - £8.00

ii) DD in favour of nPower April Electricity - £60.55

11.2 The Council **RECEIVED** the detailed bank statements as at 31st May 2024 of;

HSBC1 £6,300.89

HSBC2 £12,962.92

11.3 The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments

- i) Clapham Village Hall June Meeting - £17.00
- ii) Account Ant (Audit Fee) - £120.00
- iii) Matthew Holroyd (April / May Churchyard Mowing) £300.00
- iv) Clerks May Salary - £316.20
- v) June PAYE - £3.80
- vi) Donation To Clapham CRO re D-Day80 Support - £50

11.4 The Council **RECEIVED** the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st May 2024 and **NOTED** the delay to the cashing of a couple of cheques by Robert Close. It was subsequently discovered that these had cleared the bank account on 18th June.

11.5 The Council **RECEIVED** the Audit Report with the only recommendation being the use of “.gov.uk” website and e’mal addresses. This had reviously been discussed by the Council who can see no benefits for the significant costs involved and complexity it will cause to local residents.

11.6 The Council **REVIEWED** the Risk Register and agreed that no new risks had arisen and all mitigation plans remained adequate.

13. To receive and consider actions and decisions to be taken:

13.1 To receive and respond to items of correspondence received prior to the meeting

- i) Mobile Phone coverage in the village. Cllr Elphinstone **REQUESTED** contact details for the YDNPA ranger who attended the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk will forward these.
- ii) The Final copy of the Tree Nursery Lease agreement was presented to the Meeting which had already been signed by YDMT. It was **RESOLVED** that the Lease be signed by Cllrs Price and Dawson.
- iii) It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would request 6 weatherproof Keep Yorkshire Clean Posters for placing around the village.

13.2 To receive and respond to items of correspondence received too late for inclusion on the agenda.

- i) Peter Goold from Austwick PC had approached the Clerk regarding any advice on how Newby had achieved a 20mph zone through the village. The Clerk was **ADVISED** that the best people to contact were Peter & Frances Buckley.
- ii) The Blue Van parked on Station Lane had been mentioned in the last meeting and the Clerk had received an e’mail from the owner of the van regarding the circumstances behind it being parked there. The Council thanked the individual for taking the time to advise the council.
- iii) The Council was **ADVISED** of an invitation by Wild Ingleborough for a drop in session on 11th July.

13 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting –

- i) Austwick Waste Water Pumping Station & pollution of River Wenning
- ii) Responsibility for painting of the gates to the Churchyard – PC or PCC- **Now Confirmed PCC**

14. Employment Matters – None.

15. Parishioner Matters Arising - None

16. To confirm the dates for the next meeting as: Wednesday 17th July