

Bainbridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2024

Present:

Parish Cllrs: James Peacock(Chair); Darren Percival (Vice-Chair); Thomas Tennant; Samantha Parfitt

Apologies: Cllr Miriam Cloughton, Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Kate Kelly, also Responsible Financial Officer.

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1	Chairman reminded everyone present of the right to record the meeting although the Council would not be doing so.
2	<u>Consideration of Apologies for Absence</u> <u>Cllr. Cloughton was unable to attend due to road conditions, Cllr. Parfitt apologised for slightly late arrival.</u>
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Cllr. James Peacock declared an interest in Items 11.1.
4	<u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 14th November 2023</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 14 th November 2023 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. Cllr. Tennant proposed that they be adopted as an accurate record of proceedings and this was seconded by Cllr. Percival. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5	<u>Ongoing Matters</u>
5.1	Update on Leaning Tree The tree was felled without any difficulties on 28 th November. William Lambert took away some of the wood and it is hoped that it may be suitable to make a Bench for the village commemorating the recent coronation of King Charles III. Cllr. Percival will discuss this with Mr Lambert and get an idea of costs prior to our next meeting. Cllr. Percival has used most of the wood chippings from the tree to top up those currently under the zip wire slide in the Childrens Play Area. The tree stump has been cut to ground level but is still visible on the village green. The Council discussed removing the stump perhaps in summer after the bulbs have died back. It was resolved to get a costing for this work. It was resolved that this matter be carried forward to the next meeting.
5.2	Village Defibrillator As resolved at the last Meeting the Clerk has applied for funding towards the cost of a defibrillator from the government for a grant which would provide 50% of the cost of a new defibrillator. The Parish Council will require to provide the rest of the money through donations and fundraising. We have also applied for funding from the British Heart Foundation. As yet there has been no

	<p>response to either of these requests. The Clerk had also written to Councillor Yvonne Peacock requesting a grant towards purchasing a new defibrillator. Cllr. Yvonne Peacock has advised that she may be able to provide a grant of up to £1500, this would allow two defibrillators to be purchased.</p> <p>Cllr. James Peacock advised that the TAPAS society would possibly consider making a donation towards the cost of a defibrillator but this had not yet been discussed at a committee meeting. Cllr. Percival advised that at a recent meeting of the Lords of the Manor generously agreed to provide a sum towards a defibrillator. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to them regarding the donation amount.</p> <p>It was therefore resolved that two defibrillators would be purchased. One to be place in Bainbridge, possibly at the village hall, and another in the wider Parish, possibly in Raydaleside.</p> <p>It was resolved that the locations of the defibrillators will be discussed in detail at the next meeting of the Parish Council.</p>
<p>5.3</p>	<p>Brough Hill Stone</p> <p>The Clerk advised that no further updates had been received.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Planning applications -</u></p> <p>To consider planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full planning permission for works comprising: conversion of two existing conjoined agricultural buildings for use for the purposes of gallery/studio for craft, art and cultural events by invitation; erection of two new buildings that contain a workshop, a staff accommodation unit (2 bed) and three short stay visitor accommodation units (each 2 bed); landscaping works, biodiversity enhancements, access alterations and car parking, all in association with the gallery/studio enterprise, (part-retrospective) at Thorns Farm, Marsett Lane, Countersett, DL8 3DE - R/52/243A <p>This is part of previous planning applications which have been fully discussed and the Council have no objections to this application.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Planning decisions –</u></p> <p>To receive decision's or information relating to recent planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder planning permission for removal of existing porch and construction of ground floor extension at Bells Cottage, Stalling Busk, Askrigg, Leyburn, DL8 3DH - R/52/247- 26/4/23. <p>This application has been approved with conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Householder planning permission for erection of extension to replace the existing Upvc conservatory; amendments to fenestration; siting of green house and garden shed; provision of pergola over external doorway; creation of new front entrance door with covered porch and blocking of existing front door at Lile Foss, Countersett, Askrigg, Leyburn, DL8 3DD - R/52/37D <p>The applications has been approved.</p>
<p>8.1</p>	<p><u>National Parks Local Plan Draft Version 6.</u></p>

	No further updates received.
8.2	<p><u>NYC Draft Housing Strategy 2024-2029</u></p> <p>Cllr. James Peacock attended a meeting held in Bainbridge Village Hall on behalf of the Parish Council. A questionnaire provided by NYC was completed but it was felt that a lot of it was not relevant for rural areas. New sites for housing are needed in and around local villages. Cllr. James Peacock will attend future meetings on this matter.</p>
9	<p><u>Highways matters</u></p> <p>The following updates were received regarding issues raised at previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The drain on the A684 is still blocked outside Cupplesfield. NYC are still trying to deal with this. <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the highways department and request an update re the survey work that was carried out. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the large topping stones is off the bridge near Semerwater and the highways department had erected a small barrier and the stone had been removed. <p>There was no further update and it was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Cutting. It seems likely that due to budgeting issues NYC will not have as many resources to cut trees which overhang roads in the Parish. In the interests of road safety Cllr. Yvonne Peacock is putting forward a grant of £1400 to assist the Parish Council carry out tree cutting. The Parish Council would need to provide an additional 10% of the funding. It was resolved that this should go ahead and that trees in Worton, Cubeck & Raydaleside should be cut back as required.
10	<u>Financial Matters</u>
10.1	<p>The following accounts were approved for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unity Trust Bank – Qtly. Bank Charges - £18.00DD • Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary & backpay Nov 23 - £286.06 • HMRC P30 Qtr3.- £173.46 • Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary December 23 - £190.09 • Mrs L Alder – Transformer for Xmas Tree Lights - £17.58pd • C H Fawcett & Sons – Supply & Delivery of Xmas Tree- £192.00 • Mrs K Kelly – Stamps - £6.00 • YLCA Webinair Finance & Budgeting to be refunded by HHAPC £12.50pd. • Mr J Ogbourne- Domain name registration renewal - £33.00 •
10.2	<p>The following receipts were acknowledged.</p> <p>None since the last meeting.</p>

<p>10.3</p>	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 31st December 2023 were presented and initialled. Current balances were reported as follows:-</p> <p>Unity Bank Account Current Account £18290.26 Unity Bank Deposit Account No1 £ 5318.25 Unity Bank Deposit Account No 2 £11221.25</p>
<p>10.4</p>	<p>Unity Bank- Update re Internet Banking</p> <p>Cllr. Cloughton has now been added as a signatory to the Bank Account. The Clerk will check with her that she has received sign on details for Internet Banking.</p> <p>Cllr. Percival had received his Internet Banking password but due to poor mobile phone reception had experienced difficulty when trying to authenticate this. It was resolved that he and the Clerk would arrange to meet where there was good reception to facilitate this.</p>
<p>10.5</p>	<p><u>Unity Trust Bank - Savings Rates</u></p> <p>It was resolved at the last meeting that the sum of £10,000 should be transferred from the Savings Account which holds money ringfenced for the cemetery to a fixed rate account, however it transpires that it requires a minimum balance of £100k so would not be available to us.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u> The following correspondence has been received:-</p>
<p>11.1</p>	<p>Update re insurance claim for damage to vehicle.</p> <p>The Clerk has not had an update from the insurance company or from the brokers. .</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Brokers to request an update.</p>
<p>11.2</p>	<p>Email received regarding Upper Wensleydale Dales Watch.</p> <p>The email received from PC Heather Campbell requesting a contribution to purchase new radios to be used by the Dales Watch was discussed. The Dales Watch no longer have access to the police radios that were used previously. Whilst the Parish Council feel that they cannot normally donate to good causes that on this occasion they would consider contributing a one off sum if other Parish Councils in the area who have been approached were also willing to do so.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the Clerks of the other Parish Councils in the area to ascertain the position of their Councils towards the funding.</p>
<p>11.3</p>	<p><u>YDNPA Autumn Parish Forum 23</u></p> <p>An email giving an update on the Forum with on-line Video Links was circulated to all Councillors. Cllr. Parfitt encouraged Councillors to have a look at these when they had the opportunity. This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>

<p>11.4</p>	<p><u>D-DAY 80 PIN BADGE</u></p> <p>An email was received requesting that the Parish Council consider purchasing badges and also making this information available to the wider public.</p> <p>It was felt that this did not come within the Councils remit.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Children's Play Area</u></p> <p>No updates have been received from North Yorkshire Council since the last meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Percival has been spreading the woodchip from the tree which had to be cut down on the green below the zip wire.</p> <p>He noted that the castle which is made from an old tree stump is starting to deteriorate slightly and thought it might be worth trying to treat it with a wood preservative.</p> <p>This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><u>Village Green Donation Boxes.</u></p> <p>These will be emptied again in the Spring.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p><u>NYCC – Let's Talk Money</u></p> <p>No further updates have been received.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p><u>King Charles III Coronation</u></p> <p>William Lambert took away some of the wood from the felled tree on the village green. Cllr. Percival has agreed to liaise with him regarding potential designs for a bench and also an estimate of costs.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>The Clerk had received an email from a parishioner regarding a Cherry Tree in the cemetery that had been cut back. The tree had been planted as a memorial to family members. The tree had been damaged when another larger tree came down in a storm and it was deemed necessary to prune it back to prevent further damage to it. The Council appreciate the cherry tree which is a lovely feature in the Cemetery and hope that it will regrow in the Spring.</p> <p>The Clerk has been speaking to Karen Prudden, Clerk for the Cemetery , regarding the recording system and this is ongoing. Karen was unable to attend this meeting but hopes to come to the next one.</p> <p>Cllr Percival advised that he has a rowan tree in a pot which could be planted in the cemetery. It was noted that part of one the walls has come down due to the trees. Cllr. Percival will look at patching the wall. It was noted that some of the trees, particularly the laurels are too big and are creating problems.</p> <p>It was resolved that a further £500 should be approved for tree cutting and maintenance.</p>

	<p>No reply has yet been received to our letter to the landowner to ascertain whether negotiations can be reopened to buy additional land to extend the cemetery. Cllr. Parfitt was provided with copies of our previous correspondence and it was resolved that she would discuss this matter with the landowner.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
17	<p><u>Parish Clerk</u></p> <p>The Clerk is using up ink already purchased but will buy a new printer and get a contract for ink as resolved at a previous meeting.</p>
18	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>The latest police report was discussed.</p>
19	<p><u>Lawnmower</u></p> <p>We are still awaiting quotes for a replacement lawnmower. Various potential suppliers were discussed but we need a machine that can cope with the steep slopes etc. Normal ride on mowers won't do. If it is possible we would prefer to purchase a second hand machine with a warranty within a budget of £5000. Cllrs. Peacock & Percival are researching this.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
20	<p><u>D-Day Commemoration Celebrations June 2024</u></p> <p>It is proposed that a line of lit beacons should stretch the length of the country. As this is the 80th Anniversary of D-Day Yorkshire is hoping to have 80 beacons lit across the County. The beacons are to be lit at 9.15pm on the 6th of June. It was resolved at our last meeting that the Council would arrange for the Parish Beacon to be lit. Cllr. Peacock contacted Mason Scarr and he has agreed to set up the beacon. Due to previous commitments neither Cllr. Peacock, Cllr.Percival or Mr Scarr is available to light the beacon and a volunteer will be sought from the parishioners. Cllr. Peacock will see if this could be done via the Bainbridge facebook page.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
21	<p><u>Remembrance Day</u></p> <p>As minuted at the last meeting Cllr. Peacock brought the wreath back from the Memorial and it has dried out well. He will store it for reusing next year.</p> <p>It was resolved that a donation would be made to the British Legion next year in lieu of buying a wreath.</p>
22.	<p><u>Christmas Tree & Lights for 2023</u></p> <p>The village Christmas Lights committee held a very successful event to switch on the Christmas lights on Sunday 3rd December at 4.30p.m. The event included communal singing, a stable set up with donkeys and a visit from Father Christmas. The event was very well attended and was enjoyed by all. The lights around the village were spectacular this year and the Council wished to congratulate William Thwaite, Louise Alder and all the Christmas Lights team and thank them for all their hard work in setting up the lights and the event, and also all the time spent fund raising throughout the year. Special thanks to Louise for assisting the Parish Council with the lights for</p>

	<p>their Christmas Tree when we had a problem with the transformer. It was noted that our tree was a lovely size and shape but it had proved difficult to put up, it was suggested that a slightly smaller tree should be ordered next year.</p>
<p>23.</p>	<p><u>Agenda Items.</u></p> <p>Cllr. Percival has been advised that the bins in the cemetery were being used for dog waste, this is not pleasant for those sorting out the contents and perhaps we should consider placing a proper dog waste bin in the vicinity.</p> <p>No other items were raised for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting.</p>
<p>25.</p>	<p><u>Date of next meeting.</u></p> <p>19th March 2024 at 7.00pm</p>

Signed as a true record.

Dated.