

Bainbridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th July 2023

Present:

Parish Cllrs: James Peacock(Chair); Darren Percival (Vice-Chair); Miriam Cloughton; Brian Brown.

Apologies: Cllr. Thomas Tennant: County 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> Cllr. T. Tennant & County Cllr. Y. Peacock due to prior engagements.
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Cllr. James Peacock declared an interest in Items 10.1, 10.3 & 10.4.
4	<u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 3rd April 2023</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd April 2023 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. Cllr Percival proposed that they be adopted as an accurate record of proceedings and this was seconded by Cllr. Brown. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5	<u>Ongoing Matters</u>
5.1	Update on Leaning Tree The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority have issued an order regarding the tree. The leaning sycamore tree is to be removed and a replacement tree of native species is to be planted within the first planting season after felling. The Council have two years to carry out the work and it was resolved that the work would be carried out by the arborist towards the end of this year once the leaves have fallen. It was also resolved that any large pieces of good wood would be retained and given to William Lambert to make a bench to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles 3 rd .
5.2	Village Defibrillator Cllr. Cloughton had drawn up a draft of the proposed leaflet asking for residents' opinions on the need to replace the defibrillator at Sycamore Hall which has been out of commission for some time. The Draft was accepted and it was resolved that the Clerk would have 400 copies of the leaflet printed. These will then be distributed to homes in the area. A copy will be posted on the village noticeboard and the Parish Council's website. The village shop, local garage and the Rose & Crown Hotel will also be asked to display the leaflet.

5.3	<p>Brough Hill Stone</p> <p>There have been no further updates received from the YDNP regarding relocating the Brough Hill Stone to the Dales countryside museum from the Leeds University museum.</p>
6	<p><u>Planning applications -</u></p> <p>No new applications had been received.</p>
6.1	<p>To discuss procedures for future planning applications.</p> <p>The Current process is that applications received from the Planning Department are circulated to the Councillors by the Clerk, with a request for any comments, and added to the Agenda for the next meeting. The letter from the Planning Department states that unless they hear from the Council by a set date they will assume that there are no objections. The applications are then discussed at the next Parish Council meeting and if the Council have any comments or objections these are recorded in the minutes and the Clerk advises the Planning Department of them. If there are no objections or queries from the Council then no response is required.</p> <p>It was resolved that this process would continue. If the Councillors reply with comments to the Clerk but the next Council meeting is after the date set by the Planning Department the Clerk will notify the planning Department that the Council will discuss the matter at the next meeting and respond then.</p> <p>If a member of the Parish has a planning application that they particularly wish the Council to comment on or support then they should Contact the Council with a view to coming along to the meeting when the application is discussed.</p>
7	<p><u>Planning decisions –</u></p> <p>To receive decision's or information relating to recent planning applications</p> <p>Planning application R/52/186B & R/52/188C/LB at the Old Silk Mill, Countersett.</p> <p>The Planning Department advised us that the above application for retrospective planning permission for the porch/bootroom extension has been approved.</p>
7.1	<p><u>National Parks Local Plan Draft Version 6.</u></p> <p>The National Park has advised that this version is now available on their website.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Councillors would have a look at the proposals for the Parish and surrounding area.</p>
8	<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 Road that runs from Worton to Cuebeck and onto Thornton Rust requires flailing as the hedges and young trees are encroaching onto the road and thus narrowing the driving part of the carriageway. <p>This work has now been carried out and it resolved that the matter is now closed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duck Hill – Countersett to Semerwater - requires flailing as the hedges and young trees are encroaching onto the road and thus narrowing the driving part of the carriageway. The landowner has been requested to cut these back. • On the A684 as it leaves Bainbridge towards Hawes, there is a blocked and damaged drain that requires a site visit outside a property on the left known as Couplesfield. This particular drain has been visited several times but needs further investigation. Cllr. Percival had visited the site. A camera had been placed in the drain and he will request a report of the results. It was also noted that the jetting people had been out working on this area. • Busk Road had been closed due to water damage near the entrance to Carpley Green Farm. The road was repaired very quickly by the Council and is now fixed and passable. It was resolved to keep an eye on this area as further heavy rain could cause further issues. • Post & Chain fence repairs on roadside at village green. It was noted that the County Council had now repaired the broken posts although they looked shabby as they hadn't been painted. A volunteer from the Community has kindly volunteered to repaint the posts white.
9	<u>Financial Matters</u>
9.1	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Colin Teasdale – Repairs to Roundabout £110.00 pd • A J Gallagher Ins. Brokers – Renewal Insurance Premium £652.28pd • Mr J Banks – Grass Cutting £200.00pd • Mrs J M Reynolds – Auditor £50.00pd • Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Wages April 23 £157.54 • Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Wages May £157.54 • Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Wages June £157.54 • P30 – Tax for Clerks wages Quarter 1 £125.37 • Mr J Bank – Grass Cutting £100.00 • H Metcalfe & Son – Fuel & parts for grass cutting equipment £224.00
9.2	<p>The following receipts were acknowledged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lords of the Manor- Donation towards costs of repairs to Post & Chain fence, £400.00 • Cemetery - S Hastings - £230.00 • Cemetery – J S Cloughton £110.00 • Cemetery – Sanderson & Co, W. Orme £420.00 • Village green donation boxes £241.16
9.3	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 30th June 2023 were presented and signed.</p>

	<p>Current balances were reported as follows:-</p> <p>Unity Bank Account Current Account £17928.85 Unity Bank Deposit Account No1 £ 5246.01 Unity Bank Deposit Account No 2 £11068.83</p>
9.4	<p>Unity Bank</p> <p>Internet Banking has now been set up. It was resolved that an internal transfer between accounts which is due to be done will be used a test payment.</p>
10	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The following correspondence has been received:-</p>
10.1	<p>Update re insurance claim for damage to vehicle.</p> <p>No further updates have been received. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
10.2	<p>Update re renewal insurance quote received.</p> <p>The brokers have advised that the claim pending had been noted but that this did not change the renewal premium quotation received. The premium was paid in full as the quote had been discussed at a previous meeting. This matter is now resolved.</p>
10.3	<p>Review & Renewal of Subsidised Local Bus Services.</p> <p>Cllr. Peacock was not a party to these discussions as prior interest noted.</p> <p>An email had been received from North Yorkshire Council asking for the Councils comments regarding the Review and Renewal of Subsidised bus services. The Council are fully in support of maintaining these essential services which are of particular help to young people and the elderly. They are also environmentally friendly. It was felt that the more regular and dependent the service was the more people would use it.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk would feedback these comments to NYC.</p>
10.4	<p>North Yorkshire Council Local Transport Plan.</p> <p>Cllr. Peacock was not a party to these discussions as prior interest noted.</p> <p>An email had been received from North Yorkshire Council requesting that the Council complete a survey regarding the development of the new Local Transport Plan. Unfortunately it was felt that the survey was too generic and that most of it was not relevant to transport in our local area. It was resolved that the Clerk would complete the relevant areas and provide feedback for non completion of the rest due to relevance.</p>
10.5	<p><u>Yorkshire Local Councils Association</u></p> <p>An email was received regarding renewing the Councils membership for a further year at a cost of £217.00. The Clerk stated that the YLCA had been very helpful to her in her first few months as Clerk particularly with regard to the Annual Accounts. It was resolved that the Councils membership should be continued and the payment was approved.</p>

10.6	<p><u>Leyburn Arts & Community Centre</u></p> <p>An email was received asking if the Council would be willing to post a monthly flyer from the above on the Parish notice board. It was resolved that as the information may be of interest to parishioners the Clerk would agree to them sending the flyer to her and would post it on the noticeboard.</p>
11.	<p><u>Children's Play Area</u></p> <p>The latest report from Richmondshire District Council was discussed. There were no urgent issues highlighted. David Lodge had sent an email amending the last report as the zip line spring was not broken as previously stated. Routine maintenance is ongoing.</p>
12	<p><u>Village Green Donation Boxes</u></p> <p>The boxes were emptied by the Clerk and the Cllr Peacock and the proceeds of £241.16 were banked. It was resolved that they would be emptied again towards the end of August.</p>
13	<p><u>Proposed Bike Track</u></p> <p>A request had been received from Stage 1 Cycles & Bainbridge Primary School for a contribution towards the cost of a proposed cycle track in the school play area.</p> <p>Councillor Peacock had requested further information but had heard nothing further from them.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.</p>
14	<p><u>King Charles III Coronation</u></p> <p>As stated in Item 5.1 if sufficient good wood can be obtained when the tree on the village green is cut down then William Lambert will be requested to make a commemorative Bench. It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.</p>
17	<p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>Kate is still working with Karen Prudden, Clerk for the Cemetery , on a system for recording of fees received & expenses for the Cemetery.</p> <p>There have been a few more plots allocated recently and the Council once again discussed the issue of a possible extension to the cemetery. There had been negotiations previously with regard to buying additional land but these had been halted.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk would find out how many plots remained on the current site, and how many plots could be put on a site of perhaps around half an acre. The Clerk is also to write to ascertain whether negotiations can be reopened for the additional land. The possibility of any other suitable land available locally that could be considered was also discussed.</p>
16	<p><u>Parish Clerk</u></p> <p>The new Clerks contract of employment has been drawn up and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Council.</p>

17	<p><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></p> <p>Cllr. Cloughton had attended the meeting of the above on the 19th June. The Minutes from the meeting had been forwarded to the Clerk and will be posted on the website. Items of particular note were possible volunteers required to help the NHS Digital Inclusion programme for those who may struggle with or don't use IT. Also the little white car is now in operation.</p>
18	<p><u>Lawnmower</u></p> <p>The existing lawnmower is stuck in low gear and cannot be fixed. The purchase of a replacement mower, probable pre-used is to be considered. Cllr. Percival agreed to look into this and obtain quotes.</p>
19	<p><u>Turner Seat</u></p> <p>The Licence for the above was renewed for a further year.</p>
20	<p><u>Agenda Items</u></p> <p>Items for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Xmas tree & Lights for 2023.</p> <p>Remembrance Day Commemoration 2023.</p>
21	<p><u>Date of next meeting.</u></p> <p>19th September 2023 at 7.00pm</p>

Signed as a true record.

Dated.