

Bainbridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th March 2024

Present:

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

Apologies: Cllr. Yvonne Peacock joined the meeting later.

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>
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 16th January 2024</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th January 2024 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. Cllr. Parfitt proposed that they be adopted as an accurate record of proceedings and this was seconded by Cllr. Tennant. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5	<u>Ongoing Matters</u>
5.1	Update on Leaning Tree Cllr. Percival had discussed the commemorative Bench with William Lambert, he has set aside some good wood from the sycamore tree to make the bench. There will be a lot of wood left over which he had suggested that the Council may want to use to make smaller things for sale. This is out with our remit but it was suggested that perhaps Mr Lambert or Gayle Mill would want the wood and possibly considering making a donation for this. It was decided that as this is a commemorative bench to mark the King's Coronation that a bespoke bench would be appropriate. A budget of around £800 was approved. The bench will be made by Mr Lambert, possibly under the auspices of Gayle Mill. Two quotes were received to remove the tree stump that has been cut to ground level but is still visible on the village green. The second costing was much lower so it was resolved to accept this and have the work carried out after the bulbs have died back. It was resolved that this matter be carried forward to the next meeting.
5.2	Village Defibrillator

	<p>The Clerk advised that the application 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 has been approved. The Parish Council agreed to pay £750 to London Hearts, the charity who are running this scheme on behalf of the Government. These funds were raised from donations including a very generous one from The Dales Rally. This defibrillator will replace the out of commission one at Sycamore Hall. The defibrillator is on its way and under the term of the grant must be up and operative within four weeks of delivery.</p> <p>The siting of the new defibrillator was discussed and it was felt that after taking on the comments from those parishioners who completed the survey that a prominent position in the village would be best. It was resolved to place the defibrillator on the outside of the village hall. Cllr. Peacock will approach the Village Hall Committee to ask permission for the defibrillator to be placed on an outside wall. He will also approach Steven Teasdale to request that he instal the defibrillator.</p> <p>Councillor Yvonne Peacock has also provided a grant of £2000 which will be used towards the purchase of a second defibrillator..</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. The Lords of the Manor have also generously agreed to provide a sum towards the defibrillator. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to them regarding the donation amount.</p> <p>The siting of the second defibrillator in Raydaleside was discussed. As it needs an electrical supply there are only a few possible sites. The telephone box in Marsett was considered but as the Council would need to adopt and maintain the box this was discounted. It was felt that Stalling Busk would be the best site and Cllr. Cloughton will ask if either the church or the schoolroom would allow us to use the outside of their building and the electrical supply.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<p>5.3</p>	<p>Brough Hill Stone</p> <p>The Clerk advised that no further updates had been received. It is felt highly unlikely that the stone would ever be returned to the area and therefore this matter is now resolved.</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 a proposed sheep shelter at Land off Crag Side Road, Countersett, Bainbridge, Leyburn, DL8 3DD - R/52/251 <p>This application was discussed but no comments were received.</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"> • 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

	<p>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> <p>This matter is noted on the planning portal as under consideration.</p>
8.1	<p><u>National Parks Local Plan Draft Version 6.</u></p> <p>No further updates received.</p>
8.2	<p><u>NYC Draft Housing Strategy 2024-2029</u></p> <p>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. <p>NYC have been dealing with this for about 6 years. The Clerk had contacted the highways department and requested an update re the survey work that was carried out. This hasn't yet been provided however Cllr. Percival had met the man from the Highways department and had an update. The drainage channel is blocked from about 40metres on one side of the road and 30metres on the other. Cllr. Yvonne Peacock agreed to take this matter forward and find out what plans they had to clear this. <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 has been no further update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Cutting. In the interests of road safety Cllr. Yvonne Peacock has made available a grant of £1315 to assist the Parish Council carry out tree cutting in Worton, Cubeck & Raydaleside. The contractor had provided a copy of his insurance certificate and the work has started. <p>It was resolved to carry these matters forward to the next meeting.</p> </p>
10	<p><u>Financial Matters</u></p>
10.1	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiscox Underwriting- Ins Claim excess on policy – £250.00pd • London Hearts – Defibrillator purchase - £750.00pd • Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary January 24 - £190.30 • Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary February 24 - £190.09 • Mrs K Kelly – Stamps - £12.00 • Mrs K Kelly – Microsoft Annual Subscription - £59.99 (Hawes PC to pay half) • Transfer to Savings Account – ringfenced funds- £5000.00pd Added to Agenda • Mrs K Prudden – Cemetery Fees -T Fawcett- £44.00
10.2	<p>The following receipts were acknowledged.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery – Sanderson’s – T Fawcett - £365.00 • Cemetery- Dales of Thirsk- I Goldsbrough- £55.00 • NYC Local Councillor Funding Grant – defibrillators - £2000.00 • NYC Local Councillor Funding Grant – Roadside tree Cutting - £1315.00 • Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council – ½ fee Course Clerk - £12.50
10.3	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 29th February 2024 were presented and initialled. Current balances were reported as follows:-</p> <p>Unity Bank Account Current Account £21089.65 Unity Bank Deposit Account No1 £ 5318.25 Unity Bank Deposit Account No 2 £11221.25</p>
10.4	<p>Unity Bank- Update re Internet Banking</p> <p>Cllr. Cloughton has now signed up for Internet Banking. The Clerk input an internal transaction to transfer funds to the savings account as previously agreed and this was authorised and released. Now that the system is working the Clerk will try to pay all Accounts via 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>
11	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The following correspondence has been received:-</p>
11.1	<p>Update re insurance claim for damage to vehicle.</p> <p>A request had been received from the brokers for the £250.00 excess due on the policy to be paid to the Insurance company. This had been approved by Cllrs. Percival & Cloughton and the funds sent.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter should be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
11.2	<p>Email received regarding Upper Wensleydale Dales Watch.</p> <p>A further email has been received from PC Heather Campbell thanking us for considering a contribution but advising that funds had been found in a dormant bank account that had been set aside for the use of the Dales Watch and that this was sufficient to pay for the new radios.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter is now closed.</p>
11.3	<p>Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Spring Parish Forum 2024.</p> <p>It was resolved that when we receive further information regarding the above this should be forwarded to Cllr. Peacock who will try and attend on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>

11.4	Yorkshire in Bloom An email was received asking if we wished to enter this competition. Due to the huge amount of work involved it was resolved not to apply. This matter is now closed.
11.5	Best Kept Village Competition An email was received asking if we wished to enter this competition. Due to the huge amount of work involved it was resolved not to apply. This matter is now closed.
11.6	<u>North Yorkshire joint local health and wellbeing strategy.</u> This item was discussed and a link will be added to the website.
11.7	Association of Rural Communities An email was received regarding setting up a voluntary organisation to test the The Health of the River Ure. A public meeting is to be held. The Parish Council noted the contents and date of the meeting. It was resolved that this matter is now closed.
12.	<u>Children's Play Area</u> No updates have been received from North Yorkshire Council since October. Cllr. Percival has been spreading the woodchip from the tree which had to be cut down underneath the zip wire. 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. This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.
13	<u>Village Green Donation Boxes.</u> These will be emptied by Cllr. Peacock and the Clerk after the Easter holidays.
14	<u>NYCC – Let's Talk Money</u> The survey closed in December and no further updates have been received. This matter is now resolved.
15	<u>King Charles III Coronation</u> This was discussed under Item 5.1 on the Agenda. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.
16	<u>Cemetery</u> The landowners agents have advised that our updated offer for the land would be acceptable. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Hall & Birtles to act on the Councils behalf for the purchase. The ground will require to be tested for suitability prior to any purchase and a survey should be organised. In addition to the cost of the purchase we will require to put in new gates and walls. There is also a restriction on the land for a couple of years but that is not a concern. We will

	<p>require to apply to the National Park for change of use. The Clerk will contact them for pre-planning advice.</p> <p>The Clerk had suggested that contact details and costs for the cemetery should be added to the Councils website and this was agreed.</p> <p>With regard to the damaged wall Cllr. Percival will look at patching the wall once the trees have been cut back. The ground has been too wet for the contractors to take their machinery onto the land.</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>It was resolved to carry these matters 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> <p>The Microsoft Subscription & McAfee security for the Clerks laptop has expired and it was agreed to renew these. The costs will be halved with Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council.</p>
18	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>The latest police report was discussed.</p>
19	<p><u>Lawnmower</u></p> <p>Brian Brown has done a fantastic job of cutting the grass on the village green etc. over the years but we now need new volunteers. The Council thanked Brian very much for all his work over the years.</p> <p>Cllrs. Peacock & Percival have been investigating the cost of a new mower which is much higher than anticipated. Cllr. Peacock had been speaking to Jim Paredes from The Crown in Askrigg and he would be prepared to cut the grass on a paid basis. He has his own equipment so this would save the cost of a new mower. It was agreed that we should go ahead on this basis. Cllr. Peacock will ask him to provide a copy of his public liability insurance and the Clerk will check that our insurance cover is sufficient.</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. Mason Scarr has agreed to set up the beacon and Tim Prudden has kindly volunteered to light it. Another volunteer will be required. Cllr.Percival will make enquiries as will Tim.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
21.	<p><u>Dog waste Bin near Cemetery</u></p> <p>It had been noted that the bins in the cemetery were being used a lot for dog waste. It was agreed</p>

	<p>that a new dog waste bin should be placed outside the cemetery. The best position to be seen from the footpaths was thought to be on the Bainbridge side of the gates, but tucked in and not encroaching on or too near the gates. The Clerk will write to NYC and Cllr Percival will mark the best position on the map that they will provide.</p> <p>It was resolved that this matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
22.	<p><u>Agenda Items.</u></p> <p>No items were raised for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting.</p>
23.	<p><u>Date of next meeting.</u></p> <p>14th May 2024 at 7.00pm</p>

Signed as a true record.

Dated.