

Giggleswick Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting 10, held on 11th January 2022

15 Minutes for public participation session

No members of the public attended.

10.1 Present: Cllrs Perrings (Chairman), Jones (Vice-Chairman), Airey, Bradley, Coleman, Davidson Ewin-Newhouse, and Williamson.

In attendance: Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill. County Cllr Staveley had notified the Council of late attendance.

Apologies for non-attendance received from District Cllr Ogden.

10.2 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests

- a. The Chairman, Cllr Perrings, recorded a Personal Interest and Cllr Williamson recorded a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to item 10.6a: planning application on land at Lord's Close.
- b. No requests were made for dispensation in connection with any items on this agenda.

10.3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9, held on 14th December 2021

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9, held on 14th December 2021 should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, as a true and accurate record.

10.4 Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the agenda

No Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the Agenda were recorded.

10.5 Reports from County and District Councillor and North Yorkshire Police

- a. County Councillor Staveley **reported** that the Covid-19 Omicron variant is becoming increasingly widespread and is putting pressure on staffing resources across the wider community and the County Council. Although it is widely reported that the Omicron variant is possibly up to a third less severe than the Delta variant there is an impact in terms of hospital admissions which have risen in the last week. The experts are predicting that the peak in terms of the Omicron surge will be in the next 3-4 weeks.

The County Council is currently going through its process of budget setting for the financial year 2022/2023, which will be the final year of the existing two tier system and NYCC. However, consideration will be given to the medium term financial strategy of the services the County Council delivers.

Along with the inevitable repercussions of the pandemic, there are substantial cost increases across the care sector and the wider economy. This will inevitably lead to an increase in the County Council tax precept, but all options are being considered, including use of reserves, to mitigate the cost to residents.

Applications for the current round of ward member locality budgets must be in by 31st January.

- b. There was no District Councillor's Report for January and a joint January/February Report will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting.
- c. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 19 incidents during the period between 10 December 2021 and 6 January 2022, all minor.

10.6 Planning

a. Applications

- 1 CDC: 2021/23539/FUL – 41 no. new dwellings, associated landscaping and infrastructure works, replacement sports pavilion, car parking and improvements to sports pitches, Land At Lords Close.

Regarding the 41 new dwellings the Council **agreed** that the number of houses (41) on the application is significantly over the number listed within the Local Plan (35) for site SG014. The density is not in keeping with surrounding developments, neither is the type of housing, proposed to be 2 ½ and 3 storey high. Reconstituted stone walls and grey concrete roof tiles are not in line with paragraph 126 of the National Planning Policy Framework. There is inadequate infrastructure to support the additional cars in an existing problematic area. The Council **noted** that the developer has marked Bankwell Road as 'on-street parking' on the Design and Access Statement and **agreed** to object to this statement. The Council **agreed** that Policies ENV4 (a) and ENV5 regarding biodiversity net gain be implemented.

Regarding the replacement of the sports pavilion, car parking and improvement to sports pitches, the Parish Council **agreed** that the proposed Floor Plan and Elevations is misleading in terms of which aspect of the design is north facing and which is south facing and therefore, where the access into the building will be. The Council raised concerns that there is long distance between the car park and the club room facilities, particularly for those members of the public who may have difficulty walking and/or mobility needs.

The Parish Council's full comments are attached to these Minutes.

- 2 YDNPA: C/31/618A – householder planning permission for replacement of timber windows and doors with PVC-U windows and doors, and replacement of timber frame conservatory with PVC-U conservatory, retaining the existing brick base and slate roof, 9 Meadow Rise. The Council **agreed** it had no comments to make.

b. Decisions

The Council **noted** it had not received any decision notices.

c. Other planning matters

- 1 The Council **noted** it had received communications from District Cllr Ogden regarding the proposed sale of CDC garages and Giggleswick School land at Riversdale for small development and **agreed** to await receipt of any such planning application for consideration.
- 2 The Council **noted** the CDC Flood Risk & Water Management Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) First Draft Consultation until 1st February.
- 3 The Council **noted** the CDC Green Infrastructure & Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) First Draft Consultation until 1st February.
- 4 The Council **noted** the CDC Good Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Second Draft Consultation until 1st February.
- 5 The Council **noted** the CDC Rural Workers' Dwellings Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Second Draft Consultation until 1st February.

10.7 Reports and updates regarding parish maintenance matters

a. Harrison Playing Fields:

- The Council had **received** a representation that top stones on the boundary wall of the Harrison Playing Fields with Bankwell Road have been removed. The Council **agreed** to investigate what is required to have them replaced and also to report the removal of stones to the Police.
- The Council had not received what progress had been made by its solicitors registering the Harrison Playing Fields with HM Land Registry and **agreed** to contact them again.
- The Council had not received a report that the hand strimming of the verge near the Tems Beck side of the Fields has been completed.
- Regarding the Craven District Dogs (Fouling of Land) Order 1998, applicable to the Harrison Playing Fields, the Council was **informed** that it is an offence under section 3 of the Act if any person in charge of a dog (except where the person in charge of a dog is registered as a blind person) fails to clear up immediately after the dog has defecated on any designated land and that any person can report this to Craven District Council Environmental Health. The Council **agreed** to ask CDC if

their dog wardens could patrol the HPF more frequently. The Council also **agreed** to not pursue raising a Dog Control Order to keep dogs on a lead and to prevent dogs from entering the children's play area and the fenced off pitch for the time being but instead await the proposal from Members of the Working Group for the wording on permanent signage at all entrances to address these two issues.

- The Council **agreed** to discuss the draft Risk Assessment at a future Parish Council meeting.

b. street lighting:

The Council was **informed** that LP37 at Otters Rise and LP32 near the staff entrance into Settle College are still not working. The Council **noted** that LP6 at the top of Belle Hill has been reported as faulty. The Council **agreed** to forward the NYCC Highways contact details to County Cllr Staveley.

c. protection of bridge over Tems Beck to Tems Street

The Council **decided** to await the assessment report from the NYCC engineer for the best location of a bollard in order to mitigate issues concerning the weak bridge, and consider alternatives such as installation of a 'no entry' sign on the abandoned post nearby the entrance to the bridge and amending the road sign at Bucks Lane at Raines Road, leading to Tems Street to include a 'dead end' mark, at a future meeting.

d. update regarding clearing of vegetation on Riverside Path

Cllr Jones **reported** that the contractor has completed the clearing of vegetation on the Riverside Path, from Kendalmans to Sandholme Close from path to fence, including an area of land in front of the bench facing Arla Dairy and the verge downstream from the fence on the left hand site to where the wall drops and along to Sandholme Close.

e. verges maintenance

The Council had not received a report that the strimming of the verge on Raines Road from Southend to the footpath across to Bankwell Road, the verge on Bankwell Road from Sandholme Barn to Kendalmans, and the triangle at the top of Belle Hill has been completed.

f. update regarding refreshing of roundels and installation of additional roundels on Bankwell Road and Raines road

The Council **noted** the reply by NYCC Highways that all roundels in the 20mph zone were refreshed in August 2021 and, on inspection, are all in excellent condition. NYCC no longer use red surfacing on roundels because of the cost of installation and maintenance. The request for a pair of roundels on Raines Road near the mini roundabout will not be carried out as this area is not within the 20mph zone. NYCC will place an order for two additional pairs of roundels on Bankwell Road spaced between Beggars Wife Bridge and Kendalmans.

g. further issues relating to NYCC Highways

The Council **noted** correspondence from NYCC Highways Project Engineer to Giggleswick School Project Manager that the road warning sign for the Mill Hill Lane junction has been installed against the wall adjacent to the B6480.

Cllr Airey **reported** that the drain covers on Paley Green Lane, somewhere between Craven Ridge Lane End and the Railway bridge just by Paley Green Farm are covered by grass that has grown from the verge side into the road. The Council **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways and ask them to investigate this matter and make sure that all drains are in good working order.

10.8 Reports and updates on parish matters other than maintenance

a. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons – 2 June 2022 and The Queen's Green Canopy Initiative

The Council was **informed** that The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations will be held over the four day weekend, Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022 and **agreed** that the community might wish to be involved. Cllr Williamson will write an article for the Craven Herald and Cllr Jones will contact the Primary School Headteacher to canvass ideas for the community to celebrate this event. The Council **resolved** to approve payment of The Queen's Green Canopy Initiative plaque in advance of any work leaving the workshop.

b. To set specific meeting dates for 2022

The Council **agreed** to hold the Giggleswick Charities Trustees Annual meeting on 8th February at 7.00 pm.

The Council was **informed** that in an election year, the Annual Meeting of the Council must be held on or within 14 days after the day on which the councillors elected at the election take office. The Council **decided** to ask CDC for clarification if the Annual Meeting of the Council can be lawfully held on 10th May, four days after the date of the elections.

The Council **agreed** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th June.

10.9 Financial Matters

- a. The Council **approved** the Financial Statements, including the bank reconciliation to 31 December 2021 and it **noted** the total balance of all accounts as £27,074.71, with £6,090.37 in revenue and £20,984.34 in capital funds.
- b. The Council **noted** that HSBC has introduced bank charges and a bank charge of £5.00 for maintaining the account and £0.80 for handling cheques will be deducted from the account on 21st January.
- c. The Council **resolved** to approve payment of the following accounts:-
 - the Slate Workshop of £170.00 for the Queen's Green Canopy plaque;
 - R.B. Askew Contracting Ltd of £518.40 for hedge trimming;
 - clerk's salary of £499.20 for January 2022; £69.84 as expenses for annual website renewal; and £161.14 as expenses for 3rd quarter of finance year 2021-2022, October to December 2021;
- d. The Council **noted** receipt of £42.04 from Electricity North West as annual wayleave payments. The Council **noted** receipt of £287.00 from the Foster and Poor Close Charity to the Trustees of the Giggleswick Charities.
- e. Cllrs Ewin-Newhouse and Jones **verified** the bank statements for the 3rd quarter of the Financial Year 2021-2022, October to December 2021 and **reported** that no issues have been found.
- f. The Council **noted** the reply from Giggleswick Primary School to its request for more detailed financial information relating to their Forest School costings and **decided** in principle to donate a specific item. The Council **agreed** to contact the Primary School again and ask to be informed of final costings for the required items in order it can consider a donation.

10.10 Reports on or notice of meetings of other bodies

- * Giggleswick Gardening Group Litter Picking Section Report 2021
- * NYCC: Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee Meeting 7/1
- * YLCA: White Rose Update 17/12; 7/1; Law and Governance Bulletin 23/12; Craven Branch meeting dates 2022; Training Programme January, February, March; Remote Conference 25/3
- * Rural Services Network: the Rural Bulletin 21/12; 5/1; 11/1; Rural funding digest January edition
- * Clerks & Councils Direct, January 2022, issue 138

- 10.11 Reports / comments on other matters for information only, or for inclusion on a future agenda**
a. Cllr Coleman **reported** that Settle Swimming Pool is closed for the time being following the damage to the roof after stormy weather.

10.12 Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as 8th February 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Parish Rooms. This meeting is preceded by the Giggleswick Charities Trustees Annual Meeting at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.04.

M. Hill

Clerk to the Council

**Application Number 2021/23539/FUL – 41 no. new dwellings, associated landscaping and infrastructure works, replacement sports pavilion, car parking and improvements to sports pitches.
Location: Land At Lords Close, Giggleswick**

Giggleswick Parish Council considered this planning application at its meeting on 11th January and Members agreed to make the following comments:

1. housing density

The application has too many dwellings for the site area, classed in the Craven Local Plan for C3 residential use. The number of houses (41) is significantly over the number listed within the Local Plan (35) for site SG014 and is in excess of the total number of dwellings designated for the parish of Giggleswick. The density is not in keeping with surrounding developments. This has resulted in houses packed tightly together with limited green infrastructure.

Members agreed there is a lack of suitable housing for young people and first time buyers.

The Parish Council would suggest asking the developer to consider a maximum of 35 dwellings for the site area.

No Sustainable Design and Construction Statement has been submitted; a requirement for all applications.

2. type of housing

The proposed development shows some dwellings to be 2 1/2 and some to be 3 storey high. This is not in keeping with the surrounding developments and is likely to cause impact on neighbouring dwellings on Lord's Close, Sandholme Close and Station Road.

3. materials to be used

Paragraph 126 of the National Planning Policy Framework states: 'The creation of high quality, beautiful and sustainable buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities'.

Reconstituted stone walls and grey concrete roof tiles are not in line with this Framework and the Parish Council would suggest asking the developer to consider stone walls to the front of the dwellings in order to improve the appearance.

4. existing highways

Inadequate infrastructure to support the additional cars (the plan proposes parking for an additional 107 cars) in an existing problematic area. The junction of Raines Road with Bankwell Road at Beggars Wife Bridge is very narrow (single passing only) and has no footway for pedestrians. This route is frequently used by pedestrians to Giggleswick Railway Station.

Bankwell Road is narrow and frequently has cars parked along its route, therefore, making single passing only. The Parish Council noted that this is marked on the Design and Access statement provided by the developer as 'on-street parking'. The Parish Council objects to this statement as this is definitely **not** designated as on-street parking. Cars parked here can significantly narrow the road and can lead to cars being parked upon and blocking the pavement, causing issues for pedestrians, wheelchair users and prams. The existing footpath to the north of the site, from Lord's Close to the Riverside path, is in a poor state of repair and is in urgent need of upgrade. This is the most accessible route for pedestrians to Settle Railway Station.

5. infrastructure

The infrastructure for access to healthcare is inadequate.

6. biodiversity net gain

Paragraph 2.2.0, Managing and Promoting Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure (Policy ENV4 (a) 7 ENV5) states a requirement for all developments to provide a net gain in biodiversity, wherever possible, as well as a requirement for a development to be accompanied by an improved and expanded green infrastructure network, which, in turn, provides opportunities for net gain in biodiversity. The Parish Council would suggest asking the developer to implement Policy ENV4 (a) and ENV5.

Regarding the replacement of the sports pavilion, car parking and improvement to sports pitches, the Parish Council would like to comment that the proposed Floor Plan and Elevations is misleading in terms of which aspect of the design is north facing and which is south facing and therefore where the access into the building will be. We have concerns that there is long distance between the car park and the club room facilities, particularly for those members of the public who may have difficulty walking and/or mobility needs.

Giggleswick Parish Council is aware of the considerable local interest in this application and notes the extensive number of comments that have been submitted; we are in agreement with the comments and issues that have been brought forward by local residents.