

Giggleswick Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting 11, held on 8th February 2022

15 Minutes for public participation session

Two members of the public enquired if the Council would reconsider applying for Dog Control Orders to keep their dog on a lead and informed the Council that the majority of dog owners are responsible dog owners who clear up after their dog and keep them under control. The issue was further discussed at item 11.7a.

Mrs Bland also asked when the wall on Raines Road, damaged in April 2021, is being repaired. The Chairman reiterated the reply received from the Airedale Foundation Trust that the wall will be repaired by NYCC Highways who will then claim from the insurance company.

Mrs Blanchard also raised speeding concerns on Bankwell Road. The Chairman replied that the Council is aware of speeding issues in the village and that it continues to monitor the situation. The issue was further discussed at item 11.7d.

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

In attendance: County Cllr Staveley left at item 11.5, Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill, and two members of the public at the public participation session.

Apologies for non-attendance received from District Cllr Ogden.

11.2 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests

- a. Councillors did not record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or Other Interests in relation to items on this agenda.
- b. No requests were made for dispensation in connection with any items on this agenda.

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

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 10, held on 11th January 2022 should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, as a true and accurate record.

11.4 Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the agenda

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

11.5 Reports from County and District Councillor and North Yorkshire Police

- a. County Councillor Staveley **reported** that the Government launched one of its flag ship policies with a White Paper on levelling up. It sets out a range of policy initiatives to even up issues ranging from educational attainment, wages, broadband connectivity, transport, innovation investment and many other areas. One important element was a commitment for the Government to invite North Yorkshire and York to enter into negotiations with the Government with a view to forming a devolution deal for the area based on a Mayoral Combined Authority.

In terms of Covid-19 data across the county, there is a new way of measuring rates to include individuals who have been re-infected by the virus provided that there is 90 days between any first infection and a subsequent infection. The situation in terms of hospital bed occupancy with Covid-19 patients has improved a little. The numbers of primary aged children who have been off ill with

Covid-19 in recent weeks are still high but there seems to be a downward trend which is encouraging.

The current cycle of the Locality member grant scheme has now come to a close with a variety of projects receiving funding, including a funding contribution towards the resurfacing of the public footpath running between the former Middle school site and the Settle Football Club pitch. Grant funding has also been given to Freda's playgroup to pay for an upgraded outdoor baby/toddler play area.

Following a variety of issues raised regarding the connection of B4RN from Stackhouse across to the Hoffman Kiln site, we have now come to the only point of issue being the connection across the foot bridge at Langcliffe locks. Meetings are now scheduled and I understand there is a way forward to deliver this project.

- b. District Councillor Ogden **reported** on the large number of objections lodged against the Lord's Close planning proposal. Many of these objections contain legitimate concerns that must be investigated by the developers, Craven District Council officers, and other relevant parties. Furthermore, it has been noted that the plans have changed significantly from those presented at the summer 2021 open day that District Cllr Ogden attended. District Cllr Ogden hopes that Craven's planning process will deliver a fair and considered verdict.
- The proposal to build 41 houses includes 12 affordable houses, equalling 29.2%, which is, disappointingly, below Craven District Council's 30% affordable housing policy. As the landowner is a local school, they must do better if they want to properly serve their community. However, the site has been allocated in Craven's 2012 – 2032 Local Plan, and it would be unrealistic to hope that the site will forever remain an open field. Furthermore, there is an acute housing shortage in north Craven, which is also a pressing national issue. In his election campaign, District Cllr Ogden pledged to support opportunities for young people to stay in and come to our area, and promote the sustainable growth of our community and the bedrock for this is affordable housing development. Younger generations are devoid of property, and this has many consequences. When a young person is unable to obtain capital, they are denied an opportunity to invest in their own futures. Inaction over decades by everyone has already led to the closure of several schools in Ribblesdale, most recently in Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Wholly avoidable, self-inflicted, and absolutely infuriating.

The Ward Member Grants scheme that enables councillors to dish out small grants to local community groups closes for applications on 14th February 2022.

Local Government Reorganisation is edging closer, with elections to the new authority due to take place in May 2022. Those elected will have the immense responsibility of preparing for the full transfer of powers to the new authority on the 1st April 2023. District Cllr Ogden reported that he will not be standing for election to the new North Yorkshire Council. However, he will continue to fulfil his obligations as the District Councillor for Penyghent and represent our area to the best of his ability.

- c. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 13 incidents during the period between 7 January and 6 February 2022, notably two reports of safeguarding, one report of crime violence, and one report of ASB Nuisance youths on Settle football pitch. The Council **agreed** it would like more information on a number of reports and **decided** to invite the PCSO to the next Parish Council meeting.

11.6 Planning

a. Applications

- 1 CDC: 2022/23645/TCA – T1 Field Maple – Reduce back to previous reduction points. Approx 20%, 17 Raines Court. The Council **agreed** it had no comments to make.
- 2 CDC: 2022/23694/TCA – T1 Birch – remove, Holly Bank, Bankwell Road. The Council **agreed** it had no comments to make.

b. Decisions

- 1 YDNPA: C/31/61C – householder planning permission for erection of two storey extension to side and porch to rear of dwelling, and installation of solar panels to garage roof at Ridgfield, Stackhouse Lane. ***Approved conditionally***
- 2 YDNPA: C/31/664 – full planning permission for erection of a replacement dwelling (to replace steel framed bungalow), erection of replacement garage and creation of new vehicular access from Stackhouse Lane, Galadale, Stackhouse Lane. ***Approved conditionally***
- 3 CDC: 2022/23664/CND – Application to discharge condition no.3 (Remediation Strategy) on planning permission referenced 2018/19695/FUL, Land South Of Station Road. ***Split decision***. The Council **noted** that this condition is partially discharged. The condition is considered discharged in relation to Plots 1-3, with the requirement that a further validation report is submitted for Plot 4 upon completion of the approved Remediation Strategy and before Plot 4 is brought into use.
- 4 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. ***Approved conditionally***

c. Other planning matters

- 1 The Council had **received** a representation raising concerns about the low water pressure of properties within the parish. The Council **decided** to contact Yorkshire Water, in particular in light of the proposed development of 41 more dwellings in the village and make enquiries what measures they intend to take to increase the water pressure.

11.7 Reports and updates regarding parish maintenance matters

a. Harrison Playing Fields:

- The Council was **informed** that the top stones on the boundary wall of the Harrison Playing Fields with Bankwell Road have been put back. The Council **agreed** it will take no further action.
- The Council was **informed** that its solicitors had submitted the application for registering the Harrison Playing Fields with HM Land Registry and that they have agreed to expedite the application.
- The Council **noted** the reply from the Environmental Services Manager at Craven District Council that a Cleaner Neighbourhoods Officer will continue to patrol the Harrison Playing Fields whenever possible. The Council was **informed** that only the District Council can make a Public Space Protection Order to keep a dog on a lead and to stop a dog going into certain areas, such as the children play area and the fenced off rugby pitch. The Council **agreed** to not proceed with this and 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 had **received** an offer from a resident to plant wild flower seeds on the area of the new path alongside the Vicarage. The Council **agreed** to accept this offer as long as seeds are planted adjacent to the boundary wall with Well House and the footpath.
- The Council was **informed** that the first draft of the Risk Assessment will be prepared for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

- The Council **noticed** that the owners of Stonecroft have carried out tree works in their garden. The Council **agreed** to monitor the situation to ensure that the trees on the Harrison Playing Field side of their property are not affected.

b. street lighting:

The Council was **informed** that LP37 at Otters Rise is still not working and it is uncertain if LP32 near the staff entrance into Settle College has been repaired. The Council **agreed** to await confirmation regarding LP32 before reporting the faulty street lights to NYCC Highways, including informing County Cllr Staveley.

c. protection of bridge over Tems Beck to Tems Street

There was no further report.

d. speeding issues

Following the representation at the public participation session, the Council **considered** options for making drivers aware that Bankwell Road, Raines Road and Church Street carry a 20 mph speed limit and **decided** to purchase three banners from the '20's Plenty for Us' campaign group for £115.00.

e. log in river

The Council had **received** a representation that a log was stuck in the river at Penny Bridge. The Council **ratified** the decision to report this to the Environment Agency.

f. Riverside Path

Cllr Jones **reported** about the slippery surface of the Riverside Path owing to fallen leaves, now rotting in the wet weather. The Council **agreed** to contact Craven District Council and ask if the road sweeper would sweep the Riverside Path.

g. drain covers on Paley Green Lane

The Council **noted** the reply from the NYCC Highways Officer Nik Goodman that the drains on Paley Green Lane are due their routine clean shortly. Therefore, any issues with grass covering the drains will be dealt with at the time of cleaning. The Council **agreed** to monitor the situation.

h. further issues relating to NYCC Highways

There were no further issues relating to NYCC Highways reported.

11.8 Reports and updates on parish matters other than maintenance

a. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons – 2 June 2022 and other Jubilee celebrations

The Council **noted** that the plaque for The Queen's Green Canopy Initiative has been delivered and it **agreed** to make initial enquiries with a local builder to build this plaque into a plinth, constructed with limestone walling stone.

The Council **agreed** to set up a community working group to help organise The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and **decided** to hold an open meeting on Tuesday 22nd February at 7.00 pm in the Parish Rooms. The Council was **informed** that the Trustees of the Giggleswick Charities will host a 'Tea Party' in the yard of St Alkelda's Church on Sunday 5th June 2022. The Council suggested to organise a 'street party' on Church Street along the length of the Church between the entrance to the Black Horse Hotel and the entrance to the back of the Church. The Council **decided** to start proceedings now for a temporary Road Closure on Church Street between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm with the relevant authority.

- b. To confirm the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council
The Council was **informed** that the first day on which a council can hold its annual meeting would be Tuesday 10th May 2022 and **agreed** to hold this meeting on that date.
- c. Giggleswick residents on Settle allotments
The Council **noted** the reply from Settle Town Council that they agreed for Giggleswick residents to be added to the waiting list and allocated plots on Cammock Lane and Dog Meadow sites and that all Giggleswick residents have now been added into the waiting list and all previous applicants have been contacted to let them know. The Council also **noted** to pay £25 per tenant annually for Giggleswick residents to be allocated a plot and that Settle Town Council will invoice again in March for 2022-2023 rents due by 1st April 2022.

11.9 Financial Matters

- a. The Council **approved** the Financial Statements, including the bank reconciliation to 31 January 2022 and it **noted** the total balance of all accounts as £25,408.37, of which £4,824.03 in revenue and £20,584.34 in capital funds.
- b. The Council **noted** payment to HSBC of £5.00 for maintaining the account and £3.20 for handling cheques.
- c. The Council **resolved** to approve payment of the following accounts:-
- Conservefor of £5,220.00 for improvement of footpath near Vicarage;
- Settle Town Council of £400.00 for allotment tenant charges for 16 Giggleswick residents;
- G.A. Hewitt & Son of £630.00 for strimming verges on the Riverside Path in December;
- clerk's salary of £499.20 for February 2022.
- d. The Council **considered** the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the Financial Year 2021-2022 and **resolved** to appoint Mr John Bownass for a fee of £135.00.
- e. The Council had not received a reply from Giggleswick Primary School to its request for more detailed financial information relating to their Forest School costings in order the Council can consider a donation.

11.10 Reports on or notice of meetings of other bodies

- * YLCA: Draft Structural Changes Order 2022 for the North Yorkshire County Council
The Council noted the draft of the Order that will formally dissolve the existing district and borough councils in North Yorkshire and create the new North Yorkshire Council
- * It's grim up north running: Settle to Austwick half mile / 10 miles / 10 kilometres races on 13 February
- * 20s Plenty Campaign updates
- * YDNPA: Millennium Trust: 'All our Land' flyer
- * YLCA: White Rose Update 14/1, 21/1, 28/1; 4/2; Law and Governance Bulletin February 2022; Craven Branch meeting 23/2; webinar training sessions 4 to 18 February: Freedom of Information Act, broadening planning knowledge, planning decisions, breakthrough communications; training programmes February to April; Remote conference Programme
- * Airedale NHS Foundation Trust Governor elections February 2022
- * PFCC Youth Commission appeal for new members
- * Rural Services Network: the Rural Bulletin 18/1, 25/1; 8/2; Special 2/2; Rural funding digest February edition
- * e-brochures: Online Playgrounds;

11.11 Reports / comments on other matters for information only, or for inclusion on a future agenda

- a. Cllr Bradley **reported** that the path across the Giggleswick School's Glebe Field is very muddy.
- b. The Council **decided** to discuss watering of the newly planted trees on the Harrison Playing Fields at the next Parish Council meeting.

11.12 Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as 8th March 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Parish Rooms.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.58.

M. Hill

Clerk to the Council