

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GIGGLESWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE
14th March 2017

15 Minutes for public participation session

Mr. Elvidge of The Chase, Bankwell Road, raised serious concerns, also on behalf of Mr and Mrs Brearley of Rose Cottage, Bankwell Road, about the parking spaces that have been constructed on 10 March 2017 on the triangular grass verge off Bankwell Road at Well House, prior to any planning decision. Mr Elvidge was very concerned that any parked cars would obstruct the view when turning onto Bankwell Road and this is perceived dangerous by all the neighbours. Mr Elvidge informed the Council that these parking spaces had appeared in an amendment on 20 February and that this is a breach of planning regulations. He asked if the Council would consider reporting this issue to Planning Enforcement. The Council further discussed this under item 870.3.1 and 872.11.

866. Present

Cllrs. Miss I.M. Perrings (Chairman), Mr. R.M. Jones (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. F.M. Airey, Mrs. S. Bennett, Mr. C. Coleman, Mrs. J.M. Ewin-Newhouse, Mr. M. Pryal, Mrs. P.H.M. Simpson and with County/District Cllr. Mr. R.C. Welch and the Clerk in attendance.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Mr. G.J. Davidson.

867. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

Cllrs. Airey and Coleman declared a personal interest in item 870.1 planning application CDC: 31/2017/17786 – application to remove condition 3 and 4 of previously approved application 5/31/287 to enable the property to be sold, Tipperthwaite Barn, Paley Green Lane.

868. Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th February 2017

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated in advance, were **APPROVED** as a correct record and **SIGNED** on the proposal of Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Airey.

869. Reports from District and County Councillor and the Police.

County Cllr. Welch reported that the NYCC tax has increased by 2% and a further 2% for adult social care. NYCC has been awarded 2nd ‘County Council of the Year’ by the Chronicle. Ground analysis was carried out with a view to a possible widening of Coniston Bridge. Cllr Welch has some funds available from the Members Locality Budget Scheme.

CD Cllr Welch reported that the co-mingled waste collection will commence in April 2017 with a fortnightly collection and that the price of the garden waste licence has increased. CDC has a serious shortage of funds and needs to be self sufficient by 2020.

There was no report from North Yorkshire Police.

870. Planning Applications:

870.1 Received:

The Council had **no objections** to or comments on the following application:

CDC: 31/2017/17786 – application to remove condition 3 and 4 of previously approved application 5/31/287 to enable the property to be sold, Tipperthwaite Barn, Paley Green Lane

CDC: 31/2017/17829 – LBC for re-roofing of the property re-using existing blue slates and replacing lead flashings and gutters together with making good any defective pointing to chimney stacks and parapets, Style House (Giggleswick School), Craven Bank Lane

CDC: 31/2017/17824 – T1 silver birch: remove from garden; T2 sycamore: multi stem, remove, Giggleswick School, Craven Bank Lane

870.2 Decisions: None were received.

870.3 Other Planning Matters

870.3.1 Creation of two parking spaces prior to decision of 31/2016/17541 and 17542: new dwelling in garden of Well House

The Council **agreed** that the creation of two parking spaces on a grass verge at Well House as a listed building in a conservation area would not benefit from the permitted development rights and the Clerk was asked to report this issue to Planning Enforcement at CDC.

871. Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the Agenda

871.1 NYCC: street lighting energy increase

The Council was **informed** that NYCC will increase the electricity tariffs for the coming year by an estimated 15% from 10.9p per Kwh to 12.6p per Kwh and that further similar increases are expected before 2020. The invoice is estimated to be £2254.42 for this Financial Year, just over £300 less than in the previous year. The Clerk was asked to enquire if the energy cost reduction scheme has been implemented in the costs by NYCC. The Council **decided** to remain with NYCC and not seek an alternative supplier.

872. To receive reports and reach decisions on various village matters.

872.1 Harrison Playing Fields: update on official opening play area; update on registration of the HPF; update on obtaining estimate for grass cutting 2017 via Settle College Grounds Department; Settle United JFC request to use HPF for football tournament; Primary School request to use HPF for charity event

The Council was **informed** that Giggleswick Primary School would like to be involved in the opening ceremony of the Children's Play Area. The date to be confirmed, would be 27th March.

The Council was **informed** that the application for registration of the Harrison Playing Fields had been resubmitted to the Land Registry, but due to current backlogs at the Registry, it will be at least another three to six months before the application is looked at by any Officer. The Solicitor will then arrange to meet with the Council to review whether any further statements are necessary.

Cllr Jones **reported** that there was no further update on obtaining an estimate for grass cutting via Settle College Grounds Department. The Council **decided** to award this year's contract to Horton Landscaping Ltd.

The Council had **received** a request from Settle United Junior Football Club to use the Lower Fellings for parking on 8th July 2017 when it organises its annual football tournament. The Council **agreed** to grant permission and the clerk was asked to invoice SUJFC for £120.00.

The Council had **received** a request from Giggleswick Primary School to hold a charity event at the end of May on the Middle Fellings. The Council **agreed** to grant permission.

Cllr Jones **informed** the Council that a digger has dug two large holes in the Lower Fellings, presumably to repair the water pipe there and prevent future leaks. The Council **agreed** that permission for any works in the Harrison Playing Fields should have been sought and the clerk was asked to write to Arla Foods, Settle Creamery.

872.2 Obtained estimates for village grass cutting areas and update from GGG

Cllr Jones **reported** on a meeting with the Giggleswick Gardening Group to inspect the encroachment of vegetation onto the tarmac of the Riverside Path from Kendalmans to Sandholme Close and to consider a work party, drawn from the local community and led by the GGG and the Council, to remove the vegetation. GGG is awaiting a reply from NYCC with regard to insurance issues.

The Council had **received** information from GGG that the 'Keep Britain Tidy Weekend' had been a great success with the collection of 19 sacks of litter, removed by CDC. The Council **agreed** that GGG should be congratulated on its success and should be encouraged and supported by all Councillors. The clerk was asked to suggest to the GGG that NYC Cllr Welch has about £600.00 funding available from the Members Locality Budget Scheme.

872.3 Update on transfer of small parcel of land at bottom of Belle Hill

The Council **received** information from its solicitors that the professional charges dealing with the legal formalities of any sale and transfer of this land would be £750.00 plus VAT. The Council **resolved** that it should sell this parcel of land to Mr & Mrs Hassell for £5,000.00 on the proposal of Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Airey. The Clerk was asked to contact the solicitors to proceed.

872.4 Update on street lighting matters: re-reporting of faulty LP35; reporting of faulty light on footpath between Station Road and Sandholme Close; update on faulty LP41

In relation to the intermittent faulty LP35, NYCC had replaced the electronic device that switches on and off this light.

The Council was **informed** that the faulty light on the footpath between Station Road and Sandholme Close has been repaired.

In relation to faulty LP41, NYCC had informed the Council that the LED lantern needs to be replaced and the clerk had contacted NYCC to proceed.

872.5 Update on possible additional village notice board at Four Lane Ends

The Council had **received** a quotation from Greenbarnes for a 6xA4 (£591.86 excl. VAT) and a 8xA4 (£748.17 excl. VAT) landscape, MMT notice board. The Council **decided** to obtain a quotation from Timberworks for a wooden 6xA4 and 8xA4 notice board.

872.6 Update on maintenance matter mini roundabout at Four Lane Ends

The Council had **received** a reply from NYCC Highways that Raines Road is to be resurface dressed and all white lining, including the roundabout will be refreshed in the next financial year.

872.7 Update on reduced visibility for access onto Bankwell Road

The Council had been **informed** that the a side visit from Mr. Ken Martin had taken place and that NYCC Highways cannot be of any assistance to improve visibility, as the garden wall has been lowered in the past nor can NYCC Highways decrease the speed, as it has not got any money for improvements such as speed humps. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Crossland of Park House on Bankwell Road.

872.8 Update on Community Emergency Plan

The Council **agreed** with Cllr. Coleman that the CEP template, provided by NYCC should be simplified and the clerk handed over a copy of the previous CEP from 1988.

872.9 NYCC: Countryside Access Service – public consultation

The Council **noted** the three proposals that govern how the countryside access service will undertake its work: (1) a statement of service delivery principles; (2) categorising

the PROW network; (3) prioritising the response to reported network defects. The Council **decided** to not put forward any comments.

872.10 The Yorkshire Dales Society – to consider joining as Affiliated Member

The Council **decided** to not join the Yorkshire Dales Society as Affiliated Member.

872.11 Re-development of land at the entrance to The Chase

Following on from item 870.3.1, the Council had **received** a reply from NYCC Highways that the grass verge is not public highway and Highways cannot prevent work to change the grass verge into parking spaces taking place. Highways does not take parked cars into consideration when checking visibility as they are not a permanent feature. The Council **reiterated** to report the issue to Planning Enforcement at CDC.

872.12 Update on possible adoption of telephone kiosk by Giggleswick Primary School

The Council had **received** a reply from Giggleswick Primary School that it would very much like to use the kiosk to display pupils' work, but the school has been advised not to purchase, due to insurance and maintenance issues. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Simpson should make inquiries in relation to actual maintenance costs with a view to the Council adopting the kiosk.

872.13 Update on acceptance of provision of venue for Charities' Tea Party on 13th May

The Council was **informed** that Giggleswick Primary School would provide the venue for the Giggleswick Charities' Tea Party on Saturday 13th May 2017 at 2 pm and that some pupils would be available to sing.

873. Financial Matters

873.1. Financial Statement to 28th February 2017.

On the **proposal** of Cllr. Ewin Newhouse and **seconded** by Cllr. Bennett the Financial Statement was **accepted**.

873.2 To consider S137 donations to various bodies and organisations

The Council **agreed** that the following organisations should receive a donation in accordance with Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972:

Settle Community Library, Settle Area Swimming Pool, Giggleswick Parochial Church Council and Citizens Advice Craven & Harrogate Districts.

873.3 The Council **approved** payment of the following accounts:

	Net	VAT	Total
PCs (upgrade of computer)	£262.82	£52.56	£ 315.39
M. Hill (clerk's salary March)			£ 349.96
Settle Community Library (S137 donation)			£ 100.00
Settle Area Swimming Pool (S137 donation)			£1,100.00
Giggleswick Parochial Church Council (S137 donation)			£ 150.00
Citizens Advice Craven & Harrogate Districts (S137 donation)			£ 150.00

The Clerk was **authorised** to transfer the sum of £2,265.35 from the Skipton Building Society Account to the NatWest Bank current account.

873.4 To receive effectiveness of internal audit control and risk management

The Council **resolved** to approve the effectiveness of internal audit control and risk management on the proposal of Cllr. Pryal and seconded by Cllr. Jones.

873.5 To receive S137 expenditure limit for financial year 2017-18

The Council had **received** information that the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has informed the NALC that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for local councils for 2017-2018 is £7.57.

873.6 To consider action re S106 planning gain sum of £7,729.00 for Lords Close development

After completing the installation of new play equipment at the Harrison Playing Fields, the Council **agreed** that it should proceed with obtaining the planning gain sum of £7,729.00 for the development at Lords Close and the clerk was instructed to contact Mr Bruce Dinsmore, Sports Development Officer at CDC to release the funds.

873.7 To approve invoice to clerk re upgrading of computer and update on other office equipment

The Council **agreed** to invoice the Clerk for the personal share of the upgrading of the computer for £52.56.

874. To receive reports on or Notice of Meetings of Other Bodies.

- * Julian Smith MP: Farming Minister invitation, Skipton Auction Mart, 16/03/17
- * CDC: Craven Area Committee Meeting, 9 March 2017, Ingleton: notice and agenda
- * YLCA: Craven Branch Extraordinary Meeting: Governance reform proposals: 13/03
- * YLCA: free support and guidance session on Transparency Code Smaller Councils
- * NYP: Craven Messaging
- * CDC: Craven Parishes Liaison Meeting, 22 March 2017, Skipton
- * HAGS and Wicksteed flyers
- * Eden Brows update: 34, 35, 36,
- * Clerks & Councils Direct: March 2017, issue 110
- * YLCA: information required by Sprotbrough & Cusworth PC – pedestrian crossings
- * Healthwatch North Yorkshire: data transfer
- * Plantlife: national plant monitoring scheme
- * YLCA: request for information: grass cutting contractors & maypole repainting Upper Poppleton PC
- * Healthwatch North Yorkshire update
- * YLCA: The Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme poster
- * Streetscape: flyer
- * White Rose Update: March 2017
- * YLCA: Parish precepts – request to demonstrate restraint
- * Rural Services Network: weekly rural news digest, 13 March 2017

875. To receive reports/comments on other matters for information only, or for inclusion on a future Agenda

- Cllr. Bennett **reported** that a large pothole has appeared on Bankwell Road in the middle of the carriageway between Sandholme Barn and the entrance into Lords Close. The clerk was asked to report this to Highways.
- Cllr. Coleman **reported** that Settle Swimming Pool has changed its status to CIO. Donations have gone up significantly and the overall picture is positive. The consultant has completed the report and it looks highly likely that option 2 is adopted by the pool committee for an upgrade of the pool with a gym extension and improved facilities.
- Cllr. Pryal **reported** that the Eden Brow re-opening of the railway line is scheduled for 31st March 2017.
- Cllr. Airey **reported** that Paul Bradley Associates has moved the business to Stackhouse and the Councillors are invited to the opening barbecue.

876. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 11th April 2017 at 18.45 hours (6.45pm), immediately followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50 hours (9.50pm).

M. Hill
Clerk to the Council