

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GIGGLESWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE  
13<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**15 Minutes for public participation session**

Two members of the public sat in attendance. Mr Cribb of The Chase raised concerns regarding the state of the grass at the Harrison Playing Fields and the overgrowth of nettles and brambles on his boundary wall along the children's play area. The Chairman, Cllr Jones, informed parishioners that the contractor had not carried out the grass cutting services as were agreed and that the Council had to find an alternative contractor. This item was further discussed at 314.1.

**306. Present**

Cllrs Jones (Chairman), Airey, Bradley, Coleman, Greenhalgh and Williamson and with the Clerk in attendance.

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Davidson, Ewin-Newhouse and Perrings and County and District Cllr Welch.

**307. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

Cllrs Airey and Coleman declared a Personal Interest in relation to items 311.2c planning decision on CDC 2019/20545/REM at Paley Green Lane received as granted.

**308. Minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The Council **agreed** that the last paragraph of minute 304 should read: 'Cllr Bradley also **reported** that bird feed stations have been considered in the fenced off area between the Ribble and Lords Field.' The Council then **resolved** that the Minutes of the Giggleswick Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 should be confirmed and **signed** by the Chairman, Cllr Jones, as a true and accurate record.

**309. Reports from District and County Councillor and the Police**

District and County Cllr Richard Welch reported that Station Road from the mini roundabout to the junction with Cammock Lane in Settle has still not been resurfaced. A reply from NYCC Highways that it will make enquiries was received.

District and County Cllr Welch also reported mud on Bankwell Road, where the new house is built, to NYCC Highways requesting that this mud should be cleaned as soon as possible. The Council **agreed** to also report this issue to CDC 's Planning Enforcement Department as the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet point on condition 6 on planning decision 31/2016/17348 states that the discharge of surface water should be prevented from the site onto Bankwell Road.

District and County Cllr Welch also reported to items 311.3 and 312.13.

PCSO Helen Stringer had sent a written incidents report and between 7<sup>th</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> August thirteen incidents were recorded which included 3 incidents of theft from vehicles and garage and quad bike; 3 road related offence and highway disruption; 2 concerns for safety; 2 incidents of crime (violence and fraud); 1 incident of dog on dog attack; and 1 abandoned call.

The Community Messaging Craven was circulated.

**310. Matters from previous Meetings not otherwise included on the Agenda**

**310.1** Cllr Bradley **informed** the Council that the verge opposite the Harts Head should be cut and cuttings taken away in September. The Council **agreed** to ask Mr John Robinson to provide a quotation for this work. The Council was also **informed** that Mr Graham Cleverly of Austwick is willing to attend a Parish Council meeting to

share his experience regarding the maintenance of the two conservation verges at Austwick and potential funding for the wildlife verge at Giggleswick.. The Council **agreed** to invite Mr Cleverly to the next Parish Council meeting.

- 310.2** The Council had **received** a request from Ms Debbie Boswell if the YDMT could use the Middle Fellings of the Harrison Playing Fields for a staff team building picnic day in September. The Council **agreed** to give consent subject to all rubbish being taken off the Fields and consideration be given to other members of the public using the Fields.

### **311. Planning Applications:**

#### **311.1 Received:**

The Council **decided** it had no objection to or comments on the following planning applications:

- a. CDC: 2019/20704/LBC – replacement of existing single glazed sash window with Ventrolla double glazed sash window. Approval to replace all other windows at the property was granted on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019, however, the contractor on site has inadvertently replaced this window too, Well House, Bankwell Road
- b. YDNPA: C/31/660A – householder planning permission for erection of single storey rear extension to provide kitchen/diner and family room, 11 Meadow Rise

#### **311.2 Decisions**

The following decisions have been **notified** by the relevant Planning Authorities:

- a. CDC: 2019/20525/COU – change of use from shop and flat to house, 3 Church Street: **granted.**
- b. YDNPA: C/31/88D – householder planning permission for erection of single storey rear extension, Belfield, The Mains: **approved conditionally.**
- c. CDC: 2019/20545/REM – approval of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale as reserved by condition in outline consent referenced 2018/19878/OUT for 1 dwelling, Low Paley Green, Paley Green Lane: **granted.**
- d. YDNPA: C/31/660 – householder planning permission for erection of single storey rear extension to create kitchen/diner and family space, 11 Meadow Rise: **withdrawn.**
- e. CDC: 2019/20609/HH – proposed internal alterations and construction of new pitched roof over existing garage, 7 Sandholme Drive, Station Road: **granted.**

#### **311.3 Other Planning Matters**

- a. to receive an update regarding the preparation of a joint Neighbourhood Plan with Settle Town Council  
District and County Cllr Richard Welch had informed the Council of his reservations to join Settle Town Council in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Giggleswick is classed a Tier 4b village in the Craven Local Plan with a proposed development of 2 dwellings per annum. The Council has not received an invitation to attend a joint meeting with the Town Council and it **reiterated** to await this in order to hold further discussions before reaching any decision.

### **312. To receive reports and reach decisions on various village matters.**

#### **312.1 The Harrison Playing Fields**

The Council has not received an update regarding the repair of the 8 benches despite the Council's attempt to contact the appointed handyman Mr Cox.

In relation to the grass cutting on the Harrison Playing Fields the Council has **received** a further complaint about the state of the long grass. The Council **resolved** to contact

the previous contractor and cancel the existing contract on the grounds that Horton Landscapes had not delivered a satisfactory service and was therefore, in breach of contract. The Council had **instructed** Mr John Robinson to cut the grass and bale the cuttings. The Council was **informed** that strimming around the items of play equipment and along the fence in the children's play area and also along the fence around the rugby pitch will take place as soon as possible. The Council **agreed** to ask Mr Robinson to continue with the grass cutting every 10 days or so for the remainder of the season. The Council further agreed to consider action regarding maintenance of the edges at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Council had **received** a notification from RoSPA that the inspection of the play area is scheduled to take place during September 2019 for £68.50 + VAT per play area and a further £3.50 + VAT per additional item of play equipment over five.

### **312.2** street lighting matters

The Council was **informed** that street light LP 32 was reported faulty to NYCC Highways.

### **312.3** future use of telephone kiosk

The Council was **informed** that the official handover of the telephone kiosk to the Primary School in July 2019 had taken place with the retiring head teacher and members of the school council.

### **312.4** to receive an update regarding speed concerns consultation on B6480

The Council **noted** the reply from NYCC Highways regarding the Council's request to a reduction from the current national speed limit on the B6480 from the Mill Hill Lane junction to the Harts Head, in which NYCC Highways reiterated its reasons that a speed reduction is not appropriate following advice from the Road Safety Engineering Team who had independently assessed the Council's request. The Council **agreed** to invite the NYCC Road Safety Team Leader and the Customer Communications Officer to attend a public meeting with the community to clarify how this decision is reached. The Council also **agreed** to write an article in the Community News and to personally invite all respondents to the consultation to the public meeting.

### **312.5** to consider action regarding Tems Beck Maintenance Management information note and to consider action regarding correspondence received

There was no further report on the matter of choosing a boulder to display the information note. The Council has **received** correspondence from a parishioner in which the Council's attention is drawn to the overgrown state of the banks and bed of Tems Beck, in particular at Beggar's Wife's Bridge. The Council was **informed** that a NYCC Inspector had recently visited the bridges over Tems Beck and it **agreed** to ask for the Inspector's Report on the physical state of all bridges and if the building up of vegetation is likely to cause flooding.

### **312.6** to receive an update regarding sightings of Japanese knotweed

The Council was **informed** that NYCC Highways had issued an instruction to their contractors to retreat the area of Japanese knotweed on Buck Haw Brow. The Council **agreed** to monitor the situation.

The Council was also **informed** that the alleged sighting of Japanese knotweed on the riverside wall of Settle Coal has been reported to Settle Town Council.

**312.7** receive an update regarding Castleberg Hospital

The Council **noted** the update from the Castleberg Mobilisation Group that, after extensive refurbishment works, the expected handover of the property from the contractors is expected to be 26<sup>th</sup> August and re-opening of Castleberg Hospital is expected to be early October 2019. The detailed CMG report was circulated.

**312.8** to receive update regarding proposal for skate park and Steering Group meeting 29 July

The Council **noted** the letter from the Governors of Settle College that they would support the idea of the Settle Pool site as the preferred site for the skate park facility in principle, but unless their reservations are met they cannot support the current proposals and would in due course register formal objections.

**312.9** to receive an update regarding feasibility study for a Village Hall for Giggleswick

The Council was **informed** that the deadline for copy to the next issue of the Community News is by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The Council, therefore, **decided** to make a decision on the wording for the advertisement to gauge people's interest in getting actively involved with this project prior to this date. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Coleman should provide a draft text.

**312.10** to note clean up of Ribbleside Path by Giggleswick Gardening Group

The Council **noted** that the Giggleswick Gardening Group had cleared vegetation off the public right of way from Queen's Rock House to the Riverside path and Councillors thanked them for their hard work.

**312.11** to consider action regarding Ash Die Back in trees on Paley Green Lane

The Council had **received** correspondence that Ash Die Back is apparent in trees on Paley Green Lane. The Council **agreed** that the affected trees present a danger to road vehicles, cyclists and walkers. The Council **decided** to ask for a site visit with NYCC Highways and request that remedial action should be taken on this Yorkshire Cycle Way.

**312.12** to consider action regarding pedestrian way on Stackhouse Lane

The Council had **received** correspondence regarding pedestrian safety on Stackhouse Lane close to the junction with the B6480. The number of residential properties has increased as well as the number of pedestrians. The traffic movements accessing homes and businesses up Stackhouse Lane has also increased. In addition, there is an increase in the number of parked cars along this section of Stackhouse Lane, which further brings pedestrians into close contact with road traffic, creating additional safety hazards. The Council **decided** to ask NYCC Highways if it would consider extending the roadside pavement from the corner of the B6480 for a distance of 50 metres along the east side of Stackhouse Lane and install double yellow lines to prevent parking on the extended pavement.

**312.13** to consider action regarding speeding issue on Bankwell Road

The Council had **received** correspondence regarding vehicle speeding on Bankwell Road. The Council **noted** that County and District Cllr Welch is investigating the possibility of installing two speed tables and it **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways to support this idea.

**312.14** to propose community projects for Y10 pupils at Giggleswick School

The Council **agreed** to propose a number of community projects for Y10 pupils at Giggleswick School and Cllr Williamson will forward these to the School.

**313. Financial Matters****313.1.** Financial Statement to 31 July 2019

The Council **resolved** to accept the Financial Statements to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

**313.2** to note approved payment to Newitt & Co Ltd for 1 set of 16' x 6' goals

The Council **noted** the approved payment to Newitt & Co Ltd for 1 set of 16' x 6' goals of £844.11 plus £168.82 VAT to make a total of £1,012.93.

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

	Net	VAT	Total
M. Hill (Clerk's salary)			£466.80
M. Hill (expenses for purchase of velcro)	£ 35.12	£ 6.50	£ 41.62
P. Fawcett (grass cutting and baling on HPF)	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00
Cllr S. Williamson (expenses for tel. kiosk)	£ 13.15	£65.77	£ 78.92

**Received:**

VAT reclaim from Finance Year 2018-2019 of £3,773.89

The Council **resolved** to not approve payment to Horton Landscapes Ltd for £110.00 plus VAT for grass cutting on the Harrison Playing Fields in July on the grounds that it was not notified and, therefore, it could not be confirmed that grass cutting has taken place. The sum of £110.00 was more than the agreed payment for each cut. The Council **agreed** that this is in breach of contract.

The Council **resolved** to transfer the sum of £2,480.54 from the HSBC Bank account to the Skipton Building Society Account in order that ample funds are left in the bank account to cover the payments of accounts.

**314. To receive reports on or Notice of Meetings of Other Bodies.**

- \* YDNPA: Autumn 2019 Parish Forum meetings
- \* YLCA: White Rose Update July 2019
- \* contact from 'It's Grim Up North Running'
- \* YLCA: 1 day conference 2019 and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, 13 September, Skelton, York
- \* NALC: Chief Executive's Bulletin 15 July;
- \* Stories in Stone: updates
- \* Community First Yorkshire: 2 training events on 2 October
- \* Rural Services Network: The Rural Bulletin 16/07; 23/07; 30/07; 06/08; 13/08; Rural Conference, 3 & 4 September, Cheltenham; Rural Funding Digest August 2019
- \* Northern Gas Networks update July 2019
- \* Play Ground e-brochures and flyers from: Earth Anchors; LUDUS Leisure; Eibe Play; Parish Notice Board Company
- \* Council for British Archaeology (Yorkshire) workshop 21 September, Selby
- \* National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces (NFPGS) regional conferences

**315. To determine any Matter not included on this Agenda which the Chairman considers must nevertheless be addressed as a matter of urgency.**

There were no matters as a matter of urgency reported.

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

- Cllr Greenhalgh, as representative for the Council, **informed** the Council on the Settle Area Swimming Pool AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Charity Shop is a huge success. The FOSSP are winding up their charity and all funds will be transferred.
- Cllr Greenhalgh **reported** again about the potholes on Belle Hill and the Council **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways to have the road surface repaired.
- Cllr Williamson **enquired** about the Council's policy regarding strimming the sides on the Harrison Playing fields once per year. This item will be further discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr Williamson **proposed** to include an agenda item regarding the research on dog waste dispensers at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr Williamson **reported** that chippings are left on the pavement after re-sealing the road surface on the B6480 between the Harts Head and Settle Bridge and the Council **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways to clear the pavements.
- Cllr Bradley **reported** that a personal planning application will be submitted soon.
- Cllr Airey **reported** a missing drain cover on the Lawkland Road some 300 metres after the cross roads on the right hand side and the Council agreed to ask NYCC Highways to replace this as soon as possible.

**317. To confirm the date of the next parish council meeting**

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 19.30 hours (7.30 pm) in the Parish Rooms.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.39 hours (9.39 pm).

M. Hill  
Clerk to the Council