

Giggleswick Parish Council
Minutes of Remote Meeting 6, held on 8th September 2020

15 Minutes for public participation session

No registered electors joined the meeting.

6.1 Present: Cllrs Perrings (Chairman), Jones, Airey, Bradley, Coleman, Davidson, Greenhalgh, and Williamson.

In attendance: the Parish Council Clerk with no members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Ewin-Newhouse and County and District Cllr Welch.

The Council **resolved** to grant dispensation to Cllr Ewin-Newhouse for non-attendance for six consecutive months in order that Cllr Ewin-Newhouse can continue as a Member of the Parish Council.

6.2 The Council **resolved** that the clerk and RFO is empowered to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 101.

The Council **noted** that these delegated powers would be exercised by the clerk and RFO only after consultation with the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, and the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Jones, and that all decisions and actions taken would be reported to all Councillors in a timely manner and would be minuted for ratification at the next meeting of the Council. The Council further **agreed** that the subsistence of these delegated powers would be reviewed regularly.

6.3 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.

6.4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held remotely on 11th August 2020

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held remotely on 11th August 2020 should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, as a true and accurate record.

6.5 Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the agenda

- a. Cllr Bradley **informed** the Council that small holes have again appeared in the recently replaced goal nets at the Harrison Playing fields, allegedly caused by rabbits. The Council **reiterated** that it had received advice from a professional contractor as minuted at 3.5.1 2020-2021 that this is an on-going problem and one that the Council will solely find difficult to get under control.

6.6 Reports from County and District Councillor and North Yorkshire Police

Regarding item 6.8e County Cllr Richard Welch reported that the tilted mile stone is located on land maintained by NYCC Highways and that Cllr Welch will contact the Area 5 Manager about their reply to not straighten this milestone soon.

There was no report from the District Cllr and the Police.

The Council **noted** the NYP Community Messaging (Craven) from 12 August to 8 September.

6.7 Planning

a. Applications

- 1 YDNPA: C/31/661 – householder planning permission for proposed dormer window and internal alterations to provide enlarged bathroom, 22 Yealand Avenue

The Council **noted** that it had no comments to make.

- 2 YDNPA: C/31/662 – householder planning permission for erection of single storey rear extension to provide sunroom, 13 Yealand Avenue
The Council **noted** that it had no comments to make.

b. Decisions

- 1 CDC: 2020/21678/FUL – proposed installation of solar panels on the south aisle roof of the church, St Alkedas Church, Church Street. ***granted***

c. Other planning matters

- 1 CDC: Consultation regarding the Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document to 13th October.

The Council **noted** that CDC is inviting representations on its draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document and that all representations should be received by CDC no later than 13th October 2020. The Council **agreed** that Councillors should submit any comments to the clerk by no later than 1st October in order that a formal response can be formulated.

6.8 Reports and updates regarding parish maintenance matters

a. Harrison Playing Fields:

- The Council **noted** that Cllr Bradley has purchased four small bags of crushed limestone in order to fill in the reported rabbit holes at a cost of £7.06 and that this work has been completed.
- The Council **noted** that the Velcro fastening has arrived and that the nets on the small goals have been replaced.
- The Council was **informed** that the Log Swing with Birds Nest Seat is awaiting repair.
- The Council has **received** correspondence from a parishioner raising concerns over the removal of the latches on the gates into the children’s play area and, subsequently, the area is deemed as no longer safe. The Council **agreed** that the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, will order ‘latch and catch’ mechanism latches and replace the existing ones.
- The Council **considered** the appointment of members of the Harrison Playing Fields working group and **agreed** to appoint Cllrs Bradley, Coleman, Perrings and Williamson as members of this working group. The HPF working group will report monthly to the full Council.
- The Council **approved** the tender document in connection with the paths improvement project. The Council **agreed** to send this tender document to four local contractors and discuss the responses at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Council had **received** the quotation from Settle Coal for the purchase of the building material to be used for the footpath improvements. The Council **agreed** that a draft Purchase Order will be presented to the Council at the next Parish Council meeting.

- Regarding the site meeting with a representative from Streetscape in connection with the installation of a wooden fitness trail, Cllr Coleman **informed** the Council that the representative from Streetscape, Mr Matthew Day, has left two brochures and he will send suggestions of different approaches to the Council to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. The representative had asked for the plan of the area with the proposed new path and the Council **agreed** to send him an abbreviated version of the tender document.

b. street lighting:

The Chairman, Cllr Perrings, **informed** the Council about a solar-powered street light with a view to replacing LP20 near Tams Side and this information will be circulated to Councillors for their consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Jones **informed** the Council that NYCC street light 4, in front of 38 Sandholme Close, is on all the time. The Council **agreed** to report this to NYCC.

c. defibrillator NCPAD314 at Puddle Croft

The Council **noted** that a letter has been sent to the Parochial Church Council regarding the request to re-locate the defibrillator cabinet to the outside wall of the Parish Rooms, including a request to electrically connect this cabinet through the kitchen wall. Cllr Jones informed the Council that a meeting of the PCC is scheduled soon.

The Council **noted** a reply from Yorkshire Ambulance Service that the Council should have at least one set of pads attached to the defibrillator. The Council **agreed** to purchase one set of PADS to replace the current pads, which expire in December 2020, but which packaging appeared mouldy after the heavy rainfall earlier this year.

d. removed signs at The Mains

The Council **noted** the reply from the Street Naming and Numbering Officer at CDC regarding the removal of one and the partial removal of another sign at the entrance at The Mains from the B6480 that a replacement sign has been ordered for the removed sign. The maintenance team will visit the site in order to see about the condition of the partially removed sign, as well as securing it.

e. milestone at Buck Haw Brow

The Council **noted** the reply from NYCC Highways regarding the tilted position of the milestone on the B6480 between Mill Hill Lane and Huntworth Farm that this milestone is not causing any issues and is not a hazard, therefore, that NYCC Highways will not be carrying out any repair work. The Council **agreed** to ask County Cllr Richard Welch if he has budget to fund the repairs.

f. wasps' nest on the Riverside Path

The Council had **received** numerous reports of a wasps' nest, located on the Riverside Path near the ramp to Settle College's car park. The Council **ratified** its decision to contact NYCC Highways. The Council **noted** the reply that a NYCC Highways Officer had visited the site and that the Officer did not believe the wasps' nest presented sufficient risk to warrant the temporary closure of the footpath, which would be the usual course of action. The NYCC Officer advised that as the season is nearing an end and it is not the habit of wasps to revisit a previously used nest, the nest is best left in situ to avoid a similar colonisation in the same location next year. Any treatment or killing of wasps can make them even more aggressive.

g. Tems Beck maintenance

The Council had **received** correspondence from a parishioner regarding a FOI request to CDC for a copy of any Wildlife Consultations that would prevent the Lead Local Flood Authority from clearing the section alongside Church Street. The Council **agreed** to send the Parish Council's 'info note Management of Vegetation along Tems Beck', backed by a response to the Parish Council from the Environment Agency in July 2014, in which the Environment Agency concluded that, what some would term the overgrowth of Ranunculus has in fact aided the hydromorphological recovery of the beck by helping to form a channel width appropriate to the water flow regime.

h. PROW between the Settle College sports fields and the Settle United Football Club fields

The Council **noted** that County Cllr Richard Welch had contacted the relevant authority at NYCC in order that this PROW is refurbished as soon as possible. The state of this PROW was first reported to NYCC by the Parish Council in March 2020 after the heavy rainfall in February and minuted at 1.6.6 2020-2021. The Council **noted** the recent reply from NYCC Countryside Access South West Field Officer that, since lockdown measures have been lifted, site visits have commenced. The PROW in question is in an useable condition but some works are required. A contractor has been contacted in order to obtain a quote, subject to funding available.

6.9 Reports and updates on parish matters other than maintenance

a. speed reduction measures on B6480

The Council **noted** that there has been no reply from NYCC Highways Officers regarding speed reduction measures on B6480 and it **agreed** to send another email expressing Councillors' frustration and dismay that the NYCC Highways Officers have not responded substantially to any of the Parish Council's emails since shortly after the public meeting, held in November 2019.

b. access over Settle United Football Club land to the river Ribble

The Council **noted** further correspondence regarding this matter and the reply from the chairman of Settle Utd AFC that the 'visit Settle' website will remove the areas shown on the website as a right of way and rectify the issue.

The chairman of Settle Utd AFC informed the Council that any alterations made to accommodate walkers will not be financed by the Football Club and any entrance to be formed can only be undertaken at the Football Club's specification as well as any permissive path to be maintained to their standards. Settle Utd AFC will be reinstating the wall as soon as possible in order to prevent a further increase in dog fouling issues on their playing fields.

The Council **reiterated** its position that as landowner, Settle Utd AFC has every right to limit the access across their land. The Parish Council **agreed** to not be involved in installing or maintaining a permissive footpath. The Council also **agreed** to continue to be helpful by addressing residents' claims that, if there has been regular access by members of the public over a considerable number of years, this may constitute a 'right of way' or the 'creation' of a footpath and Cllr Davidson will contact the chairman in order to arrange a site meeting.

c. Local Government re-organisation

The Council was **informed** that The Government has made it clear to local councils in North Yorkshire and York that they must reorganise local government by creating one or more unitary councils in order to secure a devolution deal for the region.

The Council **noted** NYCC's position to form two councils: one for the City of York and one strong single unitary council for North Yorkshire working in a stronger partnership with town and parish councils and parish meetings.

The Council also **noted** CDC's position that the county's seven district and borough councils create an 'East-West model' which would create two new councils: one such council would serve communities in Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby and York; and the other such council would serve communities in Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate and Richmondshire.

The Council **agreed** to join the seminar organised by CDC on 16th September.

6.10 Financial Matters

a. The Council **noted** the Financial Statements, including the bank reconciliation to 31 August 2020.

b. The Council **noted** the 2020 – 2021 National Salary Award for NJC employed staff.

c. The Council **approved** payment of the following accounts:-

- G.A. Hewitt and Son for grass cutting HPF in July of £168.00

- Cllr Bradley for the purchase of 4 small bags of Crusher Run of £7.06. The Council **agreed** to accept a scanned copy of the receipt as evidence of this purchase.

- clerk's salary for September 2020 at the new rate of £489.60 as well as £52.80 as back payments to adjust to the new salary award for the months of April to August 2020 inclusive

- clerk for the purchase of Velcro fastening of £41.62

6.11 Reports on or notice of meetings of other bodies

- * CDC: Covid-19 mobile testing unit deployed on Rugby Club car park every other Monday, starting from 24th August 2020; Parish Liaison meeting 30/09 cancelled;
- * NYCC: Team weekly bulletin 02/09;
- * YLCA: White Rose Update 14, 28 August; Update to NALC Legal Briefing 01-20; Webinar Sessions: GDPR, 19/08; 09/09; Introduction to the Planning Process, 02/09; Risk Assessments 03/09; Training E-Bulletin and Programme September and October; Fields in Trust presentation 09/09; Branch Meetings October 2020
- * NYP: Leaders to give update on coronavirus response in North Yorkshire, 18/08;
- * Rural Services Network: the Rural Bulletin 18/08; 25/08; 02/09; 08/09; Rural funding digest, September edition;
- * Clerks & Councils Direct, September 2020, Issue 331
- * play ground e-brochures from Sanitising Station Company; Earth Anchors; Fenland Leisure Products; Mortis Sport & Play; Team Sport & Play; Parish Notice Board Company; Eibe Play

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

- The Chairman, Cllr Perrings **reported** a Yew tree on the verge at Four Lane Ends overgrowing into the road. The Council **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways in order to get this tree strimmed.
- Cllr Bradley **proposed** if the Council would consider to debate registering the Harrison Playing Fields with Fields in Trust. The Council **agreed** to put this item on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

6.13 Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The Council confirmed the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business to conduct and by thanking the host for this remote meeting, Cllr Williamson, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.01 hours.

M. Hill

Clerk to the Council