

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GIGGLESWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE
8th November 2016

15 Minutes for public participation session

One parishioner sat in attendance. PC Helen Montgomery reported the following:

Some quad bikes have been stolen and the police is urging the public to keep doors and outbuildings locked up and to report anything suspicious by telephoning 101. Overall, crime remains low in the area. Attention was given to the Police and Crime Plan consultation, which runs from 13th October until 18th November.

828. Present

Cllrs. Miss I.M. Perrings (Chairman), Mr. R.M. Jones (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. F.M. Airey, Mrs. S. Bennett, Mr. C. Coleman, Mr. G.J. Davidson, Mrs. J.M. Ewin-Newhouse, Mr. M. Pryal and with the Clerk in attendance.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Mrs. P.H.M. Simpson and County/District Cllr. Mr. R.C. Welch.

829. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllrs. Airey and Coleman declared a personal interest in Item 832.1, concerning planning application CDC: 31/2016/17479 – erection of agricultural building, Paley Green Farm, Paley Green Lane.

830. Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th October 2016

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. Minute 826 bullet point four should read ‘drain holes’.

831. Matters from previous meetings

- Item **771.3** and **791.1**. Residents’ comments were received in relation to the draft Local Plan and circulated.
- Item **821.1** Resident’s comments were received in relation to planning applications C/31/2016/17362 and C/31/2016/17363 – Well House, and circulated.

832. Planning Applications:

832.1 Received:

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

CDC: 31/2016/17070 – LBC for the re-roofing of property to re-use existing blue slates and replace existing defective stone slates to rear roof slopes with matching blue slates, Brookside, Giggleswick School, Craven Bank Lane;

YDNPA: C/31/150B – demolition of existing double garage, erection of new double garage in new position and erection of single storey side extension to form sunroom, The Riddings, Stackhouse Lane;

CDC: 31/2016/17457 – remove 1 sycamore, Stonecroft, Tems Side;

CDC: 31/2016/17479 – erection of agricultural building, Paley Green Farm, Paley Green Lane.

832.2 Decisions:

CDC: 31/2016/17222 – detached garage with log store, The Chase, Bankwell Road:
refused

YDNPA: C/31/653 – amended plans re construction of balcony to rear of dwelling with associated internal and external alterations, 18 Yealand Avenue: **granted**
 CDC/31/17362 – construction of two detached dwellings with associated off street parking, Well House, Bankwell Road: **withdrawn**;
 CDC/31/17363 – LBC for proposed works to listed walls and demolition of garden store, Well House, Bankwell Road: **withdrawn**.

832.3 Other Planning Matters

832.3.1 YDNPA: consultation on final modifications to the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2015-2030

The Council decided not to forward any comments as no areas in the parish are affected.

832.3.2 Wall between The Chase, Bankwell Road and Harrison Playing Fields

The Council had received an email from the property owners of The Chase of the repairs they are carrying out to the dry stone wall between The Chase and the Harrison Playing Fields. There are two large tree stumps, plus ivy and elderberry growing through the wall which has resulted in instability. The offending foliage is on both sides of the wall and the Council was invited to view this section of the wall. Cllr Jones had accepted the invitation to view the intended work and reported that fencing will be erected while the work is carried out.

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

833.1 Harrison Playing Fields: to receive report from RoSPA on play area safety inspection; updates on order placed; update on meeting with solicitors re registration

The Council had **received** the report from RoSPA on the play area safety inspection. The Council **decided** to wait with any possible maintenance until the installation of four new items of play equipment and the removal of one item has been completed. The poster provided by Wicksteed with the four new items has been presented to the Primary School.

In relation to the registration of the Harrison Playing Fields to the Land Registry, Cllr. Davidson had arranged for Mr Reid of formerly Tems Side and Mrs Tattersall of South End to meet Mr Bentley with a view to providing a declaration that the strip of land between the back of the Vicarage and the children's play area has formed part of the Harrison Playing Fields for as long as they can remember.

833.2 Update on obtained quotations on village grass areas and Harrisons Playing Fields

The Council had **received** one quotation for the cutting of the grass and the strimming and removal of vegetation for each of the agreed areas. The clerk was asked to **obtain** another quotation. Also, the Council had **received** the quotation for the grass cutting and the strimming of the Harrison Playing Fields. The clerk was asked to contact Horton Landscaping to **amend** the quotation.

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

The Council had not received an update on this item.

833.4 Update on Christmas tree preparations

The Council **decided** that the concrete housing for the Christmas tree should be checked by the Council's handyman.

833.5 Update on finger posts: missing one on Station Road and blue tourist ones

The Council had **received** information that the missing finger post on Station Road will be replaced by NYCC in due course. It was **informed** that the blue tourist finger posts were put up by Settle Town Council. It remains unclear which council is responsible for maintenance and the clerk was asked to investigate further.

833.6 Update on street lighting matters: LP 57; ENW seasonal illuminations inventory 2016
The Council had **received** a reply from NYCC that the new light LP57 has not yet been switched on because ENW is still waiting for permission from the land owners. It is unclear to the Council which land owner is meant. Cllr. Davidson will make enquiries.

833.7 Update on tree trimming at Bridge End
The Council had **received** confirmation that SUTD AFC has completed the tree trimming at Bridge End.

833.8 Uneven road surface
The Council had **received** a request to maintain the road or pavement surface in the village. The clerk was asked to **reply** to the parishioner that NYCC is responsible for surfaces and that it would be best to contact Highways Area 5 for the roads and Paths for footpaths herself.

833.9 Update on removal or adoption of telephone box
The Council had not **received** any response to the Council's request to contact the clerk in relation to BT's intention to remove public payphones. The clerk was asked to **contact** Giggleswick Primary School to find out if the school is interested.

833.10 FOI request regarding shale gas, fracking, seismic surveys
The Council had **received** a FOI request regarding any correspondence received or sent on shale gas and fracking. The clerk was asked to **reply** that Giggleswick is not situated in a potential shale gas area and subsequently it has no correspondence relating to this matter.

834. Financial Matters

834.1. Financial Statement to 31st October 2016.

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

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

	Net	VAT	Total
Horton Landscaping (grass cutting Oct. and)			
strimming boundary & Lower Fellings	£800.00	£160.00	£960.00
Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA annual inspection)	£ 66.50	£ 28.00	£113.40
Harrison & Cross (outdoor socket repair)	£ 22.80	£ 4.56	£ 27.36
Squarespace annual domain registration and website hosting	\$259.20 =		£239.42
M. Hill (Clerk's salary Nov.)			£349.96

Received:

Giggleswick School (Mill Hill rent)	£141.00
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The Clerk was **authorised** to transfer the sum of £1,740.14 from the Skipton Building Society Account to the NatWest Bank current account.

834.3 To consider an increase in Precept for Financial Year 2017/2018

The Council had **received** advice from CDC on its consideration to raise the precept for the Financial Year 2017/2018. A decision was **deferred** to the next meeting as more advice is needed on the impact on taxpayers in the parish. The Council will also take a decision on a further increase of precept for allowing it to raise the amount per elector in its budget to donate to potential charities like the swimming pool and the library in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, set by the Government at £7.42 per elector in this financial year.

834.4 To consider government grant for parish computer

The Council had **received** information from YLCA that a grant is available to help parish councils to comply to the mandatory Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. The clerk was asked to produce a bid for funding.

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

- * YDNPA: Southern Parish Forum: 16 November, Clapham
- * CDC: co-mingling recycling consultation until 21 December 2016
- * CDC: removal of Bring Sites in the Craven District
- * CDC: consultation on proposed changes to the council tax discounts for unoccupied and unfurnished properties: until 18 November 2016
- * YDNPA: Final Statement of Accounts for the YDNP 2015-16
- * NYP: Craven Messaging
- * NYP: PCC Police and Crime Plan consultation, from 13/10 until 18/11
- * Eden Brows Update: 19, 20, 21, 22
- * Greenfingers Landscape ltd: ground maintenance advice for town and community councils
- * Grounds Maintenance Enquiry
- * YLCA: Locality My Community Weekly Digest, 8 and 9 November 2016, York
- * YLCA: Council tax referendum principles consultation for councils with precept of at least £500,000
- * Craven and the First World War: Memorabilia Roadshow event, 12/11/16, Skipton
- * Public Sector Show: 22 November, Manchester
- * Clerks & Councils Direct, November 2016, issue 108
- * YLCA: information about the Northern Powerhouse
- * Healthwatch North Yorkshire: up to date contact information
- * Giggleswick Gardening Group Grassroots Giving

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

- On behalf of Cllr. Simpson, the Chairman **reported** that the vegetation on Southlands has been cut back, although more could be done.
- Cllr. Pryal **informed** the Council that he would send his apologies for the next meeting.
- Cllr. Ewin-Newhouse **reported** that the Council had not paid adequate attention to planning application YDNPA: C/31/655 and C/31/655A/LB – full planning permission and listed building consent for conversion of coach house to three short stay holiday lets, Old Hall, Stackhouse. This was mainly due to the drawing plans being printed off on a very small letter size and scale. The clerk was asked to forward the Council's objection to this planning application on the ground that egress and access onto Stackhouse Lane is difficult as the driveway to about ten other properties is narrow.
- Cllr. Coleman **reported** that the saplings have been cut on Paley Green Lane but not to the Council's standard.

837. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday the 13th December 2016 at 19.30 (7.30pm).

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25 hours (9.25pm).

M. Hill Clerk to the Council