

**Giggleswick Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 8, held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The Chairman, Cllr Isobel Perrings, paid tribute to Councillor Anna Greenhalgh, who tragically passed away late October. Cllr Greenhalgh was thanked for her dedicated service as Parish Councillor and her diligent eye for detail in debates will be sadly missed by all.

**15 Minutes for public participation session**

Mrs Brierley raised concerns regarding the lack of gritting at the bottom of Belle Hill and informed the Council that her property has been hit many times over the years by vehicles not able to break in icy conditions. The Council discussed this item at 8.7f.

Mr and Mrs Saunders enquired about the Council's position regarding Giggleswick residents currently not being offered an allotment plot by Settle Town Council. This item was further discussed at 8.8b.

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

**In attendance:** County Cllr Staveley, District Cllr Ogden; and Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill.

**Apologies** received from Cllr Davidson.

**8.2 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests**

a. Councillor Bradley **recorded** a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to item 8.7a: tree planting development plan on the Harrison Playing Fields.

b. No requests were made for dispensation in connection with any items on this agenda.

**8.3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7, held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7, held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, as a true and accurate record.

**8.4 Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the agenda**

a. The Council was **informed** that it should make an appointment with its solicitors and explain the reasons for seeking someone else to provide solicitors' services. The Council **agreed** that Cllrs Perrings, Williamson and the Clerk should attend the appointment.

**8.5 Reports from County and District Councillor and North Yorkshire Police**

a. County Councillor Staveley **reported** that the Chancellors budget and spending review statement contained some important announcements for local government. The main headline was an increase in funding of 3%, in real terms for each of the next 3 years, relieving the pressures that NYCC is under at the moment in terms of adult social care, rising costs for children social care placements, as well as overall inflationary and demand pressures across the council.

In addition, there was funding for other specific areas that effect local government, including schools, early years, youth facilities, initiatives around supporting families, and increasing adult skills funding, funding for local transport schemes, etc.

Regarding Covid 19 North Yorkshire at this moment in time has some of the highest covid rates in the country, and remains significantly above the national average. The main driver for this position has been school aged children with knock on impacts into the age groups that are clearly the parents and families of those children. Significant pressure remains on the health and social care system.

Regarding Local Government Organisation the leaders/representatives of all eight councils in North Yorkshire will act as an interim Executive Board (EB) which will oversee the first stage of the significant change programme. New councillors, who will serve for a five-year term, will be elected in May 2022 and will form an 'executive' to take on the responsibility for building the new council and putting appropriate policies and practices in place for the longer-term future.

The first year will be to provide governance for the final year of the county council and to oversee the implementation of the new council. This same group of councillors will then carry on their role on the new council for a further four years. District and borough councils will remain until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, and current district and borough councillors will continue in their roles until that date.

- b. District Cllr Ogden **reported** on the continuous correspondence with the YDNPA regarding the Stainforth Foss litter and the 3 Peaks Challenge Walks. Regarding the footpath maintenance that is required on the Stackhouse side of the Langeliffe locks footbridge Cllr Ogden reported that the area in question lies between the responsibility of the YDNPA and NYCC. A firmer footing at the field gate has been reported to the YDNPA Area Ranger and maintenance on the path between the field gate and the footbridge, which has been made very uneven through footfall erosion and flooding, has been reported to NYCC.
- c. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 9 incidents during the period between 9 October to 4 November, all minor.

## 8.6 Planning

### a. Applications

- 1 YDNPA: C/31/659 – full planning permission for erection of 8 No. residential dwellings with associated landscaping and drainage works, Land at Stackhouse Lane. The Council **agreed** to comment that the proposed entrance into the development should be positioned further south and as near towards Giggleswick village as possible. The proposed entrance is situated where the road narrows and is near to a corner, where it is difficult for two cars to pass. Also, the proposed 3 storey terraced housing is not keeping in character with the other properties on Stackhouse Lane, which are mostly bungalows. The Council is of the opinion that 3-storey high properties in this location and elevated on a slope as well, are so out of character and context that this might contravene with planning policies and the Council would request the YDNPA Planning Officer to contact the applicant if they would re-consider the design of the proposed properties taking their height into consideration.

The Council **agreed** it had no comments to make on the following three planning applications:

- 2 CDC: 2021/23328/HH – single storey extension to bungalow to provide a bedroom and en-suite bathroom, Keswick, Station Road;
- 3 CDC: 2021/23361/HH – proposed porch extension to existing dwelling, Garstangs Cottage, Garstangs Yard, Belle Hill;
- 4 CDC: 2021/23459/TCA – T1 Rowan - Reduce height by 2m, reshape away from house wall, 1 Raines Croft.

### b. Decisions

The Council **noted** it had not received a decision on pending planning applications.

### c. Other planning matters

- 1 Settle Town Council: Pump Track planning application.  
The Council had **received** communication from Settle Town Council asking support for the Pump Track planning application. The Council **agreed** to support the skate park and pump track facility as a much needed facility for people of all ages in the wider communities of Settle and Giggleswick.
- 2 The Council **noted** the draft revised Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation, which explains how CDC, as the Local Planning Authority for the area of Craven that falls outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park (the plan area), will engage individuals, communities, businesses, organisations and stakeholders in the planning process - both spatial planning (planning policy) and development management (planning applications). The Council **agreed** that Members should provide any comments they may have.

- 3 CDC: consultation on changes to the Local List requirements.  
The Council **noted** communication from Craven District Council, currently undertaking a review of the additional information they require to be submitted with planning applications over and above the minimum prescribed national requirements. The Council **agreed** that Members should provide any comments they may have.
- 4 proposed development at Little Lords Field  
The Council had **received** communication from the Giggleswick School Bursar and Clerk to the Governors that the developer has completed their detailed planning and that the case to Sport England has been completed for the loss of the redundant playing field and the resultant reinvestment in sport for Giggleswick School and for the local community. The proposed planning application will be submitted to CDC soon. The Council **agreed** to make enquiries with the CDC Sports Development Officer if the Parish Council is expected to submit a suggested list of S106 funds when it considers this planning application or wait until the planning decision has been issued.

## 8.7 Reports and updates regarding parish maintenance matters

### a. Harrison Playing Fields:

- Regarding the footpath improvement from the entrance near the Vicarage to the junction with the new path Cllr Bradley **reported** on a site meeting with the contractor and confirmed that the new footpath will be extended to the boundary wall as far as this is practicably possible without undermining the wall. The Council **resolved** that the contractor can proceed, subject to the quotation remaining to be £4,350.00 plus VAT without the installation of a non-slip surface.
- The Council had **received** the RoSPA Play Safety Inspection Report 2021 and Members of the HPF Working Group reported a high risk on one item of play equipment. The Council **resolved** to take the swings down as a matter of urgency until further notice to prevent usage. Members of the Working Group will discuss the Safety Report and recommend action to the Council in due course.
- Regarding the possibility of issuing Dog Control Orders the Council had **contacted** CDC to seek support and enquire if they would issue Dog Control Orders on the Council's behalf. The Council was **informed** that a response is awaited and **agreed** to write a short piece for the Village Section in the Craven Herald, explaining the issuing of DCOs for dog owners to keep dogs on a lead in the entire field; for owners to clear up after their dogs; and for owners to keep dogs out of the fenced off rugby pitch and the children's play area.
- Regarding the tree planting development plan the Council **resolved** to purchase 22 trees, 13 white flowering cherry at £60 each; 3 pink flowering cherry at £72 each; and 6 apple at £60 each, to a total value of £1,356.00. The Council **resolved** to accept the quotation by PBA to plant all trees at zero staff cost for £537.80 with a possible additional cost to be confirmed for bonemeal.  
Cllr Jones **informed** the Council that the members of the Parochial Church Council are, in principle, in favour of getting involved in the Parish Council's tree planting project as part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative and that he would recommend to the PCC to make a donation towards this project to the Parish Council.
- The Council had **received** a quotation from its grass cutting contractor for the strimming of all the verges around the Harrison Playing Fields for £25 per hour + VAT. The Council **resolved** to accept this quotation and contact the contractor to proceed.
- The Council **resolved** to invoice the Rugby Club £350.00 for the hire of the Lower Fellings for the season 2021-2022.
- The Council **agreed** to discuss the draft Risk Assessment at the next Parish Council meeting.
- regarding Other Issues, the Council was **informed** that the posts and netting of the small goals, which were used in the summer inside the fenced off rugby pitch, have been seen damaged and scattered in the hedge by the haha wall between the Lower and Middle Fellings of the Harrison Playing Fields. The Council **agreed** to contact the Rugby Club requesting that these be removed.

b. street lighting:

The Council was **informed** that NYCC street light number 5, between 23 and 24 Lords Close and LP 38A, located at the ginnel on Bankwell Road are repaired; and that LP37 at Otters Rise is still not working. The Council was informed that three street lights between Settle College and the Swimming Pool are not working. The Council **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways to report LP32, LP25 and LP24 as faulty.

The Council **noted** the installation of a new column LP55 opposite to the old column on Station Road.

c. bollard at entrance of bridge over Tems Beck to Tems Street

The Council was **informed** that the location of a retractable bollard would be on Tems Street to not only stop vehicles going over the bridge at number 9, but also to deter vehicles to go over the slab bridge onto Church Street. The Council **agreed** that a bollard on Tems Street could pose safety issues and it **decided** to hold off installation for the time being and consider alternatives at the next Parish Council meeting.

d. update on clearing of vegetation on Riverside Path

The Council **agreed** to arrange a site meeting with its grass cutting contractor to discuss strimming the verge on the Riverside Path from Kendalmans to Sandholme Close from path to fence and strimming the land in front of the bench facing Arla Dairy downstream to Sandholme Close in order they can provide a quotation.

e. verges maintenance

The Council **agreed** that the vegetation on the following verges should be strimmed:

- on Raines Road from Southend to the footpath across to Raines Road;
- on Bankwell Road from Sandholme Barn to Kendalmans;
- triangle at the top of Belle Hill; and
- on the B6480 one area opposite the Harts Head and two areas in front of the Swimming Pool.

The Council **resolved** to accept the quotation from its grass cutting contractor to carry out the strimming and removal of vegetation for £25 + VAT per hour and contact the contractor to proceed.

f. further issues relating to NYCC Highways

The Council was **informed** that the signage at the Mill Hill Lane junction with the B6480 to Buck Haw Brow has not been installed yet by NYCC Highways. The Council **agreed** to forward the Highways Officer's communications regarding this subject to County Cllr Staveley, who will make enquiries.

Regarding the winter gritting issues the Council was **informed** that it is unrealistic to form a Community Partnership to address the gritting of Belle Hill. The Council **agreed** that County Cllr Staveley should continue to negotiate a change to the existing gritting route in order it includes Raines Road, Church Street and Bankwell Road and it will ask Giggleswick School for support.

## 8.8 Reports and updates on parish matters other than maintenance

a. update on installation of SID on private land

The Council was **informed** that NYCC Highways has serious concerns in relation to the Parish Council's intention to install a SID on private land. The Council **agreed** to put this project on hold until further communication from NYCC Highways Senior Road Safety Engineer was received.

b. allotment allocation to Settle sites

The Council **decided** to contribute £25 per plot holder to Settle Town Council now, totalling £450.00, with a view to them offering a plot to the eight parishioners currently on their waiting list.

Regarding the allocation of S106 funds to the Town Council for allotments for completed developments the Council **decided** that District Cllr Ogden will contact CDC's Chief Executive and make enquiries if any such funds have been allocated to STC in the past.

c. Christmas tree

The Council had **received** a quotation for the supply of a Christmas Tree with the lights on loan for £262.00 and it **agreed** to accept this. The Council **noted** that the removal of the lights and the disposal of the tree is not included and Cllr Bradley agreed to carry this out.

d. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons – 2 June 2022 and The Queen's Green Canopy Initiative

The Council had **received** a quotation for a plaque for the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative and it **agreed** to discuss this item further at the next Parish Council meeting.

## 8.9 Financial Matters

a. The Council **approved** the Financial Statements, including the bank reconciliation to 31 October 2021 and it **noted** the total balance of all accounts as £31,412.47 with £10,828.13 in revenue and £20,584.34 in capital funds.

b. The Council **resolved** to approve payment of the following accounts:-  
 - Playsafety Limited of £124.20 for RoSPA Annual Inspection report 2021 for HPF  
 - G.A. Hewitt & Son of £408.00 for grass cutting on HPF in October;  
 - clerk's salary of £499.20 for November 2021  
 To **note** receipt of £141.00 from Giggleswick School for Mill Hill rent

c. The Council **resolved** to discuss the draft budget for the financial year 2022-2023 at the next Parish Council meeting.

## 8.10 Reports on or notice of meetings of other bodies

\* invitation to parish and town councils and parish meetings to attend an online briefing on the progress being made on the transition to a new unitary council for North Yorkshire, 1 and 3 December.

\* CDC: Impact on Tourism on the Craven District questionnaire

\* It's Grim Up North Running: early notification of Settle Road Race February 2022

\* YLCA: White Rose Update 29/10; 5/11; Webinar Training Bulletin 22/10 and Training Programme November and December 2021 to February 2022; Councillors discussion forum 21/10; 4/11

\* Rural Services Network: the Rural Bulletin 19/10; 26/10; 2/11; 9/11; Rural funding digest November edition

\* e-forests: free trees for planting projects

\* e-brochures: Online Playgrounds; Rural Arts; Eibe

\* Settle Area Swimming Pool Annual General Meeting 18 November

\* Ashridge nurseries: bulbs on offer

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

The Council decided that Cllr Coleman will represent the Parish Council on Swimming Pool matters until elections can be held in 2022.

## 8.12 Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30 pm at the Parish Rooms.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.58 hours.

**M. Hill**  
**Clerk to the Council**