

Giggleswick Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting 9, held on 14th December 2021

The Chairman, Cllr Isobel Perrings, acknowledged the tragic death of two young people following a fatal collision on Buck Haw Brow, which has shocked the community. Members offered their condolences and sympathy to the families and friends.

15 Minutes for public participation session

Mr Cribb of The Chase raised concerns about the trees which have been planted on the northern end of the Harrison Playing Fields immediately in front of their house and which may detract from their enjoyment of the playing area and the loss of sunlight to their garden and house in general. This item was further discussed at 9.7a.

Mr Woodbridge enquired about the Harrison Playing Fields in general and in particular about the Council's intention to raise Dog Control Orders. This item was further discussed at 9.7a.

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

9.3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8, held on 9th November 2021

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8, held on 9th November 2021 should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, as a true and accurate record.

9.4 Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the agenda

No Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the Agenda were recorded.

9.5 Reports from County and District Councillor and North Yorkshire Police

a. County Councillor Staveley **reported** that the Covid-19 rate in North Yorkshire is currently one of the highest in the North East Region as almost exactly 100 cases per 100,000 ahead of the England average. However, there is a significant fall in the number of people with Covid in hospital over the last few weeks. People aged 40 or over are urged to book the Covid-19 booster vaccine if their second Covid-19 jab was more than five months ago. Bookings in advance from 182 days (6 months) from the date of their second dose can be made at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/book-or-manage-a-booster-dose-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine/>.

County Councillor Staveley also reported about the county joining the 'Make Care Matter Campaign', a national campaign launched this month to encourage people to step into the care profession, as on any given day there are at least 1,000 care jobs available across the county and the need for people to work in care has never been so great.

County Councillor Staveley presented an update for poultry and bird keepers on the Avian Influenza. On 3 November an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) was declared across England requiring enhanced biosecurity for birds. There are strict rules in the zones surrounding the confirmed cases. If you keep poultry or other captive birds, please see the latest information, zones and their rules and guidance here: Avian influenza (bird flu) – [GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk).

Regulations on using mobile phones while driving will soon be tightened and the Police will prosecute motorists who use their mobile phones under any circumstances while driving and anyone caught using a hand-held device while driving will face a £200 fixed penalty notice and six points on their licence.

The Department for Work and Pensions will be giving NYCC £3.5m as part of their Household Support Fund programme in order that people who may be feeling the financial pressures of paying their bills over winter get additional help and letters have been sent to around 8,000 residents who meet the eligibility criteria of getting means-tested help to pay their council tax bill and have a child under the age of 19 living at home to let them know how to claim their e-vouchers.

- b. District Councillor Ogden **reported** that maintenance on the footpath on the Stackhouse side of the Langcliffe locks footbridge, in a poor state of repair, lies just outside of the YDNP and is, therefore, the responsibility for NYCC. Residents can report issues on public right of way in the Yorkshire Dales National Park to: info@yorkshiredales.org.uk Footpaths outside the YDNP should be emailed to paths@northyorks.gov.uk using the form at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/rights-way-maintenance>
- District Councillor Ogden also reported on the proposal by CDC to sell the site occupied by several garages at Riversdale and, combined with a strip of adjacent land that is currently between the cricket pitch and Riversdale and owned by Giggleswick School, may create a small development of around 10 houses. District Cllr Ogden suggests a constructive conversation with parties involved to resolve issues that may arise with this sale. District Cllr Ogden could not support a sale at this time if the funds from this council-owned community asset were to be pilfered by the newly formed County Council in April 2023 as this money needs to stay in Craven, preferably the northern end, and preferably within the ward affected (Penyghent).
- c. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 19 incidents during the period between 5 November and 9 December, notably the fatal collision when a single vehicle collided with a wall near the Golf club at Buck Haw Brow.

9.6 Planning

a. Applications

The Council **noted** it had not received any planning applications.

b. Decisions

The Council **noted** it had received a decision on the following planning applications:

- 1 YDNPA: Tree Preservation Order No 1 (Giggleswick) 1987 to crown thin and crown lift one sycamore, Drumochter, Stackhouse Lane. ***Given consent***
- 2 CDC: 2021/23361/HH – proposed porch extension to existing dwelling, Garstangs Cottage, Garstangs Yard, Belle Hill. ***Granted***
- 3 CDC: 2021/23328/HH Proposal: Single storey extension to bungalow to provide a bedroom and ensuite bathroom, Keswick, Station Road. ***Granted***

c. Other planning matters

- 1 The Council **noted** it had not received an update regarding the proposed development at Little Lords Field.

9.7 Reports and updates regarding parish maintenance matters

a. Harrison Playing Fields:

- Regarding the three trees which have been planted in the Children's Play Area the Council **reiterated** that they have been planted with a view to improve the appearance of this area for all users of the Harrison Playing Fields. The Council **agreed** to regularly maintain the three flowering

cherry trees, small deciduous trees that reach 15-25 ft in height and spread 4 to 8 metres, so that upon maturity should not overhang into any residents' garden or block sunlight into any of the properties.

- The Council was **informed** that the Harrison Playing Fields forms part of the Craven District Dogs (Fouling of Land) Order 1998. The effect of the Order is that it will be an offence under section 3 of the Act if any person in charge of a dog (except where the person in charge of a dog is registered as a blind person) fails to clear up immediately after the dog has defecated on any designated land.

Craven District Council has resolved to set the level of the fixed penalty to currently £50.

Further information regarding the Council's intention to raise a Dog Control Order to keep dogs on a lead and to prevent dogs from entering the children's play area and the fenced off pitch is awaited.

Permanent signage at all entrances will be discussed by Members of the HPF Working Group.

- The Council **agreed** to discuss the draft Risk Assessment at a future Parish Council meeting.

- The Council was **informed** that the strimming of the verges on the Harrison Playing Fields has been completed, apart from a strip near the Tems Beck side of the Fields, which need hand strimming. The Council **agreed** to contact the contractor.

b. street lighting:

The Council was **informed** that LP25 and LP24 on either side of the entrance to Settle Swimming Pool are repaired; and that LP37 at Otters Rise and LP32 near the staff entrance into Settle College are still not working. The Council **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways.

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

The Council was **informed** that the road sign at Bucks Lane at Raines Road, leading to Tems Street is not marked as 'dead end'. The Council **agreed** to make enquiries with Craven District Council if the road sign could be amended. County Councillor Staveley **informed** the Council that, in order to mitigate issues concerning the weak bridge, a NYCC engineer will make an assessment in terms of the best location for a bollard and that this assessment will be forwarded to the Council in due course. The Council **agreed** that Cllr Williamson should investigate the possibility of installing a 'no entry' sign on the abandoned post nearby the entrance to the bridge.

d. update on clearing of vegetation on Riverside Path

Cllr Jones **reported** on the site visit with the Council's grass cutting contractor regarding the clearing of vegetation on the Riverside Path. The Council **resolved** to accept the quotation to trim the verge on the Riverside Path from Kendalmans to Sandholme Close from path to fence and remove all vegetation for £25 per hour + VAT. Regarding the strimming of the land in front of the bench facing Arla Dairy downstream to Sandholme Close Cllr Jones **reported** that it would be extremely difficult to remove such large quantities of vegetation once strimmed. The Council **resolved** to instruct the contractor to trim the vegetation only from the fence on the left hand site to where the wall drops and along to Sandholme Close as well as the near area in front of the bench facing Arla Dairy and remove the vegetation.

e. verges maintenance

The Council was informed that the vegetation on the B6480 opposite the Harts Head has been strimmed; the two areas in front of the Swimming Pool have been strimmed but the vegetation has not yet been removed; and that the strimming of the verge on Raines Road from Southend to the footpath across to Bankwell Road, the verge on Bankwell Road from Sandholme Barn to Kendalmans, and the triangle at the top of Belle Hill is in hand.

f. further issues relating to NYCC Highways

County Cllr Staveley **informed** the Council that installation of the signage at the Mill Hill Lane junction with the B6480 to Buck Haw Brow, as agreed by NYCC Highways, will be installed soon.

Regarding the damaged wall on Raines Road, the Council **noted** the reply from Airedale Foundation Trust that the wall will be repaired by NYCC Highways who will then claim from the insurance company.

Cllr Coleman **reported** that wood debris after the stormy weather is stacked on Craven Bank Lane, encroaching into the centre. The Council **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways to remove the debris.

9.8 Reports and updates on parish matters other than maintenance

a. update on installation of SID on private land

The Council **noted** the reply from NYCC Highways Senior Road Safety Engineer that the County Council fully supports the positive action parishes and communities wish to take to address speeding concerns in their town or village. However, it is necessary that such signs comply with the signs as prescribed by the Department for Transport in the *Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016* and are located appropriately.

SIDs are not an approved sign and should not be installed on the highway network, nor should they be installed on private land to convey information or a message to road users. The County Council does possess powers to remove them and the Parish Council could be liable for damages should an incident occur that directly involves or is in consequence of that sign(s). The County Council requests that the Parish Council work within the County Council's Temporary VAS protocol, benefiting from the support and guidance of the County Council's highway engineers to ensure the greatest benefit from the prescribed signs is achieved.

The Council **resolved** to not pursue the installation of a SID further and contact NYCC Highways to refresh all 20 mph roundels on Raines Road and Bankwell Road and ask for some additional 20 mph roundels with a red background.

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

There was no update regarding the location for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon.

The Council **resolved** to purchase a Queen's Green Canopy plaque for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 for £170.00.

The Council was **informed** that its solicitors have reverted to HM Land Registry with a revised application for first registration of title for The Harrison Playing Fields and that, once the new registered title number is allocated, they will request expedition of the registration formalities in time for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June 2022.

9.9 Financial Matters

a. The Council **approved** the Financial Statements, including the bank reconciliation to 30 November 2021 and it **noted** the total balance of all accounts as £30,731.07, with £10,146.73 in revenue and £20,584.34 in capital funds.

b. The Council **resolved** to approve payment of the following accounts:-

- G.A. Hewitt & Son of £625.00 for verges strimming in November on HPF and some in the village;
- PBA of £2,270.16 for purchase of 22 trees and materials for planting;
- Pendle Shot Blasting of £300 for shotblasting playing fields gate at the Vicarage;
- Lay of the Land of £262.00 for supply and installation of Christmas Tree with lights on loan;
- clerk's salary of £499.20 for December 2021;
- Giggleswick Parish Rooms of £100 for hire of room in 2021.

To **note** receipt of £350.00 from NRRUFC for hire of Lower Fellings 2021-2022

To **note** receipt of £1.30 as 'Penny Bun' Rent to the Trustees of the Giggleswick Charities

c. The Council **considered** the draft budget for the financial year 2022-2023 and **agreed** to set the expenditure budget as £23,540 and the receipts budget as £24,681. The Council **resolved** to precept the Billing Authority, Craven District Council, for £22,000, the same amount as the previous year.

- d. The Council **considered** financial support to Giggleswick Primary School for their Forest School area on land near Four Ends Lane and **agreed** to be supportive but to make some enquiries in order they provide more detailed financial information. The Council **decided** to further discuss this item at the next Parish Council meeting.

9.10 Reports on or notice of meetings of other bodies

- * Partnership Update No 1 regarding creation of unitary Council and presentation at the online briefings on 1 and 3 December on the transition to a new unitary council
- Cllr Bradley **reported** that the new unitary council is intended to engage more with parish councils.
- * Wild Ingleborough Project – Tree Planting poster
- * NYCC: FEAST Project for children and young people poster
- * CDC: invitation to Impact on Tourism zoom meeting on 12 January 2022
- * CDC: Nominations for Craven Community champion Awards 2021 poster
- * Stories in Stone publications December 2021
- * Stantec and AllanRail: develop a corridor strategy for the future development of the Bentham Line, which runs between Leeds and Morecambe / Heysham Port
- * YLCA: White Rose Update 12/11; 19/11; 26/11; 3/12; 10/12; Law and Governance Bulletin 3/12; Webinar weekly Training Programmes; various finance related courses; Council meetings and face coverings – Covid-19;
- * Rural Services Network: the Rural Bulletin 16/11; 23/11; 30/11; 6/12; 14/12; Rural funding digest December edition
- * PFCC: Precept consultation until 13 January 2022

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

- a. The Council **agreed** to discuss the proposed sale of the site at Riversdale at the next Parish Council meeting after District Cllr Ogden has forwarded communications.
- b. Cllr Williamson suggested that the HPF Working Group should arrange a meeting in order it can propose future development plans to the full Council for its consideration.

9.12 Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as 11th January 2021 at 7.30 pm at the Parish Rooms.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.28.

M. Hill

Clerk to the Council