

## Washburn Parish Council

**Meeting:** Full Council

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Venue:** Norwood Social Hall, Norwood

**Commenced:** 7.02 pm  
**Concluded:** 8.46 pm

**Members Present** Cllr G Hebblethwaite (Chair)  
Cllrs M Ainsley, H Barker, A Campbell, J Davison, A Johnson, S Ryder, K Wilson

**In Attendance:** Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk), Cllr S Lumley (North Yorkshire County Council)

### 56. Apologies

Cllr C Ryder, Cllr F Walkinshaw, Cllr V Oldham (Harrogate Borough Council)

### 57. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest, of any nature, were received.

### 58. Minutes for approval:

**Resolved:** the minutes of Full Council on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved for accuracy by Cllr A Campbell and seconded by Cllr M Ainsley, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair

## **59. General Matters arising from the Minutes**

Cllr A Campbell requested that a member of the Police be invited once again to the next meeting to discuss how the Council can assist the Police moving forward and that 95 Alive be contacted again regarding safety on the B6451.

## **60. Police Matters**

There was one reported crime during September: 1 x Violence and Sexual Offences at Blubberhouses Sports and Recreation area. There were two reported crimes during October: 1 x Violence and Sexual Offences at Blubberhouses Sports and Recreation area; and 1 x Criminal damage and arson at Church Hill. There were ten reported crimes during November: 1 x Violence and Sexual Offences at Bland Hill; 1 x Drugs offence at Wydra Lane; 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour at Skipton Road Parking Area; 4 x Criminal Damage and Arson at Church Hill; 2 x Theft at Church Hill; and, 1 x Drugs at Church Hill.

The Clerk was requested to include the outcomes of each crime for future meetings.

## **61. A59 Kex Gill realignment**

Cllr S Lumley reported that the Planning Application for the scheme has been submitted and it is hoped that it will get approval without the need for a public inquiry – which would lead to significant delay. It is hoped that the scheme will be complete by Summer 2021.

## **62. County and Borough Matters**

Cllr S Lumley reported that due to the Election and Christmas both county and district council's have been dealing with routine matters. Harrogate Borough Council have now sold their offices at Crescent Gardens.

### 63. Plans considered since last meeting

The list of plans considered since the last meeting is attached

**Resolved:**                    **that the comments be noted**

### 64. Planning Application Decisions

19/02814/FUL      Widening of existing door opening with a triple pane  
fixed glass window

Prospect House Farm, Blubberhouses

**Approved with Conditions**

19/04006/FUL      Formation of riding area

Cobby Syke Farm, Fewston

**Approved with Conditions**

19/04158/COU      Change of use from holiday cottage to dwelling

Meagill Corner Farm, Blubberhouses

**Withdrawn**

19/04709/AMENDS Non-material amendment to allow for modification to  
roof pitch and material, and glazed southern elevation  
to planning permission 19/00598/FUL – Erection of a  
porch

Norwood Farm, Norwood

**Approved**

## **65. Correspondence Received**

The following correspondence was received (29.10.19 – 29.12.19):

1. Harrogate BC – Harrogate News
2. Harrogate BC – Ethical Standards Training (Handout)
3. YLCA – Harrogate Branch CIL Meeting
4. Harrogate BC – Developing Digital Skills in the Harrogate District
5. Yorkshire Water – Maintenance work to Thruscross Reservoir Crest Road
6. Nidderdale AONB – Election Result
7. YLCA – Free Training Event for Councils in Harrogate District
8. North Yorkshire County Council – Notification of planning application ref. no. NY/2019/0191/ENV - Kex Gill re-alignment
9. YLCA – White Rose Update
10. Harrogate BC – Notification of Parish Consultation meeting on Wednesday 22 January at 6pm in Bishop Monkton Village Hall

## **66. Highways Issues**

Issues to report:

1. Concerns over car parking on the Yorkshire Water car parks at North Lane, Stack Point, Swinsty Moor – leading to people parking on the public highway and verges causing disruption and damage to the verges – It was resolved that the Clerk write to Yorkshire Water with the Council’s concerns and to seek a solution;
2. Report of fly tipping on Askwith Moor Road near to the lay-by;
3. Catch Em Corner/Dangerous Corner – there have been three non-fatal accidents during December – report to North Yorkshire County Council

The Clerk updated Council that contact with North Yorkshire County Council confirms that they remain concerned over the Catch Em Corner/Dangerous Corner junction and that they intend to review the signing and lining when a resource becomes available within the team.

The Clerk reported that the request for signage on the A59 in Blubberhouses will be actioned in early 2020 by North Yorkshire County Council and that the sign on Hardisty Hill has been replaced.

The Clerk further reported that the issue of flooding on the B6451 has been inspected and reported that the gullies were working but had reached their full capacity due to excessive rain and water run-off. This has subsequently subsided and as such no further action will be taken at this time but that it will continue to be monitored.

#### **67. Parish Caretaker**

The Chair reported that there has been interest in the caretaker role – following discussion among Councillors, the Clerk was instructed to take up a reference and report findings to all Councillors.

#### **68. Maintenance**

Meagill Chapel – all paths need weeding and the bins need emptying. The Clerk to report to Harrogate Borough Council.

#### **69. Litter Pick**

Council agreed to undertake a litter picking day in the parish on Saturday 18 April 2020. Equipment will be provided. Arrangements are: Timble meet at Robinson Library at 10.00am; Fewston meet at Parochial Hall 10.00am; and Norwood meet at Norwood Social Hall 10.00am. Further details from Cllr A Campbell

## **70. Asset Inspection**

**It was resolved to undertake asset inspection in March and September.** It was agreed that the following Councillors undertake the inspections: Cllr G Hebblethwaite (Fewston); Cllr J Davison (Timble); Cllr A Johnson (Norwood); Cllr K Wilson (Blubberhouses). The Clerk to supply the assets lists to each Councillor for their area

## **71. Grit Bins/Piles**

The Clerk reported that North Yorkshire County Council have risk assessed and scored the requested four locations identified but these need to be checked by the Project Engineer responsible for grit enquiries in the Washburn area. To date the Project Engineer has not responded and the Clerk is requested to make contact again

## **72. Timble Telephone Box**

**It was resolved that** the Council would monitor future developments with the red telephone box in Timble but not adopt at this stage

## **73. Budget 2020/21**

**Resolved:** the Council approves the budget of £8,300 for 2020-2021, proposed by Cllr K Wilson and seconded by Cllr M Ainsley, agreed unanimously

**The Council instructs the Clerk to notify Harrogate Borough Council that the precept requirements for 2020/21 will be £7,700**

The Clerk was also instructed to contact John King to see if he would be able to undertake an inspection of the trees that are the responsibility of the Council

