

Washburn Parish Council

Meeting: Full Council

Date: 2nd March 2020

Venue: Norwood Social Hall, Norwood

Commenced: 7.30 pm
Concluded: 8.50 pm

Members Present Cllr C Ryder (Chair)
Cllrs H Barker, A Campbell, A Johnson, S Ryder, F Walkinshaw, K Wilson

In Attendance: Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk), Cllr S Lumley (North Yorkshire County Council), Cllr V Oldham (Harrogate Borough Council)

78. Apologies

Cllrs M Ainsley, J Davison, G Hebblethwaite

79. Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Campbell declared an interest on Item 87(2) as a member of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

80. Minutes for approval:

Resolved: the minutes of Full Council on 6th January 2020 were approved for accuracy by Cllr A Campbell and seconded by Cllr A Johnson, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair

81. General Matters arising from the Minutes

Parish litter pick date is now confirmed as Saturday 18 April.

82. A59 Kex Gill realignment

Cllr S Lumley reported there has been no Steering Group meetings recently and that the scheme remains in planning and currently on hold, although it is hoped that it will progress soon and without the need for a Public Inquiry.

83. Police Matters

There were two reported crimes during December: 1 x Anti-social behavior at Blubberhouses Sports and Recreation area and 1 x Violence and Sexual Offence at Jonah's Lane.

The Clerk reported communication with the Police over the concerns with the spike in crime during October and November. Although there has been an increase in crime shown across the area, the majority are in relation to one location where it is believed the crimes are linked to anti-field sports protestors, with the drug offences a result of police stop checks.

84. County and Borough Matters

Cllr S Lumley reported that North Yorkshire County Council has appointed a new Corporate Director. The Council are setting up a new company to take services back in house from 2021. There is a Rural Commission undertaking work on looking at the rural challenges moving forward. A new 'Salt of the Earth' scheme has been set up to recognize individuals making significant contributions in our communities. And a reminder that the Tour de Yorkshire will pass through this area on the afternoon of Sunday 3 May.

Cllr V Oldham reported that the Harrogate Green Waste scheme is commencing shortly. The Harrogate Local Plan has returned from the Inspector without major amendments.

85. Plans considered since last meeting

The list of plans considered since the last meeting is attached

Resolved: **that the comments be noted**

86. Planning Application Decisions

19/04693/FUL Change of use of driveway to be encompassed within domestic curtilage. Erection of garage (Revised Scheme)

Stile Top Farm, Norwood

Approved with Conditions

19/05167/FUL Change of use of agricultural land (Sui Generis) to use as residential garden (C3)

Chapel House, Blubberhouses

Refused

87. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (30.12.19 – 24.02.20):

1. Harrogate BC – Harrogate News
2. Nidderdale AONB – Dark Skies Reserve Status **It was resolved that the Clerk send a letter of support**
3. YLCA – White Rose Update
4. Harrogate BC – Planning Enforcement – Land Comprising field at 418221 449963 **It was resolved that the Clerk send a letter to Planning Enforcement that the experience of most councillors that they have never seen the caravan off-site and that it is likely being used for residential purposes**
5. YLCA – New Website Launch
6. Harrogate BC – Garden Waste Collections

7. Harrogate BC – Parish Briefing on County Lines
8. Harrogate BC – Village and Community Hall Quality Assessment 2020
9. YLCA – Harrogate Branch Meeting
10. Harrogate BC – Harrogate District Local Plan: Receipt of Inspectors Report
11. Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund – opens 9 March – 18 May
12. North Yorkshire County Council – Planned Road Closure, Kex Gill, Blubberhouses 25-26 February
13. RAF Menwith Hill Spring Reception Invitation – 12 March

Items 1-13 noted

88. Highways Issues

No issues to report.

The Clerk updated the Council on the following highways issues:

1. Reservoir Car Parks – Yorkshire Water identify that addressing the car parking issues at busy times is very difficult but that they have committed to funding the Dales Bus service and marking out parking bays at Swinsty Moor. They will also be contacting North Yorkshire County Council to see what other, if any, options are available.
2. Dangerous Corner – Washburn Parish Council has supplied details of recent incidents to North Yorkshire County Council who request to be kept informed when further incidents occur.
3. Speed Concerns on B6451 – The Council have been informed that this area has previously been assessed by North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau and that the decision taken was to enforce the area with Safety Camera vehicles at Top Lane and Smithson's Lane. These sites are visited regularly and enforcement undertaken.

89. Maintenance

New issues reported:

1. Penny Pot Lane/Constable Ridge – to cut back tree branches on the junction

90. Asset Inspections

Following the asset inspections the actions identified to be carried out:

1. Meagill Lane Chapel – wire mesh air vent and tar paint guttering
2. Noticeboard on B6451 – remove algae
3. Timble oak tree – trim back of branches
4. Telephone boxes – painting to be considered on a future agenda

91. Parish Caretaker

The Council were informed that the new parish caretaker is Andrew Wilson.

92. Grit Bins/Piles

The Clerk reported there has been further correspondence with North Yorkshire County Council and that the issue of grit piles remains a frustration. Cllr S Lumley suggested forwarding any agreements that already exist to North Yorkshire County Council.

93. Bulb/Wildflower Scheme

It was resolved to request bluebells

94. Website Accessibility

It was resolved to commission Vision ICT to write the Accessibility Statement and place on the website.

95. Meeting Schedule 2020-21

It was resolved that the Meeting Schedule for 2020-2021 be accepted

96. Human Resources

It was resolved to increase the Spinal Column Point scale (part-time) of the Parish Clerk to SCP18 – effective from 1st April 2020

97. Finance

	To: All Members of the Parish Council	From: Parish Clerk			
	Accounts Paid				
	General Accounts	Jan-20			
	<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>NETT</u>	
	CLERKS SALARY	618.90	0.00	618.90	
	CLERKS EXPENSES	60.00	0.00	60.00	
	HMRC TAX	154.60	0.00	154.60	
	COMPUTER ANTI-VIRUS	20.00	0.00	20.00	
	MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	12.00	0.00	12.00	
	TOTAL	865.50	0.00	865.50	

Resolved: that the accounts paid be approved

98. Bank Reconciliation

It was resolved to approve the bank reconciliation statement as against relevant bank statement and cash book entries. Proposed by Cllr C Ryder, Seconded by Cllr S Ryder.

99. Next Meeting

Monday 11 May @ 7.15pm in Norwood Social Hall, Norwood