

Washburn Parish Council

Meeting:	Full Council
Date:	7 th September 2020
Venue:	Virtual meeting via Zoom
Commenced:	7.30 pm
Concluded:	9.10 pm
Members Present	Cllr G Hebblethwaite (Chair) Cllrs H Barker, J Davison, A Johnson, C Ryder, S Ryder, F Walkinshaw
In Attendance:	Cllr V Oldham (Harrogate Borough Council), Cllr S Lumley (North Yorkshire County Council), Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk), Two Members of the Public

Public Participation

The residents raised the following matter:
Concern over the proposed site for an electricity substation in Timble.

23. Apologies

Apologies from: Cllr M Ainsley, A Campbell, K Wilson

Resolved: to note apologies and approve all reasons for absence

24. Declarations of Interest

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

25. Minutes for approval:

Resolved: the minutes of Full Council held on 6th July 2020 were approved for accuracy by Cllr J Davison and seconded by Cllr A Johnson, agreed unanimously and will be signed by the Chair at a later date

26. General Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising

27. Timble Substation

The Council reiterated its concerns raised in a letter sent to Harrogate Borough Council on 5 July 2019 about the proposed site of an electricity substation in Timble. The Chair of Council will attend a site meeting on 15 September with relevant parties to raise the Council's concerns and explore possible options.

28. County and Borough Matters

Cllr S Lumley reported the major current issue is the instruction from national Government for a devolution deal. There are two proposals being considered: single tier authority for North Yorkshire and the City of York; or a two tier authority – broadly along an A1 east/west split. Proposals will be presented to Government by the end of September. There will be a transitional period but it is likely there will be new structures in place within 2 years. This will have implications for Town and Parish Council's – likely to mean that those willing to take on responsibilities will receive delegated powers down to the local level.

Cllr V Oldham identified that a major concern with local government reorganisation is that it will result in fewer councillors but increased case load. Should the east/west model be the outcome then Harrogate will join with Craven, Richmond and Hambleton. It remains unclear as to what powers would pass down to Town and Parish Council's.

33. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (01.07.20 – 28.08.20)

1. Harrogate BC – Resident’s news
2. North Yorkshire County Council – Covid-19 update
3. YLCA – White Rose Update
4. YLCA – Update on Regulations to meet remotely
5. Email – Fallen tree at Jack Hill
6. Email – Wydra Bridge raised manhole and traffic calming
7. Norwood Social Hall – Room available for hire – **Venue for upcoming meetings to be discussed at the next meeting**
8. Harrogate BC – Letter from Leader of Council on Local Government Reform
9. North Yorkshire County Council – Letter on proposal for single unitary council for North Yorkshire
10. Email – Dog walkers – **The Clerk was instructed to contact Yorkshire Water with regards to concerns at Timble Ings**
11. RAF Menwith Hill – Invitation to opening of Serenity Park and Assumption of Authority

34. Highways Issues

Issues to report:

1. Enquiry about the possibility of a traffic light installation at the intersection of the B6451 and A59. **The Clerk was instructed to forward to Cllr S Lumley and Highways**
2. B6451 layby – several deep potholes in the layby near Dawn Cottage. **The Clerk was instructed to forward to Cllr S Lumley and Highways**
3. Bland Hill junction with B6451 – car parked on footpath is a safety issue. **The Clerk was instructed to report to the Police**
4. Timble – Replacement slow down sign needed

Signed

Date

Cllr S Lumley provided an update on the A59 at Kex Gill identifying that all requirements have been submitted to Government, now awaiting a response. If everything goes as planned the timescales have slipped to completion in 2022.

35. Maintenance

The following works have been completed by the caretaker:

1. Wydra Lane – Trees trimmed near Give Way
2. Three Lanes End – Strimming
3. Fewston and Norwood – Grass cutting and soil clearance
4. Fewston Farm Shop – Tree trimming
5. Hardisty Hill – Strimming
6. Maud Lane – Removal of fallen tree
7. Jack Hill – Verge Strimming
8. Norwood – Verge/Drain Clearing

New issues requiring action:

1. Penny Pot Lane/Constable Ridge – branch blocking sight line opposite Willow House
2. Fewston Farm Shop towards A59 – tree/bush need cut back

The Council would like to record that the new caretaker has settled in well and is doing a very good job.

36. Road Side Verge Cutting

Resolved: **the Clerk is instructed to appoint Hesselden’s to undertake cutting back on Hardisty Hill**

The road side verge cutting regime for 2021 to be discussed at the November meeting.

37. Reservoirs

The Chair reported that concerns over the increased number of visitors to the reservoirs resulting in access and parking issues have been acknowledged. North

Yorkshire County Council Highways state they will monitor the situation and remain in contact with Harrogate Borough Council parking enforcement surrounding the problem. It is accepted that parking restrictions are in place and cover the full extent of the highway in the double yellow lined areas, including the verge areas, and is an enforceable parking restriction.

Enforcement is the responsibility of Harrogate Borough Council and despite requests by local residents for them to attend, to date they have not attended.

The Clerk was instructed to send details to Cllr V Oldham to raise with Harrogate Borough Council Parking Services.

38. Speeding on B6451

Cllr M Ainsley has received complaints from residents about the noise, speed and reckless driving on the B6451 which is making their lives a misery. He would request that a 40mph speed limit be put in place between Farnley and Norwood in order to permit more effective policing of speeding and noisy vehicles as well as making the road safer for many other road users.

The Clerk has raised the issue with North Yorkshire County Council Highways who report that despite two recent fatalities on this stretch of road there has been no recommendation from the fatal collision report to amend the speed limit. In addition, traditionally the regulations say that a predominantly rural section of road such as this does not fit the criteria for a 40mph speed limit as it only serves to devalue a correctly signed 40mph in other areas such as Bland Hill.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the PCSO with regards to speed gun training for the council and to report these concerns to the 95 Alive Partnership

39. Asset Inspections

The Chair presented the Asset Inspection reports identifying that no works are currently needed. The telephone boxes will need the paint touched-up in Spring 2021.

Resolved: **that the Council agree and adopt the Contracts and Procurement Policy**

46. Retention and Disposal Policy

The Retention and Disposal Policy is attached.

Resolved: **that the Council agree and adopt the Retention and Disposal Policy**

47. Finance

Resolved: **that the accounts to 31 August 2020 be approved**

48. Next Meeting

Monday 2nd November @ 7.30pm via Zoom

Signed

Date