

Washburn Parish Council

Meeting: Full Council

Date: 2nd November 2020

Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Commenced: 7.32 pm

Concluded: 9.13 pm

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

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

49. Apologies

No Apologies

Resolved: to note apologies and approve all reasons for absence

50. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were received from Cllrs M Ainsley, G Hebblethwaite and S Ryder on Item 63 of the Agenda.

51. Minutes for approval:

Resolved: the minutes of Full Council held on 7th September 2020 were approved for accuracy by Cllr C Ryder

**and seconded by Cllr H Barker, agreed
unanimously and will be signed by the Chair at a
later date**

52. General Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr Ainsley raised the issue of speeding on the B6451 and his disappointment at the response received from North Yorkshire County Council Highways.

Cllr Lumley outlined the difficulty in getting changes to speed limits and given the rural setting and small number of properties adjacent to the road makes this location unlikely to fit the criteria for reducing the speed limit.

Resolved: The Clerk write to North Yorkshire County Council Highways to record the Council's dissatisfaction with their previous response.

53. County and Borough Matters

Cllr S Lumley reported the major current issue is devolution for all the districts of North Yorkshire intended to reduce duplication of service, prioritise local issues and increase resources. 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 later this month.

The Kex Gill realignment is ready to go but has been impacted by Covid-19. It is hoped that planning approval will be secured in November 2020 and that Central Government will provide funding support to enable the project to commence.

Cllr V Oldham stated Harrogate are maintaining services as much as possible despite the pandemic. A decision on devolution from Harrogate district will be agreed on 6 November.

54. Police Matters

The July crime data records two incidents: Public Order offence under investigation at the A59 Parking area; and, Criminal Damage & Arson not prosecuted at Jonah's Lane.

The August crime data records four incidents: two Violence & Sexual Offences at Blubberhouses Sports area unable to be prosecuted; one Violence & Sexual Offences under investigation at Church Hill; and one anti-social behaviour offence at Brat Lane.

55. Plans considered since last meeting

The list of plans considered since the last meeting is attached

Resolved: that the comments be noted

56. Planning Application Decisions

20/02811/TPO Reduce branch of T1 (Sycamore) and removal of deadwood of T2 (Sycamore) of Tree Preservation Order 14/2005
Timble Inn, Timble

Approved with Conditions

20/03303/AMENDS Non-material amendment to allow installation of bi-fold doors in lieu of French doors and window of planning application 18/03666/FUL – joint application for the demolition of outbuildings and erection of single and two storey extensions (both properties) (Revised Scheme)

3 Sandwith View, Norwood

Approved with Conditions

20/02077/DVCON Variation of condition No.4 of planning permission Ref 07/01386/FUL to allow opening hours of shop and restaurant from 7.00am to 7.00pm, Monday to Friday

Mackenzies Smoked Produce Ltd, Wood Nook Farm,
Blubberhouses

Approved with Conditions

20/01890/FUL Erection of single storey extension, installation of replacement timber windows and door and crown lifting and crown reduction of 1 Ash tree within Timble Conservation Area

Bramley Farm Barn, Timble

Approved with Conditions

57. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (29.08.20 – 26.10.20)

1. Harrogate BC – Resident’s news
2. North Yorkshire County Council – Updates
3. YLCA – White Rose Update
4. YLCA – Covid-19 and Remembrance Sunday Events Guidance
5. NALC – Statement on the Rule of Six
6. Councillor Email – Noise pollution
7. Harrogate BC – Moor Road Caravan **Resolved – The Clerk write to Harrogate Borough Council to thank them for all their work on this matter**
8. Harrogate BC – Parish/Community Bulbs
9. Harrogate BC – Horticultural Nursery Autumn Plant Sale
10. 3 x Resident Emails – Parking Issues on Church Hill
11. North Yorkshire County Council – Road Closure on Pinfold Lane
12. YLCA – Code of Conduct Consultation by the Committee for Standards in Public Life

58. Highways Issues

No Issues to report

59. Maintenance

The following works have been completed by the caretaker:

1. Tree Trimming – Constable Ridge Road
2. Tree Trimming – Fewston Farm Shop

Hesselden's have undertaken a verge cut along Hardisty Hill

New issues requiring action:

1. Cutting back along North Lane

60. Road Side Verge Cutting

In 2021 the Council agreed the roadside verge cut is necessary on Hardisty Hill – August would be the best month. The Caretaker will be requested to cut back brambles along Jack Hill and North Lane.

Resolved: The Clerk send an email to Cllr V Oldham to acquire the list of accredited contractors in Harrogate able to cut on roadside verges

61. Timble Sub Station

Cllrs J Davison and G Hebblethwaite, along with two residents, have met with representatives of Northern Power Grid to discuss the options and issues with the siting of the sub station in the village. These options are being explored and the Council are unable to assist further at this point.

Cllr A Campbell would like to thank Cllr J Davison and Cllr G Hebblethwaite for their work on this issue.

62. Reservoirs

Cllr G Hebblethwaite would like to thank Cllr V Oldham for arranging Harrogate Borough Council Enforcement to visit the reservoirs at weekends. To date there have been 39 parking enforcement tickets issued for parking on double yellow lines. They will continue to attend as long as the issue persists.

A further parking issue has been raised by residents on Church Hill. This location does not have double yellow lines and was reported via 101 to the Police. The Police reported there was no blocking of the road. Harrogate Police will contact the Knaresborough Police to request a leaflet be put on cars.

Similar issues appear to be taking place at White Crag with regards to parking on the roadside.

Cllr V Oldham requested that any emerging clusters be reported to her. Cllr Oldham committed to keeping the pressure on with enforcement and a plea to keep reporting any issues. Harrogate Borough Council will deal with enforcement on double yellow lines, anything else will be a Police matter.

63. Washburn Valley Directory

Norwood Charities have contacted the Council with regards to sponsorship for a community directory. Council outlined that an online directory may be useful and could sit or be linked from the Parish Council website. Cllr G Hebblethwaite and Cllr M Ainsley will speak with Norwood Charities and feedback at a future meeting.

64. Meeting Venues

Resolved: that the Council will continue to meet via Zoom

