

## Washburn Parish Council

<b>Meeting:</b>	Full Council
<b>Date:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<b>Venue:</b>	Virtual meeting via Zoom
<b>Commenced:</b>	7.01 pm
<b>Concluded:</b>	8.32 pm
<b>Members Present</b>	Cllr G Hebblethwaite (Chair) Cllrs H Barker, A Campbell, J Davison, A Johnson, S Ryder, F Walkinshaw
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Cllr V Oldham (Harrogate Borough Council), Cllr S Lumley (North Yorkshire County Council), Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk)

### 69. Apologies

No Apologies received

### 70. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were received from Cllrs M G Hebblethwaite and S Ryder on Item 81 of the Agenda. Cllr J Davison declared an interest on a current planning application at Timble Grange.

### 71. Minutes for approval:

**Resolved:** the minutes of Full Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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**

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

Cllr A Johnson raised the issue of speeding in Norwood and the need for enforcement at Bland Hill. The Chair identified that this has been raised with North Yorkshire County Council Highways.

## **73. County and Borough Matters**

Cllr S Lumley reported that North Yorkshire County Council's winter programme is in operation – but due to budgets there have been some grit piles not replenished. The proposals for Local Government reorganization have now been submitted to Central Government. The next stage will be a wide scale public consultation – the likelihood is that new elections for the new structure will be in 2022. He attended a virtual meeting with key partners, arranged by Washburn Parish Council, to discuss issue in the valley – this was a good meeting and hopeful of positive outcomes.

Cllr V Oldham stated that she was pleased to see Yorkshire Water marshals' at the reservoirs over Christmas – but is aware that there were still some issues.

The Chair thanked both Cllr S Lumley and Cllr V Oldham for the work they do for the residents.

## **74. Police Matters**

The September crime data records one incident of anti-social behaviour at Askwith Moor Road near to Timble.

The October crime data records three incidents: one Violence & Sexual Offence at Cobby Syke Road under investigation; one Burglary at North

Lane with the investigation complete as no suspects have been identified; and one anti-social behaviour offence at Wydra Lane.

The Chair has sent a letter to the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner expressing concerns over the current service provided to the area and is awaiting a response.

## **75. Plans considered since last meeting**

The list of plans considered since the last meeting is attached

**Resolved: that the comments be noted**

## **76. Planning Application Decisions**

19/04650/FUL Change of use from agricultural land (Suis Generis) to holiday camp site (Suis Generis); siting of single storey cabin

Cruck House Farm, Norwood

**Withdrawn**

20/03091/PNA Erection of a general purpose agricultural building

Meagill Hall Barn

**Approved**

20/03070/FUL Erection of pitched roof to existing attached store, alterations to fenestration and formation of log store (Revised Scheme)

Tabucca, 3 Brame Hall Farm, Norwood

**Approved with Conditions**

20/03418/FUL Painting of windows and doors

1 Brame Hall Farm, Norwood

**Approved with Conditions**

Telephone Kiosk Dangerous Corner (01943 880259)

**Approved to remove**

20/03346/FUL Erection of single storey garage extension, conversion of existing garage to kitchen/dining room with window to rear elevation, and insertion of larger window to ground floor of rear extension

Croft Farm, Blubberhouses

**Approved with Conditions**

20/03498/FUL Raising of spillway walls with new masonry-clad reinforced concrete walls and concrete invert, raising the crest bridge by 775mm and raising of adjacent walls

Swinsty Reservoir, Timble

**Approved with Conditions**

20/04384/FUL Erection of extension to connect main house to annex/holiday cottage and installation of rooflight

Southcroft, Timble

**Approved with Conditions**

## 77. Correspondence Received

The following correspondence was received (27.10.20 – 21.12.20)

1. Harrogate BC – Resident’s news
2. North Yorkshire County Council – Updates and Bulletins
3. YLCA – White Rose Update
4. Letter from Cllr Carl Les re: Local Government reorganisation in North Yorkshire
5. Planned Road Closure notification – 27714 Watsons Lane, Norwood
6. Contact from a resident re: Meagill Lane Farm
7. Contact from Cllr Oldham re: Road Side Verge Contractors
8. Planned Road Closure notification – 27875 Busky Dyke Lane, Fewston
9. Email from Cllr Walkinshaw re: road issues
10. Planned Road Closure notification – 27905 Smithson Lane, Norwood
11. Email from Cllr Ainsley re: stalker
12. North Yorkshire County Council – Budget Consultation
13. Email from Cllr Johnson re: car parking at Swinsty View **Resolved: The Clerk was instructed to contact the Police regarding this issue.**
14. Harrogate BC – Census 2021
15. Harrogate BC – Changes to waste and recycling days over Christmas
16. North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – Precept consultation 2021-2022

## 78. Highways Issues

Issues to report:

1. Norwood Edge – Blocked drain on roadside verge
2. Norwood Edge – Damage caused to verges by mountain bikes

The Clerk was requested to respond to the resident raising concerns over Dangerous Corner.

## **79. Maintenance**

New issues requiring action:

1. Slippery/dangerous footpaths around Meagill Chapel to be reported to Harrogate Borough Council

## **80. Reservoirs**

The Chair outlined that there has continued to be car parking issues around the reservoirs and these have been reported to partner organisations. A meeting has taken place with representatives from Washburn Parish Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Yorkshire Water, Harrogate Borough Council and Cllr S Lumley – unfortunately the Police did not attend. Yorkshire Water have committed to undertaking a review of existing car park design and would employ marshals throughout the Christmas period. North Yorkshire County Council Highways committed to white lines across a large area of the parish – anyone parking over a white line could be given a fixed penalty notice by the Police. Harrogate Borough Council Enforcement have been visiting the area and will continue to do so.

There were concerns at the meeting that the activities at the reservoirs could push the problem elsewhere and Cllr J Davison identified there is now a particular problem at Four Lane Ends – this needs to be reported to the Police when taking place.

## **81. Washburn Valley Directory**

The Vice Chair Cllr J Davison led the meeting for this item.

The Clerk was requested to contact Norwood Charities to express the Council's support for the directory and that the Council recommend an electronic directory which it would be happy to host on the Council website. There were concerns over content and management of the

directory. **Resolved that the Council would not make any financial contribution.**

## **82. Billy Lane/Back Lane**

Cllr G Hebblethwaite informed Council that a resident in Timble had made a complaint about trenches being dug along Billy Lane to alleviate the issue of flooding to their property despite these trenches creating an hazard to those who use Billy Lane. These trenches have been filled in with a request from residents for the Council to invest in a solution to the issue of flooding in this location. The proposal was for the purchase of a stone trough that would collect silt and enable water to drain off and therefore complement the drainage works undertaken by a resident in this location.

To discussion identified that support this project on land not owned by the Council would create a precedence, as well as additional future costs to the Council in terms of liability, insurance, maintenance.

**Resolved: Not to support the proposal to install a stone trough at Billy Lane/Back Lane.**

## **83. Budget 2021/22**

**Resolved: the Council approves the budget of £9,035 for 2021-2022, proposed by Cllr J Davison and seconded by Cllr S Ryder, agreed unanimously**

**The Council instructs the Clerk to notify Harrogate Borough Council that the precept requirements for 2021/22 will be £7,700**

## **84. Auditors Report**

The Clerk presented the External audit report findings

