

## Washburn Parish Council

**Meeting:** Full Council

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Venue:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

**Commenced:** 7.31 pm

**Concluded:** 9.32 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), PC Helen Barrett (North Yorkshire Police), Dr J Knowles (Parish Clerk)

### 88. Apologies

No Apologies received

### 89. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received

### 90. Minutes for approval:

**Resolved:** the minutes of Full Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved for accuracy by Cllr A Campbell and seconded by Cllr J Davison, agreed unanimously and will be signed by the Chair at a later date

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

No Matters Arising

## **92. Police Matters**

PC Helen Barrett from the Neighbourhood Team introduced herself and confirmed that herself and Sgt Andy Graham are the point of contact for the Council and that the Clerk has contact details for both.

Councillors raised concerns over increased criminal activity in recent months particularly anti-social behaviour. It is hoped that there will be improved communication in order to assist the Police in the future.

The November crime data records one incident of bicycle theft at Brat Lane where the investigation is complete and no suspect identified.

The December crime data records three incidents: one Criminal Damage and Arson at Hardisty Hill with the investigation complete and no suspect identified; one Vehicle Crime at Wydra Lane under investigation; and one anti-social behaviour offence at Askwith Moor Road.

The Clerk informed Council that the Police will patrol the area when possible and subject to availability of vehicles. The issue of the parked vehicle at Swinsty View has been investigated and completed. The issue of speeding on the B6451 needs reporting to 95 Alive for the Camera Safety Vans to visit and conduct speed checks. North Yorkshire Police would not support the introduction of 40mph speed limits between Bland Hill and Farnley as it is a rural road with insufficient roadside development to meet the Department for Transport criteria for a 40mph speed limit.

### **93. County and Borough Matters**

Cllr S Lumley reported that there will be no elections for North Yorkshire County Council in May due to the Local Government reorganization review – elections will take place in 2022. The county budget is to be increased by 3.49% with the biggest challenge being adult social care. The new Kex Gill road has been approved through planning and financial support secured. It is hoped the new road will be in situ by the end of 2022.

Cllr V Oldham stated there will be division boundary changes – not parish boundary changes – as a consequence of Local Government reorganization. The main consultation currently in Harrogate relates to the Station Gateway project which aims to improve this key gateway to the town – looking for improvements in the pedestrian and cycling experience and reduce congestion.

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

The list of plans considered since the last meeting is attached

**Resolved: that the comments be noted**

### **95. Planning Application Decisions**

20/03151/FUL      Erection of two storey side extension including demolition of single storey side extension

Old Badgers Cottage, Blubberhouses

**Approved with Conditions**

20/03149/FUL      Conversion of barns to form 3 dwellings with access and demolition of existing agricultural buildings (Revised Scheme)

Brown Bank Farm, Norwood

**Approved with Conditions**

20/04843/FUL      Erection of detached double garage  
Timble Grange, Timble

**Approved with Conditions**

20/03166/FUL      Formation of access and installation of access gate  
Croft Farm, Timble

**Approved with Conditions**

20/05059/FUL      Demolition of existing rear extension, erection of  
replacement extension and conversion of ancillary  
buildings to form home office  
Croft Farm, Timble

**Approved with Conditions**

**95. Correspondence Received**

The following correspondence was received (22.12.20 – 19.02.21)

1. Harrogate BC – Resident’s news
2. North Yorkshire County Council – Updates and Bulletins
3. YLCA – White Rose Update
4. Email – Salt piles, drainage problems
5. Email – The Open Reach Grate and bollards **Cllr F Walkinshaw reported North Yorkshire County Council are liaising with Open Reach regarding anti-slip grates and that bollards are unlikely to make a difference**
6. Harrogate Branch Meeting – 8 February

7. Yorkshire Water work at Swinsty and Fewston Reservoir
8. Email – Nitrous Oxide Canister
9. Email – Planning Application Myers Lair, Blubberhouses
10. Email – Stray Ferret comment on East of Otley
11. YLCA – Views on the power to hold remote meetings
12. Lindley Wood Reservoir – Wood with nails
13. North Yorkshire County Council – Letter re: Extraction of silica sand by surface working and erection of a processing plant at Blubberhouses Quarry, Kex Gill **The Clerk was instructed that the Council had no comment on renewal of the approval at this time**
14. Email – Timble Village Common Land **The Clerk was instructed to investigate land at Swinsty Reservoir**
15. Harrogate BC – Local Government Reorganisation update
16. Email – Northern Power Grid substation **Cllr J Davison reported that Northern Power Grid are exploring potential on an area of land**
17. North Yorkshire County Council – Letter on Local Government Reorganisation
18. Email – Timble Methodist Church....Sale

## **96. Reservoirs White Lining**

The Clerk reported that North Yorkshire County Council are working with their contractor. Due to the width of North Lane they may not be able to do anything but Yorkshire Water may want to consider introducing something on the verges to deter parking. The timescales have been affected by the weather but they will update on start dates when possible.

## **97. Highways Issues**

No issues to report but the Clerk was instructed to contact Area 6 regarding the frustration with the online reporting system and for an update on the planned course of action at Catch Em Corner.

## **98. Maintenance**

Issues requiring action:

1. North Lane – Overhanging trees
2. White Crag to Car Park – Overhanging trees
3. Drain near Fewston Parochial Hall

## **99. Asset Inspections**

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

1. Noticeboards – need cleaned, rubbed down and varnished
2. Interpretation Boards – need cleaning
3. Telephone Boxes – remove flaking paint and re-paint/touch up where required
4. Meagill Lane Chapel – Fill base of door frame where two holes have appeared and reseal gutter right-hand side of window on left side of the chapel

## **100. Bulb/Wildflower Scheme**

**Resolved:**            **to request daffodils**

## **101. Litter Pick**

Council agreed to undertake a litter picking day in the parish on Saturday 17 April 2021. 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. The date to be advertised on facebook, social media and in the parish magazine.

## 102. Meeting Schedule 2021-22

**Resolved:** that the Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022 be accepted

## 103. Human Resources

**Resolved:** to increase the Spinal Column Point scale (part-time) of the Parish Clerk to SCP19 – effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

## 104. Finance

To: All Members of the Parish Council	From: Parish Clerk		
Accounts Paid			
General Accounts	Jan-21		
<u>DETAIL</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>NETT</u>
CLERKS SALARY	657.40	0.00	657.40
CLERKS EXPENSES	138.00	0.00	138.00
HMRC TAX	164.20	0.00	164.20
HESELDENS GRASS CUT	270.00	45.00	225.00
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	12.00	0.00	12.00
TOTAL	1241.60	45.00	1196.60

**Resolved:** that the accounts paid be approved to 28 February

## 105. Next Meeting

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.15pm at Norwood Social Hall (or via Zoom)**

Signed

Date