

**A MEETING OF ASKHAM RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL was held on WEDNESDAY  
12 JANUARY 2022 at 7.30 pm. in the CHURCH HALL, MAIN STREET, ASKHAM  
RICHARD**

This Meeting had been due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> January but, due to Covid related absence, was not quorate at that time.

**PRESENT**

**COUNCILLOR MS R ABEYSEKERA  
COUNCILLOR J HENDERSON  
COUNCILLOR R MONEY  
COUNCILLOR R RIPPON**

**Chairman**

**Mrs Diane Greenwell  
Councillor Ann Hook  
Mrs Sara Mason  
Mr Michael Bartram**

**Clerk  
City of York Council**

**1. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

It was AGREED that the previously circulated Co-option Policy be added to the Standing Orders of the Parish Council.

Cllr Rippon PROPOSED that Mr Michael Bartram be co-opted onto the Parish Council. SECONDED by Cllr Money. ALL IN FAVOUR. Mr Bartram signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was counter-signed by the Clerk.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Bartram

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr Rippon declared an Interest in Item 17, as the owner of Jasmine Cottage.

**4. OPEN FORUM**

No matters raised.

**5. PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

The Diamond Jubilee of HM Elizabeth II in 2012 had been marked in Askham Richard by a street party on the Village Green. Mrs Sara Mason suggested that a similar event be held for the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee, on Friday 3rd June. Residents will be asked to bring a picnic, and their own tables and chairs, and there may be games (sack race, tug of war) and possibly a bouncy castle and fancy dress competition for the children.

Nationwide, beacons will be lit at 9.45 pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and Askham Richard's beacon has been registered on the official Platinum Jubilee website.

- 6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 3 NOVEMBER 2021** were AGREED as a true and correct record of that Meeting, after it was noted that Cllr Henderson had tendered his apologies.

Cllr Rippon PROPOSED that any decision on a new tree for the Village Green be deferred until the outcome of his personal application to remove a dying tree from his own garden is known. If this is successful, it is likely that a replacement will be required, thus removing the possible need for an additional tree in that part of the village.

## **7. ACTION REVIEW**

The duck house has been ordered, delivery date to be advised.

## **8. ASKAHM BRYAN COLLEGE**

Cllrs Rippon and Money had met with Emma Barberry and David Cousins, and the notes of that Meeting have been circulated.

Cllr Abeysekera and the Clerk had met (along with representatives of Askham Bryan and Copmanthorpe Parish Councils) with Dr Tim Whitaker, Mark Gent, Rob Rennie and Alison Horsley, and the notes of that Meeting have been circulated. A date has been fixed for a meeting in the autumn.

## **9. MILL LANE**

Cllr Henderson has spoken with Richard Henley of Cedar House Farm, who has informed him that the drainage along part of the Lane is blocked following repairs to the Lane by CYC. Before any further action is taken to address the problem of vehicles speeding along the Lane, occupants of the other affected properties will be consulted.

## **10. TREES ON THE GREEN**

See Item 6 above.

## **11. TRACKS ON THE GREEN**

Delivery vehicles are driving across the Green leaving deep ruts in the surface, and the verges are deteriorating. It is the responsibility of the householders to maintain the tracks, and Cllr Money will visit the relevant properties to remind owners of their responsibilities in this respect.

## **12. BUTTACRE LANE**

Mr Bill Manby, CYC, has accepted that the Lane needs attention and committed to draw up a plan to bring the road up to standard. He has since changed jobs, but the Parish Council will be in touch with his successor to ensure that what has been promised is delivered.

## **13. PUMP HOUSE ROOF**

A quote of £3,236 to repair the roof has been received. It was AGREED that this be accepted and that Cllr Money will place the order to carry out the works specified, and oversee the work on site.

## **14. RURAL WEST WARD**

The budget for the forthcoming year will be decided in February.

## **15. WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

No progress at this time.

## **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

A resident has asked if meetings of the Parish Council could be held monthly, instead of bi-monthly as is currently the case. After some discussion members AGREED that no change is necessary.

## **17. PLANNING**

Members have no objections to an application to remove a dying tree at Jasmine Cottage. Having declared an Interest in this item, as the applicant, Cllr Rippon took no part in this discussion.

Approval has been granted for works to some trees at HM Prison Askham Grange.

## **18. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The transfer of our account from Barclays Bank to Unity Trust Bank is progressing.

## **19. COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

No requests for this at the present time. The Clerk will supply a copy of the Good Councillor's Guide to those who do not have one.

**20. FINANCE**

The balance at the bank as at 4 January 2022 is £10,329.87.  
Invoices to pay: Farm and Land Services, for grass cutting - £374.40, and  
Shropshire Manufacturing Co., for the duck house - £441.75.  
AGREED

**21. TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2022-23**

After some discussion Cllr Money PROPOSED an increase of 3%, to £2,464, in the  
Precept for next year. SECONDED by Cllr M Bartam. AGREED.

**22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, at 7.30 pm in the  
Church Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....