

ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

held on Thursday 15th February 2024 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor	Simon Peers (Chair)		
Councillors	Julie Barber	Kathryn Smith	David Wiseman
	Jason Boakes		

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Anne Hook and the Clerk.

1 **APOLOGIES.** Cllrs. Dawson and Walker

2 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PC HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2024.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the PC held on 18th January 2024 be approved and that the Chair be authorised to sign, all in favour.

5. PLANNING

a. Planning Applications Received

Five planning applications had been received since the January 2024 meeting as follows;

- a. 24/00074/TCA - Ardsley House 92 Main Street - Crown reduce up to 2m, 20% crown thin and crown lift lower two branches of 1 no. Oak - tree in a conservation area.

It was **resolved** to raise **No Objection** to this application.

- b. 24/00062/FUL - Land At More Close (behind the mere), Askham Bryan Lane - Erection of an agricultural building.

Consideration was given to the access to the agricultural building noting that this had been a query raised the case officer. The applicant had replied to say that access would be across the field and no access track would be constructed. It was **resolved** to raise **No Objection** to this application.

- c. 24/00045/FUL - Askham Bryan College - Variation of condition 2 (replace hay barn and food store with toilet block and food preparation area and reduce size of teaching barn), condition 3 (landscaping plan), condition 6 (drainage details), condition 7 (drainage details) and condition 10 (biodiversity) of permitted application 23/00769/FUL - Erection of animal enclosure barns with associated field shelters, access and boundary treatments.

It was noted that this was a remodelling on a similar scale to the original proposal. It was **resolved** to raise **No Objection** to this application.

- d. 24/00129/FULM - Land To The South Of Sim Balk Lane York - Erection of 114no. dwellings with access, open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage.

This application was right on the edge of the Parish boundary (which went through the petrol station forecourt) and a triangular section of the site (in the south-west) was within the boundaries of Copmanthorpe PC. The proposal was to build these properties by ingress onto land currently classified as greenbelt and the need for this was questioned given that there were brownfield sites which could be developed first. The Ward Cllr. advised that a recent application by York College had been refused. The addition of such houses would add additional pressure on infrastructure (doctors dentists schools etc.) and on highways. It would have an adverse effect on the environment. There had been lots of comments already on the planning portal. The applicant was proposing to build affordable houses however it was the view of the PC that such

properties would nevertheless be beyond the budget of those starting out on the property ladder. It was **resolved** to **Object** to this application for the reasons stated above.

- e. 24/00183/TCA - 6 Saint Nicholas Croft - Crown reduce 1no. Silver Birch up to 2.4m and laterally reduce; trim back width of 1no. Magnolia - trees in a conservation area.

It was **resolved** to raise **No Objection** to this application.

Concerns were expressed about a grass verge which had been affected by building works. It was agreed to wait for the work to be completed and to only raise concerns in the event that the builder did not restore the verge to its original condition or if significant additional damage is observed at any stage.

b. Planning Decision Notices Received

No planning decision notices had been received

6 CRIME REPORT

It was noted that the format of the monthly crime report had changed and the figures were no longer Parish specific but showed all crimes in the Rural West Ward. None of the crimes shown on the report for January were in the Askham Bryan Parish area.

7 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR HOOK

Ward Cllr. Hook reported that the City of York Council (CYC) budget meeting would be the following Thursday. There had been a proposal to make savings by a reduction in the number of senior executives. There were plans to start charging people for green bins. There had been reports of flooding in several parts of the Ward, this was especially bad in Knapton and in Hessay where roads were blocked. In Askham Bryan, there had been correspondence from residents about surface water on Westwood Lane and on Chapel Lane. The water on Westwood Lane was causing erosion. The water on Chapel Lane was running onto Main Street, a road sweeper had been requested.

8 OTHER MATTERS.

8.1 The “Warning – deep water” sign at the pond.

At its January meeting, the Natural Environment Committee had expressed concerns about the deep water warning signs and asked for this to be an agenda item at the next PC meeting. The sign closest to 87 Main Street had been located but needed someone with some cable ties to fix it to the post. Cllrs. Peers and Wiseman agreed to take a look and decide what further action was necessary. The post for the sign at the other end of the pond had fallen.

8.2 Recreational Area.

There were no further developments to report since the January 2024 meeting.

8.3 Commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in June 2024.

Cllr. Wiseman had drafted a suggested article for the newsletter and circulated it to everyone via WhatsApp and Councillors had commented on this. He would submit the finalised version.

8.4 Correspondence from the York Diocese solicitors regarding access to the Recreational Area across Diocesan glebe land.

It was **resolved** to accept the offer from the solicitors representing York Diocese of £100 a year for access rights across the glebe land for the period ending 31st December 2029.

9 FINANCE

9.1 Report of invoices to be paid

It was **resolved** that payment of the following invoices to be approved, all in favour.

- Clerk’s Salary 01/01/2024 to 31/01/2024 and payments to His Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

A list of correspondence had been circulated and the contents noted.

11 ACTION TRACKER

An Action Tracker had been circulated with the agenda papers listing all previously agreed actions and reports on progress. There had been an action ongoing since 21st January 2021 for a laminated sign to be produced. The owners of this action were people who were no longer Councillors. There was a legal requirement that the ownership of the Recreational Area be publicly displayed. Cllr. Peers agreed to establish how other councils satisfied this requirement.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The dates of meetings in 2024 would be;

21st March, 18th April, 16th May (Annual meeting), 20th June, 18th July, 15th August, 19th September, 17th October and 21st November. All to be held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:13pm.

Signed

21 March 2024