

ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 19th October 2023 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Jason Boakes (Chair)
Councillors Julie Barber Mark Walker

In attendance: The Clerk.

In the absence of both the Chair and the Vice-Chair, it was **resolved** that Cllr. Boakes chair the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES. Cllrs. Dawson, Peers, Smith and Wiseman.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public in attendance who raised the following issues.

- The resident was involved in organising the rota for the grass cutting of the Recreational Area and asked the Parish Council (PC) if they were happy that he continue to do so. He advised that the lawnmower would need servicing and as it was also used for cutting grass in the churchyard, suggested that the cost of this be shared equally between the church and the PC. It would need new blades and possibly a new drive belt. There were plans that the next cut would be at the coming weekend.
- He asked about the trees at the back of the play area and at the boundary with the Glebe land and whether there were plans for further tree work to be carried out.
- He asked the PC whether they had received an invoice from the mole man. No such invoice had been received suggesting that the work had still not been carried out. The resident agreed to pursue this.
- The resident asked about public rights of way. Askham Richard had submitted a request that path running between the two villages should be officially recognised as a public right of way and had submitted necessary evidence to support this. There had been no response from City of York Council and he felt that this was long overdue. A negative response would be better than no response at all. Ward Cllr. Hook advised that there was a huge backlog. Cllr. Peers had had a meeting with the college. The Clerk and Cllr. Peers would check on previous correspondence from Askham Bryan PC.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PC HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2023.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the PC held on 21st September 2023 be approved and that Cllr. Boakes (as Chair on the night) be authorised to sign, all in favour.

5. PLANNING

a. Planning Applications Received

There were three planning applications to consider.

- a. 23/01717/FUL - Tuevais 101, Main Street - Variation of condition 2 of permitted application 22/02387/FUL to raise the roof by 0.5m.

It was noted that no decision had been taken by the local planning authority and was agreed to raise **No Objection** to this proposal.

- b. 23/01730/TCNOT - Telecommunications Mast, Eastfield Farm, Moor Lane - Regulation 5 notice for the removal of 6 No. antennas and 3 no. RRUs. Installation of 6 no. replacement antennas and 3 no. replacement RRUs on existing lattice tower.

Since circulation of the agenda, another application had been submitted for the telecommunications mast increasing the number of RRUs (Remote Radio Units) to fifteen. Ward Cllr. Hook had sent letters to all of the residents of Eastfield Farm and not received any comments from them. The PC therefore took the view that the residents were not unduly concerned about this proposal. It was agreed to raise **No Objection** to this proposal.

- c. 23/01864/TCA - The Little House, 133 Main Street - Re-pollard 1 no. Willow tree to previous pollard points - tree in a conservation area.

It was noted that there had been two previous applications in the last decade or two both of which had been approved. The PC felt that this latest application was simply to re-pollard the tree to remove the growth since the previous application and therefore, it was agreed to raise **No Objection** to this proposal.

b. Planning Decision Notices Received

The following application had been determined;

- a. 23/00769/FUL - Askham Bryan College - Erection of animal enclosure barns with associated field shelters, access and boundary treatments (site area 0.99ha). It was noted that the local planning authority had approved this application.

6 CRIME REPORT

There was one reported crime in September being the graffiti discussed at the previous meeting. Within a week this had been fully removed by City of York Council. Ward Cllr. Hook advised that it's often the case of knowing the right person to speak to. Graffiti removal is free of charge for private dwellings.

7 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR HOOK

Ward Cllr. Hook reported on plans by City of York Council to introduce taxes on green wheelie bins. There was a petition against this. It was estimated that 45% of households would do without a bin rather than pay the tax resulting in recyclable waste being put into the grey bin and environmental damage due to an increase in the number of journeys being made to Council recycling facilities. She also reported on a decision regarding allowing vehicular access for disabled badge holders into city centre locations.

8 OTHER MATTERS.

8.1 Budget for 2024/25.

A suggested budget for 2024/25 had been circulated for consideration. Whilst some of the subtotals differed from the previous year the overall budget was the same. This would be discussed further at the next meeting but meanwhile additional lines would be added as follows; £150 for lawn mower maintenance and appropriate amounts for mole control and the 2024 Christmas event.

8.2 Recreational Area.

In the absence of Cllrs. Dawson and Wiseman, it was agreed that discussion on Recreational Area updates be an agenda item for the next meeting.

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

Cllr. Wiseman had forwarded a message about this. In his absence, it was agreed that discussion on how the PC mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings be an agenda item for the next meeting. It was felt that given the sacrifice of those who took part, a party would be inappropriate.

8.4 Event at Christmas – 2nd December 2023.

Cllrs. Boakes and Wiseman had had further discussions with the landlord of the local public house and he was now happy to host an event for Christmas but further discussions were needed to agree the details. A further visit to the public house would be needed to progress this. Meanwhile the PC needed to have alternative plans as a backup. There would be an agenda item for the next meeting to consider proposals.

8.5 Remembrance Sunday 2023.

Cllr. Barber volunteered to be the PC representative at the Remembrance Day commemoration on 12th November. It was **resolved** that the Clerk order a poppy wreath for delivery to her address.

9 FINANCE

9.1 Report of invoices to be paid

It was **resolved** that the following invoices to be paid, all in favour.

- Clerk's Salary 01/09/2023 to 30/09/2023 plus deductions payable to HMRC taking into account the overall credit with HMRC.
- Poppy Shop – Wreath - £19.99 incl. £3.33 VAT plus £3.99 delivery
- Playsafety Limited - Annual Inspection of the Recreational Area - £75 plus 2 x £3.50 for extra items + VAT. Total £82 + £16.40 VAT.
- HM Land Registry documents – Pond £6.

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Item 607 was an email on behalf of Saint Nicholas' Church regarding funding to maintain the fabric of the church building and the specific problems with the vestry. This had been considered at the previous meeting.

11 ACTION TRACKER

An Action Tracker had been circulated with the agenda papers listing all previously agreed actions and reports on progress. It was noted that the action regarding fly tipping statistics could be considered as completed as this information had now been obtained. Councillors were surprised that the number of instances of fly tipping was higher than expected but also noted that the number of instances in the last year was considerably down compared to the two previous years. Clarification regarding insurance was needed for the PC using volunteers to cut the grass in the Recreational Area.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be 16th November 2023 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed

16 November 2023