

Giggleswick Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting 2, held on 10th May 2022

This meeting succeeded the Annual Meeting of the Council and commenced at 7.57 pm.

15 Minutes for public participation session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

2.1 Present: Councillors Isobel Perrings (Chairman), Sarah Williamson (Vice-Chairman), Colin Coleman, and Martin Saunders.

In attendance: County Cllr David Staveley, and Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill.

Apologies for non-attendance received from District Cllr Robert Ogden.

2.2 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests

a. Councillors did not record any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or Other Interests in relation to items on this agenda.

b. No requests were made for dispensation in connection with items on this agenda.

2.3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1, held on 12th April 2022 should be **confirmed** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, as a true and accurate record.

2.4 Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the agenda

The Council **agreed** to send a ‘thank you’ letter to former Councillors Airey, Bradley, Davidson, Jones, and Ewin-Newhouse for the significant contributions over many years of dedicated service for the Council.

2.5 Reports from County and District Councillor and North Yorkshire Police

a. County Councillor Staveley **reported** that the newly elected 90 councillors will serve the final 11 months of the County Council and then for a further four years on the new North Yorkshire Council when it launches on 1st April 2023, making decisions that affect everyone living and working in the county. During the course of the next few months there will be many decisions to be taken that will set the shape of the new council.

On the covid front, the data is showing that North Yorkshire is still relatively high compared to the rest of the country. The England average is that 4% of the population are testing positive for covid, in North Yorkshire the figure is 5.2%. this is however a significant reduction from the figure of 2 weeks ago which stood at 8.7% of the North Yorkshire population with covid. The numbers of people in hospital beds in the hospitals that serve North Yorkshire with covid has decreased as well in the last couple of weeks. There are still over 300 people with covid in the hospitals that serve North Yorkshire. Not all of these are North Yorkshire people and the majority of people with covid are not in hospital because of covid but the infection has been found whilst tested within the hospital environment. There are however 18 people in intensive care beds who have covid.

b. District Councillor Ogden **reported** in summary that he has followed up enquiries regarding the Lord’s Close development and also made the District Council’s Chief Executive aware of the communication issues. The Planning Department has undertaken an assessment of the consultation responses that have been received. A number of issues have been identified as part of the consultation process, some of which have been forwarded to the applicant’s agent. However, to date there has not been a response from the NYCC Highways Engineer and therefore any amendments cannot be fully agreed as they could potentially conflict with highway engineering requirements

which may or may not be necessary. The Planning Department is presently chasing up a response from the Highway Engineer as a matter of urgency.

Regarding timescales on the application it might be another couple of months before all matters pertaining to the application can be resolved and the application can be referred to the planning committee for a decision.

District Councillor Ogden also **reported** on correspondence received for a proposal to renovate the radio base station on land near Crofts Close. As part of Vodafone's network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for the upgrade of the existing base station to provide improved mobile telecommunications network services to this area of Giggleswick. District Cllr Ogden has indicated his support for this project.

- c. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 7 incidents during the period between 11 April and 7 May 2022, all minor.

2.6 Planning

a. Applications

The Council **noted** that no applications were received.

b. Decisions

- 1 CDC: 2021/23188/OUT – outline application for construction of two storey dwelling with access, appearance and landscaping for consideration. Location: Spring Valley Farm, Buck Haw Brow. **Refused.**
- 2 CDC: 2022/23692/HH – To demolish existing pentagonal shed and replace with a new garden sauna and to erect a new shed, Stonecroft, Tems Side. **Granted.**
- 3 CDC: 2022/23843/HH – proposed extension and detached garage, The Mallards, Raines Road. **Granted**

c. Other planning matters

- 1 The Chairman, Cllr Perrings, **reported** that a follow up meeting with the CDC Sports Development Officer to discuss further details for the Section 106 planning gain funds in relation to the development at Little Lords Field will be arranged ahead of the next Parish Council meeting on 14th June.

2.7 Reports and updates regarding parish maintenance matters

a. Harrison Playing Fields:

- The Council has not received a quotation from its handyman to paint the posts and sign of the entrance gate into the Harrison Playing Fields by the Vicarage and **decided** to contact them again.
- The Council had **received** correspondence from former Councillor Paul Bradley to water the newly planted trees this summer free of charge and **agreed** to gratefully accept this offer.
- The Council was **informed** that the application form has been submitted to the Fields in Trust and **agreed** that the Chairman, Cllr Perrings would now submit the requested recorded site visit video files to them.
- There was no report on Health and Safety issues.
- Regarding the draft Risk Assessment, the Council **decided** to send the template version to Members as a shared document.
- One further issue relating the to Harrison Playing Fields was **reported** as representations have been received that the grass cutting contractor had started cutting the grass on the Harrison Playing fields too early in the morning. The Council **agreed** to contact the grass cutting contractor and ask to start a little later in the future.

- b. street lighting:
The Council was **informed** that a response from NYCC Highways regarding the repair of LP 37 at Otter Rise on Bankwell Road and the connection to LP 32 near the staff entrance at Settle College, is still awaited and **noted** that County Cllr Staveley will raise this matter with the Highways Officer now as a matter of urgency.
- c. Giggleswick School's path through the Glebe Field
The Council **noted** the reply from the Giggleswick School Bursar that no issues with the path have been found recently and that the Bursar was again asked if maintenance on the areas near the two entry/exit gates could be carried out as these can become very muddy in wet weather. The Council is awaiting a reply.
- d. protection of bridge over Tems Beck to Tems Street
There was no further report as County Cllr Staveley had to await the election results on 5th May.
- e. broken handrail on the steps that lead from the back of the Harts Head Hotel
The Council had **reported** the broken handrail on footpath no. 9 to North Yorkshire County Council, who are responsible for the maintenance on this footpath and is awaiting a reply.
- f. parking issues on pavement between Style House and Bucks Lane
The Council had **reported** parking issues on the pavement between Style House and Bucks Lane on Raines Road to the Police and was **informed** that Police Officers will patrol the area and placed notices to park considerately and not block driveways or obstruct the pavement, as doing so may result in a fine or the vehicle being removed. The Council **decided** to monitor the situation and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.
- g. managing of vegetation and in Tems Beck and dog fouling along Tems Street
The Council had **received** a representation to clarify if dogs are allowed in Tems Beck and off the lead generally, as well as address the issue of dog fouling along Tems Street. The Council **decided** to send the resident the three documents explaining to all riparian owners in detail to leave most of the instream vegetation to allow for a faster flow of the water, so is much less liable to silt accumulation. Bankside woody vegetation, on the other hand, should be periodically cut back in order that it does not collect debris during high flow periods, which could increase flood risk.
The Council was **informed** it is not against the law to have a dog off the lead as the law states that 'dogs have to be in control'.
The Council **agreed** that dog fouling is a problem in many villages and towns, and it is an offence under the Craven District Dogs (fouling of land) Order 1998 for any person in charge of a dog not to clear up immediately after the dog has fouled on any land open to the air on at least one side to which the public have access. Craven District Council, as the enforcement authority, encourages people to report dog fouling to them, preferably with photographic evidence of the act and send this to environmentalhealth@cravencd.gov.uk. The Parish Council **agreed** considering the purchase of robust 'no dog fouling' signs, which will be put up around the village.
- h. further issues relating to NYCC Highways
There were no further issues relating to NYCC Highways reported.

2.8 Reports and updates on parish matters other than maintenance

- a. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Jubilee celebrations 2nd to 5th June 2022
The Chairman, Cllr Perrings, **reported** the progress made regarding The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on 2nd and 5th June and posters have been put up and flyers printed off. The

Council **agreed** that the floral displays around the village, on the top of Belle Hill, around the cross and the Church entrance, and on Tems Beck near the notice board, should be permanent.
There was no further report regarding quotations for the installation of The Queen's Green Canopy plaque.

b. plans for the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th June

The Council **agreed** to invite a number of local organisations and groups to its Annual Parish Meeting on 14th June at 7.00 pm.

2.9 Financial Matters

a. The Council **approved** the Financial Statements, including the bank reconciliation to 30 April 2022 and it **noted** the total balance of all accounts as £10,763.79.

b. The Council **approved** the Explanation of Variances paper.

c. The Council **resolved** to approve payment of the following accounts by bank transfer:-

- G.A Hewitt and Son of £252.00 for grass cutting in April 2022;
- clerk of £518.00 as salary for May 2022;

The Council **noted** payment of monthly charges to HSBC for banking services of £6.60 to be deducted on 7th May.

The Council **noted** receipt of £11,000 from CDC as first instalment of the precept on 4th May 2022.

d. The Council **resolved** to appoint the four elected Members as signatories to the new bank mandate.

2.10 Reports on or notice of meetings of other bodies

* YDNPA: nominations invited for a parish representative ("Parish Member") to sit on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to represent the Craven West parishes which fall within the national park

* YLCA: White Rose Update 14/4; 29/4; 1/4; 6/5; training programme for June and July

* ACE Settle and Area: 'Renewable Energy for Settle?' workshop 21 May at St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church Hall

* PFCC: North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner zoom meeting 26 May 2022

2.11 Reports / comments on other matters for information only, or for inclusion on a future agenda

The Council **noted** that no reports or comments on other matters were received.

2.12 Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as 14th June 2022, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm at the Parish Rooms.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.29.

M. Hill

Clerk to the Council