

Giggleswick Parish Council

Minutes of conducted business by Giggleswick Parish Council under authority delegated to the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, in consultation with the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, and the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Jones, noted as approved by Parish Councillors

Period 3: 13th May to 9th June 2020

3.1 Cancellation of meetings

- a. **The Council noted that the Parish Council meeting, scheduled for 9th June 2020, has been cancelled under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.**
- b. **The Council noted that, while the Regulations are in force, the clerk and RFO is empowered to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability, in consultation with the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, and the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Jones.**

3.2 The Council confirmed the Minutes of the Parish Council's conducted business for period 2 to 12th May 2020.

3.3 To note reports from County and District Councillor and North Yorkshire Police

- a. **The Council noted that NYCC has been given an extra £3.9 million of funding for highway improvements. County Cllr Richard Welch enquired if the scheme for the resurfacing of Station Road could now be carried out sooner.
The Council noted that NYCC has decided re-opening the Settle HWRC site.**
- b. **The Council noted the NYP Community Messaging (Craven) from 11 March to 1 June.
The Council noted the North Yorkshire Police monthly incidents report between 3rd to 31st May, notably four reports of Covid-19 travel; one report of RTC on A65 with 2 vehicles involved, no injury; one report of sheep on B6480; one report of suspect incident on the river bank; one abandoned call and one report of concern for wildlife.**

3.4 Planning

a To note applications received and actions taken

1. **YDNPA: C/31/619C – householder planning permission for erection of single storey extension to south elevation, Hillcroft, The Mains
The Council noted that it had no comments to make.**
2. **CDC: 2020/21660/FUL – Partial removal of weir on the River Ribble, Weir adjacent to Settle Sewage Treatment Works, Downstream of the Road (A59), Settle
The Council noted that the deadline for comments is on or before 22nd June 2020.**
3. **YDNPA: C/31/76A – full planning permission for works to existing workshop including re-roofing; rebuilding west and north elevation walls and alterations to windows and doors, Inglewood, The Mains
The Council noted that the deadline for comments is on or before 24th June.**

b To note planning decisions received

1. **CDC: 2019/21165/FUL – erection of agricultural building and hard standing, construction of access track and (retrospective) works to widen site entrance, earthworks, and native hardwood planting**

comprising beech, oak, hawthorn, rowan, and holly; creation of pond, Agricultural Building, Land at top of Buckhaw Brow: **granted**

2. YDNPA: Tree Preservation Order no. 1 to reduce two limbs from two sycamore trees under the Town and Country Planning act 1990, Inglewood, The Mains, **given consent**

c To note other planning matters received

No other planning matters were received.

3.5. To note actions regarding parish maintenance matters

1. Harrison Playing Fields:

- The Council **noted** that it has received correspondence about rabbits getting into the gardens of properties from the Harrison Playing Fields. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman decided to arrange a socially distanced site meeting to discuss the issue with a contractor from Assured Environmental Services. It was **agreed** that the affected property owners should install some rabbit-proof fencing along the inside of their garden boundary, as it is not possible to get the rabbit population under control. However, the contractor advised to spray the bramble vegetation along the stone wall adjacent to the affected properties now and he will submit a quotation for this work in due course. The Council further **noted** that it has been reported that rats have also been seen in the garden of one of the properties.
- The Council **noted** that there is no further report or action taken regarding the leak on the water pipe at the footpath between Raines Road and Bankwell Road.
- The Council **noted** that Treetops Forestry has been given permission to enter the Harrison Playing Fields to clear up vegetation debris after work has been carried out on two sycamore trees in the garden of Bankwell.

2. street lighting: LP20

The Council **noted** that LP20, located on the outside wall of 1 Tems Side, has been reported to NYCC as faulty. The Council **noted** the response from NYCC that LP20 is inaccessible due to its location and was deemed irreparable some time ago. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman **agreed** to ask for a quotation to install a similar 'heritage' style lamp. The Council **noted** that NYCC will carry out a site survey and will update the Parish Council in due course.

3. resurfacing of Station Road:

The Council **noted** that NY County Cllr Richard Welch had enquired to NYCC Highways if the scheme for the resurfacing of Station Road could be carried out as soon as possible.

4. bench at the bottom of Belle Hill

It was **reported** that the bench at the bottom of Belle Hill had been removed several weeks ago. The Council **noted** that the quotation to repair the bench had been accepted by the Council at its meeting on 10th March and that the contractor has been asked whether he had moved the bench in order to carry out the repair work. The Council **noted** the contractor's reply that he has not removed the bench and that he is hoping to have the work done in the next couple of weeks. The contractor has been notified to hold on with any repair work for the time being. The Council further **noted** that enquiries regarding the whereabouts of the bench are made with the parishioner who bought the piece of land adjacent to the piece on which the bench stood from the Parish Council in December 2017.

3.6 To note reports and updates on parish matters other than maintenance

1. ownership of the bridge over Tems Street:

The Council **noted** further correspondence received that Mr Cannon is no longer dealing with the above as the office of Coles Solicitors in Settle have closed down and will not be reopening and that all queries are to be addressed to the Coles Northampton office.

2. access to the river Ribble

The Council **noted** correspondence received from concerned residents that the access to the river Ribble at Bridge End has been blocked, whereas, according to residents, there has been unchallenged access for over 60 years in one way or another. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman **agreed** to seek some clarification from Settle United AFC as the landowner, firstly regarding the notices on the boards to tell people not to exercise their dogs on this land because it is a health issue. Secondly, whilst it would appear that a landowner has every right to limit the access across its land, the Council would like further clarification regarding residents' claim that, if there has been regular access by members of the public over a considerable number of years, this may constitute a 'right of way' or the 'creation' of a footpath in order that the Council can update the concerned residents.

3.7 To note reports regarding Financial Matters received

1. The Council **noted** the Financial Statements, including the bank reconciliation to 31 May 2020.

2. The Council **approved** payment of the following accounts:-
 - NYCC for street lighting maintenance 2019-2020 of £1,594.34;
 - G.A. Hewitt and Son for grass cutting HPF in May of £504.00;
 - J. Bownass Accountancy Services (internal audit 2019-2020) of £125.00;
 - clerk's salary for June 2020 of £476.40.

3. The Council **noted** the Annual Internal Audit Report for the Finance Year 2019-2020.

3.8 To note reports on or notice of meetings of other bodies

- * thank you email from Settle, Ingleton and Bentham Rural Watch regarding donation
- * CDC: message from Chief Executive regarding relaxation of lockdown measures; information for the Mutual Aid Groups and CSOs 20 May; anti-litter campaign poster
- * NYCC: covid-19 Bulletin 15, 19, 23, 26 May, 2 June; Chief Executive note 21 May; follow-up to Skipton and Ripon ACC on 14 May 2020 regarding Castleberg Hospital; Connect Community Directory; Buy Local initiative poster; survey to understand help to communities;
- * YDNPA: Covid-19 public update 4 June
- * B4RN: creation of an Expressions of Interest page on their website at <https://b4rn.org.uk/gw>, where anyone in the parish can register their interest in a B4RN connection, and indicate if they might be able to volunteer to help.
- * Rural Services Network: the Rural Bulletin 19/05; 27/05; 01/06; 09/06; Rural funding digest, June edition
- * Community First Yorkshire: Covid-19 testing available in various areas, including Settle, 19 to 21 May
- * YLCA: electronic training programme June to July; White Rose Update 29 May; 5 June; Craven Branch Annual meeting, 17 June; dealing with difficult issues webinar session, 10 June
- * play ground e-brochures from Fenland Leisure; Morti Sport and Play; Eibe;
- * Clerks & Councils Direct, May 2020, Issue 129
- * British Red Cross support
- * Skipsearch fly tipping link

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