

**Giggleswick Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting 7, held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**15 Minutes for public participation session**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**7.1 Present:** Councillors Isobel Perrings (Chairman), Sarah Williamson, Colin Coleman, Janet Ewin-Newhouse, Martin Saunders, and Rosie Scott.

**In attendance:** Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill.

**Apologies** for non-attendance: County Cllr David Staveley, and District Cllr Robert Ogden.

**7.2 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests**

a. Councillor Scott **recorded** a Pecuniary Interest in relation to item 7.6a1: planning application received 2022/24562/HH at Well House, Bankwell Road.

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

**7.3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

The Council **resolved** that the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 6, held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 should be **approved** and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Perrings, as a true and accurate record.

**7.4 Matters from previous meetings not otherwise included on the agenda**

a. Extraction of water by Arla Foods

The Council was **informed** that Giggleswick School has an historic agreement with Arla Foods to extract some water from the School's own water supply and that Arla Foods is responsible for the water pipeline that runs across the Lower Fellings. Giggleswick School has a licence to extract water with the Environment Agency and the trough on the golf course is part of the Environment Agency measuring system to monitor the extraction. In dry spells of weather the extraction level is reduced to ensure a continuous water flow into Tams Beck and the Environment Agency monitor this.

**7.5 Reports from County and District Councillor and North Yorkshire Police**

a. County Councillor Staveley **reported** in summary about the 'Let's Talk' campaign which has seen over 5,700 residents who have already shared their views as well as over 200 face-to-face conversations.

The Yorkshire water hosepipe ban was lifted on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 as reservoir levels have recovered enough in the last few weeks. The County Council has decided to introduce discretionary council tax support for young people who have left care, including up to 100% reduction in council tax for those living on their own and a 50% reduction for young care leavers living in a household with another person.

The County Council is rolling out the Early Years Inclusion Project and is inviting people working with babies and young children to sign up for free training in supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their families.

As more people struggle with affording everyday essentials and bills, the County Council has put together a co-ordinated response to the cost of living crisis across the county to highlight the support that is available to the public.

b. District Councillor Robert Ogden **reported** in summary about the long-awaited decision on the Lord's Close development, which will hopefully boost the housing supply to local families, particularly the affordable provision.

c. The Council had **received** the written police report, which contained 12 incidents during the period between 7 November and 12 December 2022, all minor in nature.

## 7.7 Planning

### a. Applications

- 1 CDC: 2022/24562/HH – replacement greenhouse and construction of summerhouse, Well House, Bankwell Road. The Council **ratified** it had no comments to make.
- 2 NYCC: NY/2022/0233/FUL – Consultation on planning application for the purposes of the erection of wire mesh perimeter fencing with gates to the North of the school site, removal of 2no. trees (revised scheme) on land at Settle High School And Community College, Staircase Cave To Settle Bridge. The Council **agreed** it had no comments to make.
- 3 CDC: 2022/24580/FUL and 2022/24581/LBC – Repairs and replacements of windows, formation of 2no. bunk rooms to the lower ground floor, formation of a food prep and servery (inc. alcohol sales) to the lower ground floor to serve the rear beer garden, installation of an enamelled stove pipe to serve a wood fired pizza oven, minor repaving to the existing terrace, the installation of balustrading to the existing terrace & paving of 2no. areas beneath existing picnic benches, Harts Head Inn, Belle Hill. The Council **agreed** it had no comments to make.

### b. Decisions

- 1 YDNPA: appeal to the Secretary of State against the non-determination of planning application YDNPA: C/31/659 – full planning permission for erection of 8 No. residential dwellings with associated landscaping and drainage works, Land at Stackhouse Lane. **Appeal dismissed**
- 2 CDC: 2022/24267/HH and 2022/24268/LBC – replacement and repair of boundary treatments to site frontage (resubmission of application number 2021/23208/HH, amended scheme), 2 Pendle View. **Granted**
- 3 YDNPA: notification of **consent given**, under the Town and Country Planning act 1990, for crown thinning by 20% of a Sycamore located in the garden of 7 Stackhouse Lane to take place to trees covered by Tree Preservation Order No 1 (Giggleswick) 1987.
- 4 CDC: 2022/24350/FUL – Replacement of existing single glazed timber framed and aluminium framed sliding sash and casement windows with composite UPVC double glazed. Replace 2 no. fire doors. Castleberg Hospital, Raines Road. **Granted**

### c. Other planning matters

- 1 Update regarding the biodiversity project funds from the development at Little Lords Field. The Council had **received** correspondence from the developers' agents that the Little Lords Field planning application was approved at the CDC Planning Committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, subject to the completion of the S106 Agreement on biodiversity enhancement. The Council had **received** the report of one local ecologist on the developers' agents' proposals for biodiversity enhancement and **reiterated** the key principles of the proposals, however, **agreed** to suggest to the agents to build a more bespoke biodiversity model by collaborative working with individuals, organisations and local groups. The Council **agreed** to hold further discussions with the developers' agents and move away from the Harrison Playing Fields towards a more qualitative and sustainable model through the village that seeks to preserve, enhance and encourage local habitats and species.

## 7.7 Reports and updates regarding parish maintenance matters

### a. Harrison Playing Fields:

- The Council had **asked** Tree Tops Forestry for an assessment report on the trees nearest Bankwell Road and the twin trees next in line, as these are undermining and damaging the boundary wall of Park House. The Council was **informed** that the only course of action would be to remove the trees, treat the stumps and replant further away as room dictates in due course. The Council **resolved** to accept the quotation for this work of £995.00 plus VAT.
- The Council **agreed** to approve the Risk Assessment.
- The Council **agreed** to arrange a date to carry out an assessment of all the benches and tables.

- The Council **noted** that the Trustees of the Fields in Trust have signed the Deed of Dedication and was informed that in order to formally complete the legal protection of the site and in accordance with the terms of the Deed the Council is now required to register the Deed at the Land Registry within three months.

b. street lighting

- 1 The Council had **received** correspondence from NYCC Energy and Asset Management Officer that the annual cost for electricity will increase from £3,000 to £6,500, and was **informed** that the Council could consider upgrading some its street light assets to LED technology and install switch-off timers. The Council had **agreed** to a site meeting in order the NYCC Street Lighting Officer could complete a survey of all of the Parish Council's lighting assets and it is awaiting the official report. The Council **decided** to consider actions regarding street lighting based on the unofficial report.
- 2 Regarding the repair of LP37 at Otter Rise on Bankwell Road, the Council **agreed** to proceed with a repair to LED at a cost of approximately £300 and have a switch-off timer installed on LP10 on Church Street for approximately £45.
- 3 Regarding the two faulty street lights at either side to the entrance to the Swimming Pool, the Council **agreed** to proceed with a repair to LED on LP25 at a cost of approximately £300 and leave LP24 unrepaired, as a new column would be required at a minimum cost of £3,000. The Council **agreed** to reply the above to a resident from Settle, who had made a complaint to the Parish Council about the insufficient lighting at the entrance to the Swimming Pool.
- 4 The Council was **informed** that the NYCC Street Light Officer has raised another order with their contractor to put a temporary supply between the old asset and the new one whilst waiting for ENW to connect.
- 5 The Council was **informed** that LP49 at Beggar's Wife Bridge is intermittently faulty and **agreed** to leave this for the time being, as a new column would be required at a minimum cost of £3,000.

c. defibrillator

Cllr Williamson **reported** that the defibrillator was used on 16 November and that it is now registered on The Circuit as 'not emergency ready'. The Council **agreed** to order a new set of PADS as a matter of urgency. The Council was **informed** that the battery is working, albeit not running at full capacity.

d. maintenance matters Giggleswick School

The Council had **contacted** Giggleswick School about an overhanging yew hedge outside Brookside on Church Street; overhanging trees from the garden of Style House onto Tems Side; and overgrown vegetation on the permissive footpath between Lords Close and Sandholme Close and **noted** the reply from the Bursar that the School will have a look at all these areas. Cllr Scott **reported** that the permissive footpath between Lords Close and Sandholme Close has now been strimmed.

e. broken handrail on steps below Harts Head

The Council had been **informed** that the flight of steps are not on the legal line of the footpath and that changes cannot now be made to the Definitive Map without a legal process. County Cllr Staveley had agreed to consider funding a repair or replacement handrail from the Localities Budget on the grounds of local community benefit. The Council **agreed** to ask a quotation from a local welder / fabricator and present this to County Cllr Staveley.

f. further strimming of verges along A65 at junction Paley Green Lane

The Council had **contacted** NYCC Highways to trim back the verge along the A65 as the area is in the sight-line of vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists leaving Paley Green Lane onto the A65 or across

to Brackenber Lane and **noted** the reply that a Highways Officer had exited out of Paley Green Lane onto the A65 and found no problems with the visibility in either direction.

g. speeding issues

The Council had **received** correspondence from residents about speeding on Raines Road, Church Street, Belle Hill, and Bankwell Road. The Council **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways and ask them to improve the signage on these roads to remind all drivers that the speed limit on these roads is 20mph. The Council **noted** that Giggleswick School has written recently again to parents regarding traffic movement and speed of traffic in the village reminding them of the speed limits. Residents can report any concerns about speeding at [speedconcerns@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:speedconcerns@northyorkshire.police.uk) where an on line form can be completed. The Council **agreed** to support residents should they want to submit an interest to the North Yorkshire Community Speed Watch scheme.

h. further issues relating to NYCC Highways

- 1 Regarding the proposed installation of yellow lines on a small section of Raines Road near the junction with Church Street, the Council **noted** the reply from NYCC Highways that vehicles that park on this section were not actually affecting the visibility of oncoming traffic which would substantially affect pedestrians crossing the road and hence the Highways Officer will not be recommending to pursue this request. However, regarding the refreshing of the red patches on the road, there is a proposal for these to be done in the spring of 2023.
- 2 The Council **noted** that County Cllr Staveley has arranged for a NYCC Highways appointed contractor to add the Riverside walk footpath to the gritting schedule, following concerns raised about the condition by residents. However, this will not be a priority route, but should avoid it becoming as dangerous as it has been in recent days.  
The Chairman, Cllr Perrings, **thanked** Cllr Williamson for gritting Belle Hill, and Cllr Scott for gritting the ginnel and slope between Bankwell Road and the Memorial Bridge. The Council **agreed** to ask County Cllr Staveley if a grit bin could be installed at the bottom of the slope to the Memorial Bridge to avoid having to carry the rock salt from the grit bin at Belle Hill.
- 3 The Council had **received** representations that the boundary wall alongside Settle Pool car park and Settle College playing fields on Stackhouse Lane has collapsed in several places and **agreed** to contact NYCC Highways that this wall requires their attention.

## 7.8 Reports and updates on parish matters other than maintenance

a. CDC Legacy Sub-Committee Nomination

The Council **noted** that the CDC Legacy Nominations have been submitted.

b. Settle Devolution Working Group Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November

The Council **noted** that Cllr Coleman had attended this meeting and had commented that the Parish Council has not looked at an expression of interest in taking over any services or assets in Giggleswick. The SDWG had noted that Settle Middle School site was registered as an Asset of Community Value and asked the Council to consider registering the Middle School site. The Council **resolved** to not pursue this.

## 7.9 Financial Matters

- a. The Council **approved** the Financial Statements, including the bank reconciliation to 30 November 2022 and **noted** the total balance of all accounts as £26,005.96.
- b. The Council **approved** payment of the following accounts in December:-
  - G.A. Hewitt and Son of £1,276.80 for verges strimming for 2022;
  - Giggleswick Parish Room of £285.00 for the hire of the meeting room 2022;
  - Lay of the Land of £450.00 for the Christmas tree 2022;

- clerk of £558.00 as salary for December 2022;

- clerk of £84.84 as expenses for renewal of Parish Council website subscription;

The Council **noted** payment of monthly banking services charges to HSBC as £5.00.

The Council **noted** receipt of £700.00 as a donation from Mr and Mrs Ormond for the use of the path through the Harrison Playing Fields.

The Council **noted** receipt of £350.00 from NRRUFC for the hire of the Lower Fellings 2022-2023.

- c. The Council **considered** the budget for the Financial Year 2023-2024 and **agreed** to set the expenditure budget at £26,750 and to increase the street lighting electricity figure in line with an expected doubling of energy costs for the coming year to £6,500. The Council **resolved** to precept its new Billing Authority, North Yorkshire Council, for £25,000, an increase of 13.6% thereby setting a receipts budget at £27,226 for the year.
- d. The Council **considered** the SBS signatories and **resolved** that former Councillors Margaret Airey and Ray Jones be removed from the account as signatories and Councillors Scott and Williamson be added to the account.

## 7.10 Reports on or notice of meetings of other bodies

\* NYCC: The Council **noted** that the new Authority will start from a strong base of existing councils and local 'area community' hubs are to be based in existing council offices. A consultation to replace the existing Charter and establish working relationships between the Unitary Council and 731 Town and Parish Councils will be undertaken from January 2023. The 'Let's Talk' campaign, a programme of local engagement around local issues, devolution, and budgets, has seen over 200 face-to-face events as well as an online platform for all people to have their say. This campaign also included a commitment to pilot double devolution, which provides opportunities for town and parish councils and community groups to manage services and assets on behalf of the new council. All instances of double devolution would need to have a solid business case and delivery plan and be cost neutral to the new council. The Council also **noted** the Skipton & Ripon Area Constituency Committee meeting 15 December

\* Yorkshire and Humber Climate commission (YHCC): Climate Action Pledge press release;

\* PFCC: Community Remedy Options Survey until 10 January 2023; online survey to set the precept for North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service until 16 January 2023;

\* YLCA: White Rose Update 11/11; 25/11; 9/12; Law and Governance Bulletin November 2022; training bulletins; NALC Chief Executive's bulletins;

\* 'Hedgehogs R Us': Hedgehog Highway Project

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

- a. The Council **noted** that Settle Town Council has decided to replace the two broken signs, 'like for like' with existing posts used at the Giggleswick boundary near the Swimming Pool. The 'please drive carefully' will be removed due to repeated vandalism.
- b. The Council **noted** that overhanging trees from the Churchyard on to the footpath at 34 Church Street has been reported to the PCC to address.
- c. The Council had **received** a representation regarding play equipment in the Harrison Playing Fields if the Council would consider installing a ramp on the 'zip wire', as well as a report about nettles by the slide and **agreed** to discuss these items at the next Parish Council meeting.

## 7.12 Date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The Council **confirmed** the date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.19.

**M. Hill**

**Clerk to the Council**