

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GIGGLESWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE  
12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**15 minutes public participation session**

Seven parishioners, all from Sandholme Drive, had come to the meeting to raise serious concerns in relation to planning application CDC: 2017/18744/OUT – outline application for a residential development of 4 dwellings – access, appearance, layout and scale applied for with all other matters reserved, land South of Station Road. On behalf of all present, Mr Roy Fox presented the concerns: the proposed development fall within flood zone 3; the field is good agricultural land; highways issues and alleged contamination of the soil. The Council agreed to discuss this issue further at minute 972.1.e.

**967. Present**

Cllrs Perrings (Chairman), Jones (Vice-Chairman), Airey, Coleman, Davidson, Ewin-Newhouse, Pryal and Simpson and with County/District Cllr Welch and the Clerk in attendance.

**968. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

Cllr Davidson declared a Personal Interest in relation to Minute 972.1.b, planning application CDC: 2017/18389/LBC, Sutcliffe House, Belle Hill.

**969. Minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, having been circulated in advance, were **APPROVED** as a correct record and **SIGNED** on the proposal of Cllr Simpson and seconded by Cllr Davidson.

**970. Reports from District and County Councillor and the Police**

County and District Cllr Welch reported that a site meeting will take place in the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> December in relation to CDC's Planning Committee meeting to consider planning applications 31/2016/17660: residential development of up to 13 dwellings on land to west of Raines Road and to east of Brackenber Lane and 31/2016/17661: residential development of up to 12 dwellings on land to east of Raines Road and south of Brackenber Lane and that he will be present at that meeting. Cllr Welch also reported that the CDC's Policy Committee has adopted and recommended the publication version of the Local Plan to CDC which will meet on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Further comments are minuted at 972.3.b.

NYCC will introduce a permit for utility companies to carry out repair works on roads YDNPA will implement a tax on second house owners.

PCSO Preston had sent a written report with three incidents: one report of theft of hay, which turned out a civil dispute; one vehicle stopped on the A65 for not having a valid MOT; one Personal Anti-Social Behaviour incident.

PCSO Preston had also reported that North Yorkshire has the lowest crime rate in England as outlined in the Office of National Statistics (ONS) "Crime in England and Wales, year ending June 2017" bulletin, published on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The NYP Community Messaging Craven was circulated.

**971. Matters from previous Meetings not otherwise included on the Agenda**

No Matters from previous Meetings were presented.

## 972. **Planning Applications:**

### 972.1 **Received:**

- The Council had **no objections** to or comments on the following applications:
- a. CDC: 2017/18727/TCA – T1 maple, crown lift to 3m reduce height and spread of tree by 2m, 17 Raines Court;
  - b. CDC: 2017/18389/LBC – Replacement of bathroom window with double glazed window in a timber frame. Replacement of 4 light mullion kitchen windows with double glazed units, Sutcliffe House, Belle Hill;
  - c. CDC: 2017/18812/TPO – T1 – oak – reduce height of tree by 15%, shorten outer limbs as per diagram attached, Queens Rock House, Bankwell Road.
  - d. The Council **commented** on planning application: YDNPA: C/31/ 640C – full planning permission for alterations to existing integral garage to form new kitchen/ breakfast area, extension of sunroom to form utility, erection of porch and construction of new garage, 5 Stackhouse Lane: The proposed new garage should be screened off from view with vegetation as others have done on Stackhouse Lane by continuing and extending the stone boundary wall down to the road.
  - e. The Council **objected** to planning application: CDC: 2017/18744/OUT – outline application for a residential development of 4 dwellings – access, appearance, layout and scale applied for with all other matters reserved, land South of Station Road on the following grounds (full objection comments are attached to these minutes):
    - according to the Environment Agency, this site falls within Flood Zone 3, which makes the risk of flooding high to very high;
    - the field may be contaminated as it has in the past been used as a tip to dump waste products, hydrocarbons, ammonia, alkali metals and cyanide, from the Settle Gas Works;
    - the field is agricultural land and is important to livestock farming and local food production and should be safeguarded;
    - The Ribble Way will be diverted from its natural line to the detriment of the character and the open views of the Ribble Valley looking towards Rathmell;
    - the proposed access off Station Road is between Sandholme Close and Sandholme Drive and cars are parked on that stretch all day, which already create hazardous situations with traffic into and out of Settle;
    - according to the Craven Local Plan, the total housing need would be 40 dwellings to 2030; these have already been built.

### 972.2 **Decisions**

No decisions have been received by the relevant Planning Authorities.

### 972.3 **Other Planning Matters**

- a. **Proposed Street Naming & Numbering (SNN 683) for residential development on Raines Road**

The Council had **received** information from NYC/CD Cllr Welch that Hunter Bark Hill is situated on the old road from Upper Settle to Long Preston. The Council had also **received** information from CDC that a policy decision to not permit any mention of ‘Brackenber’ had been taken. In view of this, the Council **agreed** that it should no longer oppose the developer’s suggestion to call the residential development on Raines Road ‘Hunters View’.

b. CDC: Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee Meeting 27 November 2017 – publication of the Local Plan to CDC

The Council had **received** confirmation that the CDC's Policy Committee has met on 7<sup>th</sup> December to adopt and recommend the publication version of the Local Plan to the District Council which will meet on 19<sup>th</sup> December, after which a 6-week consultation period will commence.

NYC/CD Cllr Welch **reported** that this version includes the development of a further section of Lords Field at the back of Station Road and off the footpath between Lords Close and Sandholme Close. It also includes a proposal to leave the Glebe Field as Green Open Space.

c. CDC: notification of Planning Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to consider planning applications 31/2016/17660: residential development of up to 13 dwellings on land to west of Raines Road and to east of Brackenber Lane and 31/2016/17661: residential development of up to 12 dwellings on land to east of Raines Road and south of Brackenber Lane.

The Council **decided** that it should attend the Planning Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December with Cllrs Perrings, Airey and Davidson in order to reiterate the Council's strong objections to planning applications 17660 and 17661.

**973. To receive reports and reach decisions on various village matters.**

**973.1 Harrison Playing Fields: maintenance review in connection with RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report; rugby club temporary fence**

Cllr Jones **reported** that the buckle on the basket swing has been put on again. Further maintenance in light of the RoSPA inspection report is not required at this time. The rugby club had erected the temporary blue slotted fence around the pitch on the Lower Fellings, leaving two open gates (to be installed at a later date) for public access over the footpath. Cllr Jones had written a letter to the Editor of the Craven Herald, explaining the situation.

**973.2 grass cutting and vegetation clearing verges**

The Council was **informed** that it had not yet received the credit invoice to administratively resolve the ongoing issue. The Council **decided** that it should not offer a renewal of the grass cutting contract to Horton Landscaping until the credit note was received. The clerk was asked to re-request this credit invoice.

**973.3 transfer of small parcel of land at bottom of Belle Hill**

The Council had **received** further correspondence from Mr Hassell that he has not heard anything from the Council's solicitors. Cllr Davidson will speak again with Mr Bentley from Goad and Butchers in an effort to get this issue resolved soon.

**973.4 street lighting matters:**

The Council had **received** information from NYCC that Low Pressure Sodium (SOX) lamps will no longer be available with effect from 2019/2020. As existing lanterns and gear trays are designed to use a SOX lamp only, the Council was asked to anticipate replacement of the three SOX lamps (LP9, Belle Hill; LP49, Bankwell Road and LP50, Raines Road) in order to maintain current lighting levels at a cost of between £1500 to £2000 + VAT per LP.

The Council **agreed** that it would discuss this issue further at the next parish council meeting.

The Council had also **received** information that NYCC has commenced a programme to replace all of NYCC's asset owned standard street lighting with LED technology as a result of large increases in energy costs and EU legislation.

**973.5** Community care services (including the future of Castleberg Hospital)

The Council was **informed** that a consultation has been launched until 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 on the two service options for the future of community care services for people living in Craven, including the future of Castleberg Hospital (1. re-open Castleberg Hospital following essential estate repairs and 2. provide care at home or in an alternative community setting and close Castleberg Hospital). The Council **agreed** that either option is an improvement on what was available just before the closure.

**973.6** Information panels on Riverside Path

The Council had not received further information regarding this item.

**973.7** Maintenance of telephone kiosk

The Council had not received a quotation for the repainting of the telephone kiosk.

**973.8** Tree works on Bankwell Road

The Council was **informed** that consent has been given to cut back the trees overhanging Bankwell Road. The work has been carried out on the trees on the Lower Fellings. Cllr Jones enquired if the willow tree by the bus stop in the Middle Fellings had been part of the work order and the clerk will contact Tree Tops Forestry to ensure that work on this tree is included.

**974. Financial Matters**

**974.1.** Financial Statement to 30 November 2017

On the **proposal** of Cllr Ewin-Newhouse and **seconded** by Cllr Davidson the Financial Statement was **accepted**.

**974.2** The Council **approved** payment of the following accounts:

|  | Net       | VAT     | Total     |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Horton Landscaping Ltd (grass cutting Nov) | £ 100.00  | £ 20.00 | £ 120.00  |
| Horton Landscaping Ltd (annual strimming)  | £1,100.00 | £220.00 | £1,320.00 |
| M. Hill (Clerk's salary)                   |           |         | £ 418.69  |

**received:**

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| Greenbarnes (refund 2 notice board posts) | £ 56.62 |
| NRRUFC (hire of HPF season 2017-2018)     | £350.00 |

The Clerk was **authorised** to transfer the sum of £1,924.47 from the Skipton Building Society Account to the HSBC Bank current account.

**974.3** To consider increase in precept to support Settle Area Swimming Pool

The Council **resolved** that it should not increase the precept, as it had done so last year, and it **decided** that, instead, it should increase the donation under Section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 by 2% (£500.00) of the current precept.

**974.4** To consider and approve draft budget for Finance Year 2018-2019 and determine precept

The Council **approved** the revised budget and it **agreed** on the proposal of Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Simpson, to precept CDC for £25,000 for 2018/2019.

**974.5** Notification of external auditor appointments for the 2017-2018 financial year  
The Council had **received** notification of the external auditor appointments for the five year period commencing with the financial year 2017/18 and **noted** that it will be subject to basic limited assurance audit review with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £200,000 by PKF Littlejohn for an annual fee of £200.

**975. To receive reports on or Notice of Meetings of Other Bodies.**

- \*The Battle's Over – a Nation's Tribute (the Church warden was informed to consider participation in bell-ringing as part of the event)
- \* Jobcentre Resources Link
- \* North Yorkshire Youth: support for voluntary sector youth projects
- \* CDC: help with insulation and boilers
- \* NALC: Diversity Commission and Campaign for removal of business rates on public toilets
- \* NALC: Chief Executive's Bulletin 42 (24/11/17); 43 (1/12/17);
- \* Healthwatch North Yorkshire: November newsletter and Accessing urgent care press release
- \* YDNPA: Management Plan Forum meeting notes
- \* NYCC: Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – notification of submission
- \* Keep Britain Tidy: the great British Spring clean 2018
- \* Rural Services Network: Vulnerability Service (Fuel Poverty; Rural Transport; Rural Broadband); Weekly Email News Digest (20/11; 27/11; 4/12); Rural Opportunities Bulletin (Nov. '17)
- \* Sutcliffe Play – designs on roundabouts; Earth Anchors – ranger benches; Eibe satellite carousel; Sandhopper
- \* War Memorial cleaning 2017/18
- \* LCPAS: helpful 20 document pack re GDPR
- \* News Direct: key learning for local authorities (case bundle)
- \* NGN Stakeholder Engagement Survey
- \* CDC: Ward Member Grants available
- \* NYCC: Household Waste Recycling Centres – additional opening 27 December
- \* CDC Chairman sponsored swim challenge for Craven Swimming Pool
- \* Craven and the First World War project newsletter Winter 17/18

**976. To determine any Matter not included on this Agenda which the Chairman considers must nevertheless be addressed as a matter of urgency.**

No matters had been determined.

**977. To receive reports/comments on other matters for information only, or for inclusion on a future Agenda**

- Cllr Jones **suggested** that an information event should be organised in light of the upcoming parish elections. The clerk was asked to contact CDC to enquire if any procedures should be followed.
- Cllr Coleman **reported** that the white line refreshment programme at Four Lane Ends and the whole length of Station Road has not been carried out yet by NYCC Highways. The clerk was asked to make enquiries.
- Cllr Pryal had **determined** the stile that is very difficult to cross and could benefit from having a A-framed ladder to enable an easier crossing. The clerk was asked to contact NYCC Paths with grid reference and footpath number.

- Cllr Airey **reported** that dogs have been spotted in the children's play area at the Harrison Playing Fields. The Council **agreed** that the signage 'no dogs' should be replaced and the clerk was asked to find quotations.
- Cllr Airey **informed** the Council that the Poor Close and Foster Charity had donated £250.00 to the Giggleswick Charities and the clerk was asked to bank this amount.

**978. To confirm the date of the next parish council meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 19.30 hours (7.30pm) in the Parish Rooms.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05 hours (9.05pm).

M. Hill  
Clerk to the Council