

ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 21st July 2022 starting at 7pm in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor Simon Peers (Chair)
Councillors Julie Barber Helen Dawson Kathryn Smith

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Hook, one resident and the Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES. Cllr. Walker

2 VACANCIES. Cllrs. Peers and Smith had tried to encourage new Councillors by face-to-face contact with potential new Councillors but no interest had been forthcoming.

3 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident had attended the public inquiry regarding Public Footpath, Askham Bryan No 9 (Part) Creation Order 2019 & Public Footpath, Askham Bryan No 9 (Part) Extinguishment Order 2019 and reported that there had been confusion about the speed limit and whether, due to be spacing of the street lighting, it was 30mph or 60mph. She had let City of York Council (CYC) Highways know and said that she would welcome repeater signs showing the actual speed limit. She had input "Askham Fields Lane speed limit" into a well-known Internet search engine and found a Highway Safety Assessment which showed the results of speed surveys. The college and the barrister had advised that it was 30mph. There was a five week wait for the findings of the inquiry. The college would put up a board to protect animals from being disturbed by users of the path. The college had offered to put up a mirror to help local drivers.

She also expressed concerns about children disembarking the school bus and having to walk along York Road suggesting that the college don't want people walking through their land. Cllr. Hook agreed to report this to Andrew Waller who is the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education on CYC. Now that it had been cut, the grass verge could be used. Coaches going in and out of the same entrance would solve a lot of the problems. Cllr. Peers had taken over from the previous Chair in attending the close liaison meetings with the college and he would look at the report.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PC HELD ON 16th JUNE 2022.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 16th June 2022 having been circulated, be approved and that the Chair be authorised to sign, all in favour.

6. PLANNING

a. Planning Applications Received

- i. 22/01074/FULM - Pikehills Golf Club, Tadcaster Road - Redevelopment of the Pike Hills Golf Course involving importation and grading of soils.

There was a proposal was to widen the north access off the A1237 to the north. There would be reprofiling around Askham Bog but not impacting the bog. They proposed extending to the north and creating a single access road to the golf course and conversion of farmland. The reprofiling was about flooding and drainage. A grant of planning permission in 2014 had expired. Traffic would only be able to turn left in or out enforced by a traffic island making access safer. There had been a positive archaeological report (a standard response) and there were lots of reports and documents. All works would be outside the Site of Special Scientific Interest boundary. The driveway had been agreed with CYC, no right turn. It was noted that the golf club would be bringing in a lot of earth (hundreds of thousands of tons). This would be brought in between 7am and 7pm and an access road would be built and would require a hundred and twenty lorry loads for the first phase over five

months. Crash data had proved that the current access was unsafe. There was no CYC environmental impact comment. It was **resolved** that there be **no objection** to proposals subject to planners' satisfaction that the water course into the bog would be unaffected.

b. Planning Decision Notices Received

- i. 22/01030/TCA - 98 Main Street - Fell 1no. Cherry Plum; crown reduce 1no. Willow by 50% - tree works in a Conservation Area.
21/01783/FUL - Modular Buildings To North Of Conference Hall Askham Bryan College - Retention of 2no. modular buildings to provide 3no. classrooms with WC facilities (for a period of three years).
- ii. 21/01784/FUL - Modular Buildings Askham Bryan College - Retention of 3no. temporary modular buildings to provide 6no. classrooms with WC facilities (for a period of three years).
- iii. 22/00113/FUL - Field House, 2 Main Street - First floor rear extension, single storey front infil extension and replacement windows, inclusive of bi- folding doors throughout.

It was noted that to the planning authority had decided not to make a Tree Preservation Order regarding 98 Main Street and that the two applications from Askham Bryan College be approved subject to the condition that the buildings be removed from the site on or before 30 June 2025 and that the application for 2 Main Street had been approved subject to conditions.

7 TO RECEIVE THE NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE CRIME REPORT

There were two reported crimes in June, one was a report of anti-social behaviour on the 8th on Askham Lane (a den had been built at Knoll Hill with stolen chairs, youths playing loud music, lighting fires, causing a nuisance). The other report (criminal damage) was on Grange Lane which was not within the Parish.

8 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR HOOK

Ward Cllr. Hook spoke about the Focus leaflet. The Ward Committee meeting would be on Monday 25th July. She advised that Rufforth with Knapton PC had created a children's play area on the recreation field adjacent to the allotments in Knapton which included resurfacing with a rubber bonded mulch and advised that the Councillor involved in this, Cllr. Flynn would be happy to provide advice.

9 OTHER MATTERS.

9.1 Redevelopment of the Recreational Area

Cllr. Dawson had spoken to one of the two suppliers of playground equipment who had responded to enquiries. They wanted to do a site visit once the mound had been flattened. The playground equipment that they supply is aimed at three age brackets, i.e. up to 3 year olds, 5+ and 10+ on a safety surface or on mown grass. The cheapest option would be matting that the grass grows through, the most expensive option would be fake grass and other alternatives were wet pour and rubber mulch (they don't do bark chippings). It would take three months from ordering to delivery. Cllr. Dawson circulated examples of play equipment, the "Ben Nevis" at £6,941, the "Scafell Pike" at £6,631 and the "Carousel Mini" at £6,717.

There was discussion about the mound, feedback from residents suggested that many would be sorry to see it go and it was felt that it should be retained provided that safety concerns regarding the rabbit holes could be addressed with a suggestion that volunteers are used to address these concerns. It was confirmed that the mound is entirely made-up of soil. Cllr. Peers suggested a working party to dig out and concrete. Cllr. Peers would go back to a couple of residents that he had been speaking to and Cllr. Dawson would make some appointments. There was a suggestion of bug houses in the wooded area.

9.2 Annual Playground Inspection

One 27th June, the Clerk had telephoned the contactor who cuts the grass and carries out equipment inspections as he had still not supplied a price for carrying out work identified in the annual playground inspection. The contractor had said that he would get back within the week with a price. Nothing further had been heard, the Clerk would continue to pursue this.

9.3 **Pre-renewal insurance document**

The pre-renewal insurance document had been circulated. It was **resolved** to renew the insurance without the need for any adjustments, all in favour

9.4 **Tree inspection**

On 4th July, the Clerk had emailed the tree inspector to ask for a date when the inspection would be carried out. The tree inspector had replied saying that it would hopefully be in the next few weeks.

9.5 **Replacement defibrillator pads**

The appropriate type of replacement defibrillator pads were out of stock. It was **resolved** to agree the purchase of these pads at £47.94 as soon as these were available. Cllr. Peer's address would be used as the delivery address. The defibrillator was now registered with Yorkshire Ambulance Service and the schedule would be updated once the pads arrived.

9.6 **Fallen branches in the Recreational Area**

It was noted that more branches of trees had fallen in the Recreational Area. One which had fallen onto the grass appeared to have been removed, Cllr. Barber would check. Another branch had broken from a tree and was hanging but had not yet fallen. The tree inspector had been made aware of the fallen branches and had advised this was to be expected.

9.7 **Chicane access to the Recreation Area**

On 28th June, the Clerk had emailed a contractor regarding a quotation for installation of a chicane access to the Recreation Area. The same day, he rang another contractor on his mobile telephone and followed this with an email. Neither contractor had come back with a price though one had emailed on 16th July asking if a quotation was still required. The requirement was some a gate for vehicles and a gate for pedestrian access (fitted with a spring to keep it closed as neither gate was currently being closed). Quotations for both options would be sought (chicane or two gates, one large and a smaller one).

9.8 **Privacy Policies**

A programme of reviewing policies and documents by considering one per meeting was ongoing and the Privacy Policies were therefore considered. It was **resolved** that the Privacy Policies be adopted subject to the email address at the bottom of each policy being brought up to date, all in favour.

10 **FINANCE**

10.1 **Report of invoices to be paid**

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

- Clerk's Salary 01/06/2022 to 30/06/2022 plus deductions payable to HMRC
- Information Commissioner's Office - annual registration – to be taken by direct debit about 18th August 2022

10.2 **Internal Auditor's Report.**

A copy of the Internal Auditor's Report had been circulated noting her comments that during the review period (1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022), no review of policies and documents had taken place. The auditor recognised that such a review would take place in 2022/23 (see item 9.8 above).

11 **CORRESPONDENCE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

A list of correspondence received since the last meeting (items 387-403) had been circulated and the contents noted.

- 393 was from a resident expressing concern about the decision of the PC at its April meeting to cut down trees in the Recreational Area (a decision reviewed at the June meeting).
- 399 was regarding the Ward Councillors ward committee meeting on Monday 25th July at Poppleton Community Centre at 7.00pm
- 400 was an email regarding the Drive Safe, Save Lives project which hopes to make roads a bit safer through visual reminders and encouragement (posters).

13 ACTION TRACKER

An Action Tracker had been circulated with the agenda papers listing all previously agreed actions and reports on progress, several of the items on the tracker had been discussed during the earlier part of the meeting.

14 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

18th August 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall (apologies from Cllr. Dawson).

Other PC meetings in 2022 would be on 15th September, 20th October and 17th November, all at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signed

Chairman

18 August 2022