

ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an extraordinary meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 6:30pm using remote access.

PRESENT: Councillor Andrew Steele (Chair)
Councillors Kathryn Smith Kirsty Smahon Simon Peers

In attendance: Two residents and the locum Clerk.

1 TO CONSIDER A SUMMER TREASURE HUNT WITHIN THE VILLAGE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECREATIONAL AREA

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Parish Council considered a request from a resident to organise a treasure hunt centred on the village. The main organiser of this event had other commitments and was therefore unable to attend but supporting information had been circulated to all ahead of the meeting.

The event would take place throughout August. A dedicated e-mail address had been set up AskhamBryanTreasureHunt@GMail.Com. A flyer would be produced and delivered throughout the village by Cllrs. Peers, Smahon and Steele and Cllr. Peers would print off a poster. To take part, entrants would e-mail the dedicated e-mail address and would get a welcome e-mail in return. Entry would require a £10 payment, gift aided if possible. There was a query about whether this event would be purely for Askham Bryan residents, it was agreed that this should be the case.

Appropriate safety guidelines would be put in place including a risk assessment and a list of participants for contact tracing purposes (anonymous entries would therefore not be allowed). The event organiser was writing the treasure hunt instructions. The results would be marked on 1st September and a prize given, possibly a voucher. The winner would be announced on Social Media.

It was **resolved** to agree to the treasure hunt taking place in the form outlined above.

Cllr. Peers would set up a just-giving link.

2 TO CONSIDER MAKING AN APPLICATION OF FUNDING FOR 'FLASHING SPEED SIGNS' TO THE AJ1 PROJECT ROAD SAFETY FUND

The Parish Council considered a suggestion that an application for a grant be made to the AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund and considered what such an application would be used to fund.

There was much discussion about using the grant to purchase a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). Estimated costs varied from £5,000 to £7,000 per sign and it was noted that two such signs would be needed. There might also be maintenance costs. These signs would be powered by either mains electricity or batteries. In the case of the former, this could be done from street lighting. Some such devices are detachable can be moved around. Planning permission and/or agreement with City of York Council Highways might be required and it was noted that such signs have to be inside the zone where the speed limit applies. Cllr. Steele agreed to investigate costs.

There was discussion about consultation. It was clear from previous consultations that traffic speed was an issue that a clear majority of residents wished to see addressed (the meeting was saddened to hear that some of the twenty's-plenty signs had been defaced). It was agreed that further consultation with residents regarding the specific proposal was needed. The grant application could still go ahead pending the outcome of the consultation. The consultation could be done by flyers delivered with the treasure hunt flyers (see item 1 above). A resident present at the meeting offered help with deliveries. People could respond via an online poll

and the flyer could include a QR code. It was recognised that any consultation needed to be able to identify the consultee. Three questions were suggested asking if there was a concern about speed, whether the consultee was supportive of the VAS solution and whether they had any other suggestions. There would be a deadline for responses.

It was noted that other parishes had such signs, some of which were named and they could be approached for advice and an approach could also be made to the Ward Councillor. Cllr. Peers would send an SMS test message to a Councillor of a neighbouring parish for advice. Councillors would keep each other apprised of progress.

It was **resolved** to pursue the grant application alongside consultation as outlined above.

The meeting closed at 7:10pm

Signed

Chairman
20 August 2020