

# ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Councillor Andrew Steele (Chair)  
Councillors Julie Barber Helen Dawson Simon Peers

**In attendance:** One resident, Ward Cllr. Hook and the locum Clerk.

1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Smahon, Smith and Walker

2 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

### 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident raised concerns about hedge encroachment onto the footway near the college making it difficult to use for pedestrians (especially those with pushchairs). The Clerk had reported this via the City of York Council website noting that the drop-down menu on the online form had a very limited selection (he had had to choose "mud" from the options listed as being the nearest). The resident felt that the PC should have taken this up with the college and had also taken this up with the Ward Councillor. Cllr. Steele reported that he had contacted them directly and that they had addressed these concerns and the footway was now clear one again.

### 4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (PC) HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the PC held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 having been circulated, be approved and that the Chair be authorised to sign.

### 5. PLANNING

#### a. Planning Applications Received

- i. 21/02007/FUL - Park Farm, 95 Main Street - Single storey rear extension after demolition of existing rear extension.

There were **no objections** to this although there were concerns regarding disruption caused by the construction of the extension.

#### b. Planning Decision Notices Received

- i. 21/01288/FUL - Egton Cottage, 62 Main Street - Single storey rear extension. Approved subject to conditions.
- ii. 21/01436/GRG3 - White Rose Park, Tadcaster Road, Dringhouses - Erection of ball posts and nets to 3no. pitches 6000mm high (to be raised and lowered before and after games) - Approved subject to conditions.

It was noted that both of the above had been approved.

### 6 TO RECEIVE THE NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE CRIME REPORT

It was noted that there were two crimes including another at the Nurseries Caravan Park (involving theft of fittings from a camper van) and the theft of a bicycle from the racks outside the Nag's Head public house.

### 7 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR HOOK

Ward Cllr. Hook reported that Askham Richard had submitted an application for a path from Buttacre Lane to Askham Bryan to be registered as a public right of way on the definitive map. She also reported on such paths being blocked by the college and on the woodland.

## 8 OTHER MATTERS

### 8.1 Recreational Area Update.

Cllr. Steele recapped the discussions and decisions of the last meeting regarding removal of the mound and on progress made since. Cllr. Smahon had given him details of suppliers of topsoil and he had spoken to two of these (two others had not returned his telephone calls). In addition, Mr. Smahon had tried three suppliers. There was a glut of topsoil resulting in prices of £2 a ton. Neither were willing to collect but one would accept the topsoil if it was delivered to him and it clearly transport costs meant that it wasn't cost effective to try to sell it. Cllr. Walker was still willing to provide trailers in about fifteen to eighteen days' time. It was decided to go ahead with what had been proposed at the July meeting. The Shaping Neighbourhoods award had been approved by both Ward Cllrs. It was noted that the Community Involvement Officer (Jack Woodhams) involved in this, had moved on.

The Clerk had circulated a suggestion that the entrance gate be replaced by bollards (relating to item 8.1 of the last meeting). He would get quotations for consideration at a future meeting and ask about having extra sockets so that the bollards could be moved when access to the field was required.

### 8.2 Clerk.

It was **resolved** to appoint the locum clerk as permanent clerk, all in favour.

### 8.3 Village Hall.

It was **resolved** that Cllr. Smith be the Parish Council's representative member on the Village Hall Committee for 2021/22, all in favour. Cllr. Smith had been approached about this prior to the meeting and indicated her willingness to be so nominated.

### 8.4 Natural Environment Committee.

The resignation of Elizabeth Dobie from the Committee was noted.

## 9 FINANCE

### 9.1 Bank Reconciliation

Since the last meeting, there had been income of £5,900 (being the Grant from City of York Council for the Recreational Area). Payments totalling £352.96 were awaiting authorisation.

### 9.2 Report of invoices to be paid

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

- Clerk's Salary 31/07/21 to 31/08/21 plus deductions payable to HMRC.

The budget had also been circulated, the annual playground inspection at £90 was within budget and was due.

The quiz money given via Just Giving had been paid into the charity account.

## 10 CORRESPONDENCE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

A list of correspondence received since the last meeting (items 265-271) had been circulated and the contents noted. There had been a communication from Facebook saying that someone had tried to change the contact details. There was also a query regarding availability of draft minutes on the website.

## 11 ACTION TRACKER

An Action Tracker had been circulated with the agenda papers listing all previously agreed actions and reports on progress.

## 12 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2021

The next PC meeting would be 21 October 2021 at the Village Hall at 7pm. There would be one other meeting in 2021, 18 November.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Signed

Chairman  
21 October 2021