

ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 17th March 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

PRESENT:

Councillor	Andrew Steele (Chair)	
Councillors	Julie Barber	Simon Peers
	Helen Dawson	Mark Walker

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Hook, three residents and the Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Smith.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident had come with her daughter to express concerns about flooding at her property. She had lived in the village for fifty years and the building of the bypass had changed the road layout with the rear access road now being the only access to her property. The pond nearby had been filled in following an incident in which someone nearly drowned. This had led to the land being banked up twenty to thirty feet causing a flooding issue with water accumulating at the bottom of the drive. Over the last five years, this had got worse and was happening more often. A petrol-powered pump had been fitted; however, the resident's husband was no longer able to start the pump following an injury. There was an associated issue of debris being left. There was a drain across the bus park which had since collapsed, and a soakaway had been put in. The flooding is down the side of the garage and prevents access to the property. The water is run-off from fields and the road. There was a suggestion that a letter go to City of York Council (CYC) to see if they would be willing to adopt the back road, this would be a long procedure. Cllr. Walker had a contact with the local drainage board. It had been established that there was no wayleave across the bus car park. The ditch had been cleared in the last couple of weeks. The contact at CYC was James Gilchrist.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (PC) HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY 2022.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the PC held on 17th February 2022 having been circulated, be approved and that the Chair be authorised to sign, all in favour.

5. PLANNING

a. Planning Applications Received

- i. 22/00361/FUL - Askham Bar Park And Ride, Tadcaster Road - Erection of 36m mast, 2.4m high palisade fence enclosure and storage container.

There were **no objections**.

b. Planning Decision Notices Received

- i. 22/00120/TCA - Pond Between 61 And 87 Main Street - Crown lift to 2.1 metres, crown reduce height by 3 metres group of trees around the pond in a Conservation Area.
- ii. 22/00183/TCA - Low Hall, 54 Main Street - Various tree works including the felling of 1no. Ash and 1no. Katsura tree in a Conservation Area.

It was noted that the above had been determined by City of York Council planning authority, there were no objections to either.

6 TO RECEIVE THE NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE CRIME REPORT

There were no reported crimes in February.

7 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR HOOK

Ward Cllr. Hook reported that she had met James Gilchrist (CYC Director Environment, Transport and Planning) that Monday and he had given her a list of the people who work for him and their responsibilities. Concerns were

expressed about speeding traffic which seemed to get worse when there had been an incident on the A64. Cllr. Hook would send a survey to Askham Bryan and Askham Richard and would use feedback from that survey to present to the inquiry regarding footpaths. She was still pursuing pothole repairs some of which have been highlighted with orange lining.

8 OTHER MATTERS

8.1 Annual Playground Inspection

Cllr. Peers had circulated an email indicating the dates he was available to meet with the contractor.

8.2 Triannual tree inspection report

In 2019, the Parish Council (PC) had paid for a full report. The college had to offered to do work in the Recreational Area and a member of the Natural Environment Committee was liaising with them. It was agreed that there be agenda item at the June meeting to consider this further. Ward Cllr. Hook gave the name of the person used by CYC and would forward to the Clerk.

8.3 Dog litter signs

Cllr. Barber had carried out a survey. There were three passing places (with signs) but nothing beyond the lodge. The only poles to attached signs to were telegraph poles and a post opposite Pear Tree Farm. It was **resolved** that half a dozen signs (the wording of which would include notice of fines for those who do not comply) and brackets be bought from CYC and that half a dozen stickers also be ordered.

8.4 Drainage problems on Main Street

This agenda item had been dealt with as part of the public participation.

8.5 Redevelopment of the Recreation Area

Redevelopment of the Recreational Area was considered. The plans and feedback produced by a former councillor would be used as a platform to take this forward. It was agreed that the next PC meeting start on site at 6:30pm. Printed copies of previously produced proposals would be brought to the meeting and the PC could consider what it could afford and an appropriate scheme developed.

8.6 Trees from the Woodland Trust

It was noted that the trees from the Woodland Trust had been delivered and that the Natural Environment Committee (NEC) would be meeting on the 26th to plant the trees. Cllrs. would meet on-site at 10am on Sunday 20th March to look at possible locations with plans to use these trees to create a copse. It was agreed that the NEC could carry forward the £500 budgeted in 2021/22 for tree works by the pond.

9 FINANCE

9.1 Report of invoices to be paid

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

- Clerk's Salary 01/02/2022 to 28/02/2022 plus deductions payable to HMRC including a 1.75% pay award backdated to 1st April 2021
- Hosting – Reoccurring Charges - 12 months website hosting including all standard TEEC security features and services £120.00 + £24.00 VAT
- Domain Migration - Transfer / Purchase of a .org.uk domain £9.99 + £2.00 VAT
- Grass Cutting of Recreational Area (4 cuts @ £52.50 done 4/8, 9/9, 9/10 and 21/10) and Play Equipment Inspections (6 @ £30 done 23/7, 16/8, 28/9, 21/10, 21/12 & 24/1). £390.00 + £78.00 VAT.

10 CORRESPONDENCE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

A list of correspondence received since the last meeting (items 330-344) had been circulated and the contents noted.

- 333 was from City of York Council regarding feasible tree planting opportunities with an invitation to Parish Councillors are to submit site suggestions. The Clerk had responded in time to meet the 12-noon deadline on Friday 25th February 2022.
- 343 was from City of York Council regarding options to reduce the impact of pesticides on pollinators and wildlife with proposals that wards can choose to be pilot wards with options for reduced spraying. The deadline was noon 31st March 2022. This had been considered by the NEC at their meeting, they had not been minded to be part of the pilot scheme.
- 344 was from a resident of Main Street regarding water flowing down and collecting at the end of their access road. This had been considered during the public participation (see above).

11 ACTION TRACKER

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

- a. Mound removal – ongoing.
- b. Mole management - someone was coming the day after the meeting.

12 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next PC meeting would be 21 April 2022 at the Recreational Area at 6:30pm.

Other meetings in 2022 would be on 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 18th August, 15th September, 20th October and 17th November

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Signed

Chairman
21 April 2021