

ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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

In attendance: One member of the public and the Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES. Cllrs. Boakes and Wiseman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was in attendance to observe the meeting and had no matters to raise.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PC HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2025.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the PC held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 (181-184) be approved and that the Chair be authorised to sign.

5. PLANNING

a. Planning Applications Received

- i. 25/00307/TCA - The Little House, 133 Main Street - Fell 1no. Willow tree in a Conservation Area. Due to its location, it was noted that this tree was a big feature of the village providing visual amenity to neighbours and passers-by. It was also noted that concerns had been expressed that the roots of this tree were interfering with nearby drains but this had not been cited as the reason for the proposed work. The reasons which were given were far less compelling, Councillors didn't feel that the fact that it had been badly pollarded in the past was grounds for it to be felled. Damage to the wall has been cited, however it was felt that this could be addressed without the need to have the tree cut down. The applicant had suggested replacing it with three trees, i.e. two silver birch and a magnolia. The PC felt that more appropriate alternatives should be considered taking into account the long term value to the streetscape, however, it was agreed to defer to the tree officer's opinion on this. It was **resolved** to raise **No Objection** to this application subject to the tree officer's satisfaction that all other options had been fully considered and that the tree was only felled if this was absolutely necessary.

b. Planning Decision Notices Received

Three planning decisions were noted as follows;

- i. 24/02062/TCA - The Willows, 155 Main Street - Fell 1no Beech - tree in a conservation area. No objection from the Local Planning Authority. The comments from the City of York Council Tree Officer were noted regarding the reason this work was carried out without waiting for the application to be determined (the six week notification period lapsed on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and therefore the applicant had "deemed consent").
- ii. 24/00129/FULM - Land To The South Of Sim Balk Lane York - Erection of 114no. dwellings with access, open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage. Refused.
- iii. 24/02252/TCA - 4 The Court, Main Street - Fell 1no. Holly (T1), crown lift 1no. Sycamore (T2) and 1no. Horse Chestnut (T3) to 3m over path and 5.2m over road and remedial trimming of 2no. hedges (HG1, HG2) - trees in a conservation area. No objection from the Local Planning Authority.

6. CRIME REPORT

No crime report had been received for the month of January.

## **7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR KNIGHT**

In the absence of the Ward Councillor, there was no report given.

## **8. OTHER MATTERS.**

### **8.1 Request from the Natural Environment Committee for a skip.**

It was **resolved** to agree to a request from the Natural Environment Committee for a skip with £90 of the £205 + VAT cost coming out of their budget and the balance to be paid by the PC. This skip was for the clearance work in the land on the corner of Saint Nicholas' Croft and Main Street which was scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### **8.2 Purchase and location of a shed.**

The PC were looking for a location for a shed which would be used to store the materials use for the Christmas trail. Cllr. Peers had been looking at prices for the shed. It was agreed that Cllr. Barber ask someone she knew who might be willing, Cllr. Dawson would make enquiries around the Village and Cllr. Walker would ask his father for suggestions. Enquires would be made off-line and there would be an agenda item for the March meeting to report back.

## **9. FINANCE**

### **9.1 Report of invoices to be paid.**

It was **resolved** that payment of the following invoices to be approved, all in favour.

- a) Clerk's Salary 01/01/2025 to 31/01/2025 plus deductions payable to HMRC.
- b) Boston Bulbs - Jo Fell - All packs of a hundred unless stated otherwise: Wood Anemone pack of fifty (£11.25), Snowdrop bulbs (£21.67), Fritillaria Meleagris bulbs (£12.50), Narcissus Lubularis bulbs -pack of fifty (£12.50), Narcissus Obvallaris bulbs (£22.50), delivery £4.99, VAT £17.08. All for the Village Green
- c) Dean's Garden Centre - York - Jo Fell - Primrose Everlast Cream (2 x £3.99), Polyanthus - mixed (6 x £3.99), Primrose - mixed (6 x £3.99), Skimmia Rubella 9cm x 32cm - two Callier and three Bish (5 x £3.99) and Hedera Mixed Extra Ivy 13cm Carter (2 x £4.99) less discount - £16.60.
- d) Recreational Area sign - Dibond Aluminium Single-sided 3 mm thick 40 cm - 60 cm, 4 holes in the corners (5mm) - HelloPrint - S. Peers - £23.50 + £4.70 VAT.
- e) Garden and Estate machinery services - service and repairs to Partner lawn tractor, welding repairs to cutter deck and replace parts - engine oil £7.90, air filter £19.36, pre filter £6.18, spark plug £4.20, two rotary blades £35.32, deck drive belt £52.76, steering tie rod/bushes £69.58. Service £127.
- f) Recreational Area sign - Dibond Aluminium Single-sided 3 mm thick 40 cm - 60 cm, 4 holes in the corners (5mm) - HelloPrint - S. Peers £23.50 + VAT.

The following were expenses incurred by Emma Peers for the 2024 Christmas event.

- Booker - Royds Mulled Wine - four six packs each of 70cl bottles (£13.95 each pack)
- Booker - Galaxy instant hot chocolate - pack of six 250g
- Booker - Semi skimmed milk - four lots of two litres
- Lidl - Ruby Port 19% - four bottles at £7.99 each
- Lidl - Orange Juice - six lots of £1.59
- Lidl - Orange Juice - 1.5Kg - two lots of £1.99
- Lidl - Squirt cream - four lots of £1.35
- Lidl - Mini mallows - three lots of £1.25
- Bee Different Limited - Amazon - Kids B Crafty - Craft Gems - 100g Colourful Plastic Gemstones for Crafting, Sequins, Acrylic Jewels for Art Projects-Flat Back
- Amazon - Baker Ross Gold & Silver Metallic Fibre Pens - Pack of six

- Shen Zhen Shi Hai Heng De Trading Company Limited - Amazon - 100 white foam polystyrene craft balls, craft decoration balls, Christmas Tree Hanging Decoration 2cm

Items c, d and f plus the 2024 Christmas event expenses were being reported retrospectively as these payments had already been made. The deadline for the double taxation grant had passed but the Responsible Financial Officer would seek retrospective approval for the service and repairs to the lawn tractor to be included.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

A list of correspondence had been circulated and the contents noted. There were no items of note.

## **11 ACTION TRACKER**

An Action Tracker had been circulated with the agenda papers listing all previously agreed actions and reports on progress. The playground signs discussed at the January meeting had been bought and would soon be put up. There was discussion about the playground, the budget was clarified and sources of funding were discussed. There was also discussion about progress with the twenty miles an hour signs.

## **12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The dates for forthcoming meetings in 2025 are;

27<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November.

All to be held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:18pm.

Signed

Helen Dawson, Vice-Chair  
27 March 2025