

MINUTES FROM AN ORDINARY MEETING OF MID-WHARFEDALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.45 PM

PRESENT:

Dr J Crossley	:	Weston (Chairman)
Mr R Broderick	:	Denton
Mr F R A Caton	:	Weston
Mrs S Ellis	:	Nesfield/Langbar
Mrs K Chivers	:	Nesfield/Langbar
Mr J Bush	:	Denton
Mr D Powell	:	Middleton
Mrs C Shepherd	:	Askwith (Vice Chair)
Mr M Whitley	:	Askwith
Mrs C Marston	:	Askwith
Mrs C Smith	:	Clerk

In Attendance

Mr N Hull	:	NYCC Cllr
Ms V Oldham	:	Harrogate Borough Cllr

Members of the public attending the meeting

RT Paisley and S Pressley

65/01 APOLOGIES:

Cllr J Olby (illness)

65/02 DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

Cllr Ellis ref Common Land Nesfield.

Cllr Shepherd ref planning application Askwith.

65/03 GUEST SPEAKER

Chris Wray, Beamsley Chair gave a talk and discussion on application to add a Public Bridleway, which on review by NYCC, have said should be added as a Byway Open To All Traffic (BOAT). Planning reference HAR-2021-10-DMMO. Deadline for representations and objections is 22nd February however MWPC has an additional week until 2nd March.

Chris provided background to the applicant and said there are an additional 6 applications to arrive which will affect the area which are a mix of pathway, bridleway and BOAT. He then talked through the maps, routes, historical context and said that landowners are consulting their deeds. These roads will link into A and B roads so will have an impact on the wider landscape and area.

65/04 PUBLIC SESSION

Discussion continued from C Wray's talk and concern raised from members of the public that not all rights holders have been consulted, as well as the impact the application will have, especially by vehicles.

65/05 MINUTES:

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meeting held on 24th November 2022 having been circulated were proposed Cllr Powell seconded Cllr Caton and unanimously resolved as a true and correct record. These were then duly signed by the Chairman.

65/06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 6.1 Bin at Denton – Clerk has sent request to Highways at NYCC requesting relocation of bin to bottom layby. Email also sent to chase so will advise of any updates.
- 6.2 New notice board at Weston Green has now been installed.
- 6.3 Seat for Weston Green has arrived and is at Cllr Caton’s house. Nick Pullan to install and will advise of update.
- 6.4 Nesfield Common Land CL501. Since last meeting, N Pullan had received a reply to a letter to the Open Spaces Society after asking for guidance on stewardship. They advised that in accordance with s45 of the Commons Act 2006, neither NYCC nor MWPC are the owners of the land, their duty is to protect against trespass and interference. There may need to be further discussion on this to determine whether MWPC want to explore options for an agency agreement. Cllr Chivers advised of several planning breaches onto the Common Land.
- 6.5 Pear Tree Cottage TPO. Clerk had written to the owners after the previous meeting advising of concern over a tree overhanging the road. Clerk read out the reply received from the owners which outlined previous communication with Harrogate Council. Decision was taken to leave the tree untouched.
- 6.6 MWPC asset inspection list was updated by Clerk and Nick Pullan after check in January. New Weston Notice board added. Proposed Cllr Caton seconded Cllr Marston.
- 6.7 Appointment of Internal Auditor. Confirmation received in January that Yorkshire Internal Audit Services have accepted the appointment.
- 6.8 Precept 2023/24 and budgeting. Confirmation received that the precept demand for £5,000 has been recorded by Harrogate Council.
- 6.9 New laptop for clerk. Budget of approx. £350 agreed plus approx. £50 for hard drive back up. Proposed Cllr Shepherd seconded Cllr Powell and unanimously resolved.

65/07 CLERKS REPORT

Duties since 24th November 2022 meeting:

- Dealing with emails, correspondence and handover with Nick Pullan
- Some website work – updating and changing contact details
- Article for Church magazine (Nick) and writing minutes and forming agendas
- Following up items from the last meeting including planning matters and highway issues. Common land issues and planning at Nesfield. Walk round with Kath Chivers and Susan Ellis. Mid Wharfedale tour and check of assets and updating the register

A big thank you to Nick Pullan for his support and time during this handover period. There is further work to be done and I thank you all for your patience and co-operation.

65/08 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.1 Letter received from NYCC Highways on urban highways visibility grass cutting for Askwith, and asking if MWPC would like to take responsibility for this. Discussion had and preference is to leave as is.
- 8.2 Draft Parish Charter Consultation has been circulated which outlines the proposals for defining the relationship between the new North Yorkshire Council and the parish sector. There is a short questionnaire which needs to be completed by MWPC with a deadline of 12 April. Clerk to send information again and all councilors to review and send back responses to the Clerk who will take general consensus. Proposed Cllr Bush seconded Cllr Broderick and unanimously resolved.
- 8.3 Clerk pay increase has been published for 2022/23 however this does not affect current Clerk and N Pullan. Increase for 23/24 likely to be published later in the year and will be raised at the relevant meeting. Clerk advised that annual leave allowance has been increased to 23 days as of April 2023 – to be pro-rata'd.
- 8.4 Updating of Skipton Building Society Account – Clerk advised that she will need to be included as a new signatory on the account. Will check the documents which are needed and will hope to bring to the May meeting for approval. A copy of the minutes would need to be sent to Skipton Society for records to be updated and for approval process.
- 8.5 Cllr Hull provided overview of some changes with the creation of the new NYC. There may be some possible crossovers in the planning departments but that it should be a smaller committee heard over at Craven. The consolidation of resources and buildings should help with budgets and that redundancies and bankruptcy should not be an immediate issue. Advised that he had some budget to spend so would send details for consideration by May. Cllr Oldham said it would be her last meeting due to her duties and responsibilities as Borough Mayor. Advised it will be a busy transition period now for Harrogate with the transition to the new council.

64/09 ACCOUNTS

- 9.1 The following expenditure and income were then approved.
Barclays
Bank statement 20/01/23 4008.72

Income
NIL

Balance	4008.72	4008.72
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Skipton Building Society

Balance	2/1/22	5626.98	
Income (interest)		48.51	
	Total	5675.49	
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			<u>9684.21</u>

Cheques to be signed at 16th November meeting 2023

Askwith Village Hall	(943)	30.00
C Smith Clerk wage	(944)	158.20
C Smith Clerk wage	(945)	199.20
C Smith Clerk wage	(946)	159.40
C Smith expenses	(947)	158.50
N Pullan (Support work)	(948)	173.40
N Pullan (Support work)	(949)	74.70
N Pullan (Fit notice board)	(950)	208.80
HMRC (Tax)	(951)	129.00

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Total held by MWPC	<u>8561.81</u>
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9.2 Invoices were presented by the Clerk & cheques signed.

64/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

Some items of information have been forwarded to all Councillors via email, added to the website and some to be sent on after the meeting; Town and Parish Council workshops to be held by NY Highways team; Great British Spring Clean litter picking through Harrogate Council; Nidderdale Plus minibus trips and Rural Households Survey on Cost of Living. Clerk to advise of public liability insurance level for litter picking.

64/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Langbar with Nesfield

Planning Applications

6.128.5.J.FUL (527L)	Black Hill HouseLangbar – Two storey extension PC Letter D	Granted	16/11/22
6.128.84.FUL (528N)	Scarr House Nesfield - Internal alterations and external works PC letter C	Granted	21/12/22
22/00448/PR15	Land Hardings Lane - unauthorized Dev & gate into Common land		13/12/22

22/004/PR15	Tree House – enforcement	11/12/22
HAR 2021/10/ DMMO	Addition of Public Bridleway (BOAT addition)	By 02/03/23

Middleton Parish

Planning Applications

6.129.50.DVCON (524M)	East Moor House Farm PC letter A	Various alterations to previous planning Granted 29/11/22
6.129.20.J.DVCON (529M)	Home Farm Middleton PC letter A	Variation of planning to annex Granted 16/12/22
6.129.27.E.FUL (531M)	Ling Park, Hardings Lane PC Letter C	Extension to barn & fenestration work Refused 08/02/23
6.129.38.B.FUL (537M)	2 Carters Lane PC Letter A	Rear/side extension plus alterations Pending

Denton

Planning Applications

6.130.59.J.LB (525D)	Denton Hall Rd to Church Farm – Internal/external works to Hall PC letter C	Granted 23/12/2
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Askwith

Planning applications

6.131.17.FUL (534A)	Askwith Arms PC letter C	Remove conservatory, erect extension Pending
6.131.34.O.FUL (535A)	Quaker Cottage PC letter A	Installation of solar panels in field Pending
22/00428/BRPC15	Grass Garth Farm	Non compliance with approved plans

Weston

Planning applications

22/00008/BRPC15 (536W)	26 Throstle Nest Close	Potential breach (materials)
6.139.165.FUL (539W)	11 Throstle Nest Close PC letter pending	Single-storey extension and enlargement of existing outbuilding (retrospective)

