

MINUTES FROM AN ORDINARY MEETING OF MID-WHARFEDALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.45 PM

PRESENT:

Mrs C Shepherd : Askwith (Vice chair) – acting Chair  
Mrs K Chivers : Nesfield/Langbar  
Mrs S Ellis : Nesfield/Langbar  
Mr D Powell : Middleton  
Mr M Whitley : Askwith  
Mr R Akers : Askwith

In Attendance

Mrs B Shaw : Clerk

Members of the public attending the meeting

Jo Bressloff

68/01 APOLOGIES:

Mrs J Crossley (unwell)  
Mr F R A Caton (away)

68/02 DECLARATION ON INTERESTS

None declared.

68/03 PUBLIC SESSION

No comments

68/04 MINUTES:

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 having been circulated were proposed Cllr Whitley, seconded Cllr Powell and unanimously resolved as a true and correct record. These were then duly signed by the Vice Chair.

68/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5.1 Weston Woods buyout. Cllr Shepherd explained that a decision regarding funding that MWPC were prepared to contribute towards the buyout of Weston Woods had been postponed at the August meeting as there were not enough Councillors in attendance. Both Councillor Chivers and Powell felt it was not advisable to donate to the buyout of the woods as contributing to a private loan with public funds may leave MWPC in a difficult position. It was agreed that MWPC would wait until the buyout was completed and then donate to a specific item or project. **Clerk to prepare a letter explaining the MWPC decision and to ask to be kept informed regarding the progress of the buyout.**
- 5.2 Councillor Shepherd advised that shortly there will be two vacancies to be filled in Denton. It was agreed that Councillor Powell will approach Peter Chadwick to ascertain interest in the position. Councillor Chivers will approach Heather Stewart and Councillor Whitley will approach Chris Monkman. Councillor Powell

confirmed that if there were only one candidate for the position, they could be co-opted. Any more than that and a vote would need to be organised. **Clerk to put up a notice for Councillor positions on the Denton noticeboard.**

Councillor Ellis asked for clarification regarding Councillors who do not attend meetings and do not send apologies. **Clerk to check standing orders and consult with Nick Pullan to clarify the process for nonattendance.**

- 5.3 Councillor Powell and Whitely fed back regarding the highways inspection carried out with Hahsmutallah Gaznawi from North Yorkshire Council on 21.09.23. The Clerk reported that co-ordinates of all faults seen had been forwarded to him and that we are waiting a date for a full highways inspection. Councillor Chivers asked for an update on the hedges between Nesfield and Beamsley which have not yet been cut and remain impassable for emergency vehicles. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported and followed up but no information has been received from North Yorkshire Council. It may be that a notice has been served to the land owner to rectify this but MWPC would not be informed of this. **Clerk will monitor this situation.**

Councillor Ellis raised an ongoing issue with drain maintenance on Ilkley Golf Course resulting in intermittent flooding. **Councillor Ellis agreed to forward details, including coordinates or 'what three words' position to enable the Clerk to flag this with highways.**

Councillor Chivers raised the issue of large vehicles coming into Nesfield and being unable to pass through and having to turn around. Weight and width information signs are faded and difficult to read. **Councillor Chivers agreed to forward details, pictures and coordinates to the Clerk to enable the issue to be flagged with highways.**

Councillor Shepherd fed back regarding Kex Gill and the associated dangerous traffic problems this had caused, particularly in Askwith. This has been flagged with North Yorkshire Council but no response has been received. Despite the diversion having been lifted, the issues remain important to consider for the future, especially as it was reported to Councillors by a resident, that a local newspaper had reported how well the diversions had worked and that no complaints had been received. **Clerk to follow up NYC response.**

- 5.4 Councillor Chivers would like to thank Councillor Hull for his help with progressing the application for the defibrillator in Nesfield. The defibrillator has been bought and is ready to install. It was agreed that the electrical installation of the defibrillator can proceed under a 'small works order' and does not require MWPC to receive three quotes.

- 5.5 Cllr Powell gave an update on the recent rights of way issues with the BOAT applications across the parishes and **will put together a response by 19<sup>th</sup> November** indicating that historic evidence does not support the reclassification of footpaths to BOATS and that MWPC believe they should be classified as bridleways. Councillor Ellis expressed concern as to whether the motivation may be to allow access to vehicles for the installation of windmills. Councillor Powell pointed out that objections can only be based on rights of way and not environmental issues.

- 5.6 Councillor Shepherd reported that Michael Booth had accepted the response to his letter regarding litter on the north bank of the river and that the matter was now closed.
- 5.7 Wheelie bins have now been delivered and this matter is closed. Councillor Chivers raised the issue of missed collections of green bins in Nesfield and that collection routes for Beamsley and Nesfield are not coordinated and still inefficient. **Clerk to flag this issue.**
- 5.8 Councillor Powell reported that the fallen tree has not been removed from the footpath in Denton/Middleton and that closure of the path has been extended for another 12 months. **He will forward details and coordinates and the Clerk with flag the issue requesting reasons for the delay.**
- 5.9 Councillor Shepherd would like to again flag a broken gate on Askwith bridle path **and will send details to the Clerk.**

#### 68/06 CLERKS REPORT

Duties since 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 meeting. Follow up of items by emails and phone calls from the last meeting including planning matters and highway issues. Emails and forwarding on relevant communications. Forwarding and responding to planning applications. Preparing 2024/25 budget for discussion. Updating Clerk details and posting on noticeboards. Forming agendas.

#### 68/07 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.1 2024/25 budgeting for the Precept. Clerk had prepared a budget for discussion. Items raised were:  
There may be some cost for the Website this year as MWPC do not pay for hosting. **Clerk to seek clarification from Nick Pullan regarding this and feedback.**  
Councillor Chivers explained that MWPC owns Nesfield Village green and contributes £100 towards the cost of grass cutting. She would like to request an increase in the contribution to £250. **Councillor Chivers will provide a quote and information to enable a decision to be made.**  
Green maintenance (verge cutting) for MWPC is carried out once a year in July/August. Councillor Shepherd asked if MWPC should seek other tenders for the work as this contract is over the £350 threshold for tendering and it was previously awarded without a tendering process.  
A discussion was had as to whether a contingency of £200 should be added to the precept. **Councillor Shepherd will follow this up.**  
The return date for MWPC precept request is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- 7.2 Councillor Whitely spoke about the new planning permission submission from the Burley Bridge Association for the construction of a footbridge linking Burley and Askwith. Since the initial planning permission was refused, Councillor Shepherd said that there had been no response to the issues raised by Askwith and no proper consultation process initiated. MWPC has put in its response to the current application raising this and other concerns and will await a decision.

- 7.3 Councillor Shepherd provided feedback from training she had received regarding creating green and resilient communities in the face of our changing climate which is having a massive impact on our environment, ecology, business, health and happiness. Local Authorities have a responsibility for biodiversity and are required to set out what policies, objectives and action they will take in this area by January 2024. Councillor Shepherd would like to develop a strategy and actions to define MWPCs role in developing resilience and then involve the community, land owners and farmers in its delivery. She suggested undertaking an exercise from her training which addresses the question 'If we had, for example, a drought in seven years time, what would we wish we had done to prepare for it?' It was agreed that a separate meeting would be set up in the new year to run this exercise and **Councillor Shepherd will arrange this.** Councillor Shepherd informed the meeting of a webinar about the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for North Yorkshire & York on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7pm-8pm.
- 7.4 The Clerk listed consultations that had been forwarded to Councillors. Councillor Shepherd suggested that MWPC needed a process which would ensure that relevant consultations are considered and feedback provided to NYC. The Councillors agreed to respond to the Clerk when a consultation had been sent through, acknowledging receipt and whether a response was necessary. If appropriate, Councillors will then set up a mechanism (zoom meeting or otherwise) for when a collective response is required to form their response and feedback to the Clerk. **The Clerk will forward the consultation on the draft statement on community involvement** where NYC is seeking views on how the community can be effectively involved in local planning. This consultation closes on the 22nd December
- 7.5 The Clerk explained that Nick Pullman had expected to have new banking mandates to be signed. Unfortunately due to Barclays updating MWPC profile these will not be available until the February meeting.
- 7.6 Cllr Hull was not present to provide an update. Clerk to prepare a letter to Councillor Hull to clarify his involvement in MWPC meetings.



## 68/09 EMAILS

No relevant emails to discuss.

## 68/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Councillor Shepherd asked if there were any planning matters anyone would like to raise. Councillor Powell questioned two entries which had not required a response from MWPC (Home Farm Caters lane and Nesfield with Langbar and Middleton). **The Clerk will investigate these and report back at the next meeting.**

Councillor Chivers asked how MWPC keeps track of historic planning breaches and their outcome. **Clerk to investigate and report back at the next meeting.**

No.	Date	Address	Planning No	Planning for	Response due	PC Letter	Decision	Date of outcome	Plans ref
551N	04/08/2023	Stonegarth, Nesfield, LS29 0BT	6.128.11.I.FUL	Rear single storey extension	28/08/2023	A	Granted	22/09/2023	ZC23/02894/FUL
552A	21/08/2023	Rookery Barn Low Hall Farm Low Snowden Otley LS21 2NQ	6.131.90.FUL	Proposed Agricultural Access	14/09/2023	C			ZC23/03019/FUL
553A	01/09/2023	The Old Vicarage Askwith Otley LS21 2HX	6.131.23.D.TPO	Fell 1 no. Sycamore tree due to alleged condition of tree.	25/09/2023	A	Granted	17/10/2023	ZC23/03136/TPO
554D	04/09/2023	Willow Hill Farm Smithy Lane Denton LS29 0HL	6.30.56.B.FUL	Conversion of an agricultural building to a dwelling house and demolition of a separate agricultural building	28/09/2023	B	Refused	27/10/2023	ZC23/03148/FUL
	12/09/2023	Home Farm Carters Lane Middleton Ilkley Bradford LS29 0DQ	6.129.20.L.PNA	New agricultural building	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	ZC23/03247/PNA
555A	12/09/2023	Ibbotson Farm Askwith Otley North Yorkshire LS21 2HX	6.131.55.J.LB	Listed building consent for the provision of wall insulation to dwelling.	06/10/2023	C			ZC23/03275/LB
	26/09/2023	Nesfield with Langbar, Middleton,	HAR-2023-06-DMMO	To add a Restricted Byway	30 days	N/A			HAR-2023-06-DMMO
556W	29/09/2023	Cock Pit Farm Cottage Moor Lane Weston LS21 2HS	6.139.166.B.FUL	Construction of all weather equestrian menage for domestic use only	23/10/2023	D	Granted	10/11/2023	ZC23/03576/FUL
557A	04/10/2023	Land Comprising Field NE Of Weir On River Wharfe West Lane Askwith North Yorkshire	6.131.58.F.FUL	Creation of a new footbridge across the river Wharfe	28/10/2023	C			ZC23/03560/FUL
558D	06/10/2023	Hilltop House, Denton Road, Denton, Ilkley, N.Yorks, LS29 0HW	6.130.46.D.FUL	Single storey rear extension with associated internal alterations and landscaping works	30/10/2023	A	Granted	10/11/2023	ZC23/03592/FUL

## 68/11 WEB SITE

Updates have been made to notices, calendar events and for relevant consultations.

## 63/12 MEMBERS POINTS OF INFORMATION

Nothing raised.

Date for the next two meetings 15th February 2024 and 16th May.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Passed as a true and correct record Chairman .....

Date .....

