

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 25th July 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs Gerald Kay, Diane Elphinstone and Ann Sheridan. In the absence of Cllr Price, Cllr Kay was elected to take the Chair for the meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE: Nigel Harrison (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer), Cllr David Ireton and 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Colin Price, Cllr John Dawson and Cllr Paul Bratt
2. **Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**
 - a. No councillors recorded Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or other interests in relation to items on the Agenda.
 - b. No requests were made for DPI dispensations in connection with items on the Agenda.
3. **Police Report:** The Council received a report from PCSO Amanda Preston to cover the period 1st of June 2017 to 24th July 2017. Details as follows: there had been a burglary in the Keasden area during which a number of high-value pedal cycles had been stolen. On the 19th of June, 2017, there had been a theft of plants from the Peace Garden at Clapham Primary School. There had been five road-related incidents over the period, all of them on the A65. There had been two road traffic collisions.
4. **Highways and Street Lighting, Road Signage and Boundary Markers**
 - a. **Requests for action.**

A member of the public had reported that the drains on Station Road, Clapham between the cemetery and the A65 were blocked. The Council noted with some disappointment that this had been reported to NYCC whose response was that they had examined the problem and had concluded that it was not such that it required their intervention at this stage..
 - b. **Updates and further actions on outstanding issues**

A member of the public had reported the poor state of Station Road, Clapham on the Clapham Station side of Calterber Bridge, a matter that had already been reported to NYCC in the aftermath of the Council meeting of 23rd May, 2017. The Council was aware that NYCC had already added the work to the list of jobs requiring digging-up of the road but instructed the Clerk to write a further letter seeking early attention to the matter.
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the Meeting of Clapham cum Newby Parish Council held on 27th of June 2017 should be approved and signed by Cllr Kay as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.
6. **On-going issues**
 - 6.1 **Parish Maintenance Matters**
 - a. **To discuss and consider the appointment of a new parish caretaker.**

The Council received information supplied by Cllr Dawson. The prospective Parish Caretaker will now be on holiday until October, 2017. It is expected that he will have resolved his insurance position by then. In the meantime the position remains available should another suitable candidate present.
 - b. **To receive an update on the restoration of the ornamental drinking fountain.**

The Council received information supplied by Cllr Dawson. There have been further complications. It has become apparent that the envisaged solar panel will not suffice and there will now be a requirement for battery storage. Cllr Dawson's communication raised a query as to whether this

project should continue to be pursued. The Council held the issue over to the next meeting.

c. Stories in Stone Heritage Grant Application for the Ornamental Drinking Fountain.

This matter is dependent on the issue at **b.** above and the Council held the matter over until the next meeting.

d. Works funded by the Forest of Bowland AONB grant.

There was no information before the Council in connection with this matter.

6.2 Hyperfast Broadband Project

An update was received from Cllr Sheridan. Details as follows: the Clapham Loop has been completed. There is digging work planned for The Green. The final road crossing awaits the completion of agricultural work before it can be completed. The Ingleborough Estate have indicated that they will pay the connection charges for estate properties. There has been good support from volunteers during the recent works.

6.3 Neighbourhood Planning.

There was no information before The Council in relation to this matter.

7. Finance

a. (I) **RESOLUTION:** to pay J.Hartley & Sons invoice for £144.00

(ii) **RESOLUTION:** to pay the Clerk's expenses as per the expenses claim form before the Council: £17.10 mileage, £73.70 printing ink paper and office items, £1.30 postage.

(iii) **RESOLUTION:** to pay £38.39 to the Clerk for purchase of a Red Ensign Flag to be flown on Merchant Navy Day.

b. **RESOLUTION:** the statements of accounts (HSBC 1 and HSBC 2) for the Parish Council were reviewed and approved.

c. The bank reconciliation for Quarter 1 of 2017-18 was verified by Cllr Kay. No issues were reported.

d. Quarter 1 of the 2017-18 budget was reviewed. It was noted that there was reduced spending on some items. It was also noted that the new Clerk had been appointed at the beginning of May and had not been paid any expenses to date. Further there has not been a Parish Caretaker in post during the period concerned.

8. Planning

a. Applications:

The following application was considered: 2017/1871/FUL- Conversion of traditional barn to dwelling with ancillary office and garage building-Fountain House Farm, The Green, Clapham This matter had only been received on the 20th of July, 2017. No hard copy of the plans had yet been received and the Councillors present had not seen the plans. The Council was thus not in a position to comment and held the matter over for future consideration.

b. Decisions

The following decisions were noted:

C/18/147C-Erection of new canopy over shop front at Clapham Village Store- Application granted subject to conditions.

C/18/173D/LB Application for listed building consent for renovation and alterations at Spindle Tree Cottage, 2, Gildersbank, Clapham-Application granted subject to conditions.

c. Other planning issues and correspondence

18/2017/17834-Erection of 3 dwellings on the site of the former Dalesview Garage, Clapham

The Council opposes this application and noted that the next planning meeting to decide the matter will be in August after a site visit has taken place.

9. Correspondence

a. Items of correspondence received prior to this meeting.

The Council considered the following items

(i) E.mail from NYCC re disposal of hazardous waste. The Council had no comment to make in response.

(ii) Minerals and Waste Joint Plan-addendum of proposed changes. The Council had no comment to make in response.

(iii)E.mail from Emily Grogan re community-led housing. It was noted that this item might have some relevance to the issue of neighbourhood planning and is to be placed on the next agenda as an ongoing matter alongside that issue.

(iv) E.mail re Kompan Competition for matched funding for playground and fitness equipment. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime further information with regard to terms and conditions and applicable deadlines is to be explored.

b. Items of correspondence received too late to be circulated prior to this meeting.

The Council noted bulletins 26and 27 from the Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils, an e.mail setting out details of training events and the Craven District Council Governance Review.

10. Items of Information

The Council considered NYCC notice of proposed re-routing of footpaths at High Hardacre Farm, Bentham and had no comment to make.

11. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Tuesday 26th September 2017 at 7.30pm. The meeting to be held at Clapham Village Hall.