

CLAPHAM cum NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 24th October 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs John Dawson (Vice-Chairman), Gerald Kay, Diane Elphinstone and Ann Sheridan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Nigel Harrison (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer), PC Max Barton (North Yorks. Police), Sarah Wiltshire (Local Green Party Representative) and two members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A member of the public raised a concern over the felling of a tree on Station Road, Clapham. This had been permitted to facilitate agricultural access to an adjacent field. Planning permission for that access had been granted subject to a condition requiring replacement tree planting. The member of the public asked if two remaining trees could be protected and the Council undertook to look into the mechanism whereby Tree Preservation Orders might be obtained. The same member of the public also pointed out that stone has been steadily disappearing from a retaining wall adjacent to the path leading to the under-pass at Station Road, Clapham. PC Barton undertook to look into the matter.

Another member of the public questioned whether it would be possible for a bus shelter to be built in Clapham because currently those waiting for the bus there only have recourse to a telephone box in the event of bad weather. On the information available, the Council was unable to envisage where such a shelter might practicably be built.

Sarah Wiltshire introduced herself to the Council and expressed willingness to assist and receive comments in the future with regard to green issues and other matters

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Colin Price, Cllr David Ireton.

2. **Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

a. None.

b. No requests were made for DPI dispensations in connection with items on the Agenda.

3. **Police Report:** The Council received a report from PC Max Barton of North Yorkshire Police. PC Barton's report, in part, over-lapped with the police report received at the September meeting. New matters comprised: a lorry coming off the road on the A65 between Clapham and Austwick, a dog worrying sheep at Bleak Bank, a farmer falling from his quad bike near to Trow Ghyll and a walker injured near to Ingleborough Cave. PC Barton pointed out that Cave Rescue had provided invaluable assistance in relation to the latter two incidents.

PC Barton left the meeting after delivering his report.

4. **Highways and Street Lighting, Road Signage and Boundary Markers**

a. **Requests for action.**

(i) The Council noted that the blocked culverts on the Keasden Road had been reported to the Highways Dept.

(ii) The Clerk was instructed to write to Craven District Council (CDC) to ask that a sign warning against fly-tipping at the lay-by on Old Road, between Clapham and Newby Cote, be re-instated.

b. **Updates and further actions on outstanding issues**

(i) Council noted that the dismantling of a stone shelter and a cairn on Little Ingleborough had been brought to the attention of the National Park Authority by Councillor Elphinstone.

(ii) & (iii) Council noted that the flooding from the railway at Lawsings Brow and the potholing of the road in the same vicinity had been reported to Network Rail and the Highways Dept.

respectively as had the landslip on Reeby's Lane.

(iv) It was noted that works had been carried out by the Highways Dept. to rectify the poor state of the road on Station Road, Clapham near to Calterber Bridge.

(v) Council noted that an Estate Agent's board had been removed from the entrance to Newby on

request. Cllr Kay mentioned that two more boards had appeared at some distance from the properties advertised having been placed adjacent to the A65 at its junction with Station Road. The clerk was instructed to write to the agents concerned to seek their removal.

(vi) & (vii) It was noted that the undercutting observed on Old Road and the blocked drains on Station Road, Clapham had been reported to the Highways Dept.

(viii) It was further noted that dog-fouling signs had been supplied by CDC and that one of the same had been supplied to the member of the public who had raised the issue prior to the last meeting.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the Meeting of Clapham cum Newby Parish Council held on 26th of September 2017 should be approved and signed by Cllr Dawson as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising which were not otherwise covered on the agenda for the current meeting.

6. On-going issues

6.1 Parish Maintenance Matters

a. To discuss and consider the appointment of a new parish caretaker.

Cllr Dawson indicated that there is now just the one interested candidate but that he has still not provided details of insurance cover. The matter was held over to the next meeting. Cllr Elphinstone undertook to canvas the possibility of a contribution towards the insurance costs of the caretaker from the Ingleborough Estate.

b. To receive an update on the restoration of the ornamental drinking fountain.

Cllr Dawson outlined that he and Cllr Kay had met with a technician from Yorkshire Water. It had been ascertained that to supply mains water to the fountain would necessitate the laying of a pipe across the front of Clapham Village Store. An estimate of the cost of this is awaited but is expected to be very high. There are other possibilities which are to be considered once the estimate from Yorkshire Water has arrived, assuming that the cost of connecting to mains water will prove too great.

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 to be considered alongside it. Cllr Dawson has spoken to Mr Lodge of the Millenium Trust and funds are still available.

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

Tooke's Agricultural Services have carried out work on ditches adjacent to the Keasden Road and have submitted an invoice. It is thought that the Forest of Bowland AONB will provide some financial assistance. This is a matter into which Cll Price is looking.

6.2 Hyperfast Broadband Project

An update was received from Cllr Sheridan. It was noted that the project had won a Next Generation Digital Award. Cllr Sheridan indicated that there has been good progress in Clapham Village, work being currently underway in the area between Fall View and the shop. Imminent tasks are the placing of duct at The Beeches and Sunny bank Cottages and fibre-blowing.

6.3 Community emergency plan, community defibrillator training and other topics related to the emergency services

Cllr Elphinstone indicated that she has discussed first aid training with Cave Rescue and hopes to fix some dates in the near future.

6.4 Neighbourhood Planning.

Cllr Sheridan indicated that there is to be a meeting on the 26th of October 2017 to gauge interest in the issue and to set up a steering-group. If matters proceed, an area to which the plan would be applicable would have to be designated and local consultation would have to be initiated.

6.5 Community-led housing

This issue was held over for future consideration alongside the matter at 6.4

7. Trees in Clapham Play Park and Ingleborough Hall

Council noted that the clerk had written to the Ingleborough Estate and to the Centre Manager at

Ingleborough Hall to draw attention to the question of tree safety in the light of a recent incident in Clapham Play park in which a large section of a tree came down in bad weather.

8. Finance

- a. (i) **RESOLUTION:** authorising payment of £48.00 to Clapham Village Hall for room hire
- (ii) **RESOLUTION:** authorising payment of £270.00 to Tooke's Agricultural Services for ditch digging in Keasden
- (iii) **RESOLUTION:** authorising payment of £144.00 to J. Hartley & Sons for grass-cutting etc. in Clapham churchyard
- (iv) **RESOLUTION:** authorising payment of £4.50 to the Trustees of Dr JA Farrer DWT-rent for village sign
- (v) **RESOLUTION:** authorising payment of £11.10 to the clerk for mileage and postage expenses.
- b. **RESOLUTION:** the statements of accounts HSBC1 and HSBC2 were reviewed and approved
- c. A draft budget for the year 2018-19 was considered. This will be finalised at the November meeting.
- d. Consideration of the bank reconciliation for quarter 2 was held over to the next meeting.
- e. Review of the current budget for the year to September 2017 was held over to the next meeting.

9. Planning

a. Applications:

- (i) 2017/18576/TPO- Fell 1 No. Oak T29 and various works to other trees - Flying Horse Shoe Caravan Site, Crook Beck Bridge To Wenning Bank Bridge, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8ES. The Council opposed the felling of the tree seeing no reason why it should be done.
- (ii) 2017/18589/HH- Proposed alterations to existing single storey garage - Grey Scars , Church Lane, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8HR . The Council supported this application.

b. decisions:

The following decisions were received:

- (i) 2017/18171/FUL- Conversion of traditional barn to dwelling with ancillary office and new garage building-Fountain House Farm, The Green, Clapham. (Amendment also submitted). Application granted subject to conditions.
- (ii) 2017/18398/LBC - Revised proposals for a new sunroom/conservatory extension (previously approved application 18/2016/17527), Location: Crooklands, Old Road (West), Ingleton, Carnforth, LA2 8HY-Application granted subject to conditions.

c. Other planning issues and correspondence

The following was noted:

- (i) National Park Authority to carry out works to trees in Clapham Car Park-crown raise and crown reduction of one sycamore and one rowan and replacement of a section of hedge.

10. Correspondence

a. Correspondence received prior to meeting

- (i) Letter re funding of Settle swimming pool. The Council had received a letter suggesting raising the precept for next year and diverting the sum raised to the swimming pool. It was concluded that the existing proposed donation would provide a higher sum for the pool.

b. Correspondence received too late to be considered prior to the meeting.

- (i) Planning Application 2017/18592/CPE - Application for a Certificate of Lawful development for the existing use of a property as a residential dwelling (use Class C3) Location: The View, Burnhead Farm, Mewith, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AR. The Council opposed this proposal.
- (ii) To authorise payment of £4.50 to Trustees of Dr J A Farrer DWT for rent for village signs. See 8a (iv) above.
- (iii) 2017/18650/HH Proposal: Single storey extension to provide sunroom Location: Giffords , Wenning Bank To Reebys Lane, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8ET. This matter was held over to allow Councillors sight of the plans and to make comment thereafter.

11. Items of information and further action

- (i) The Council noted that there will be a Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan Annual Forum at Ingleton Community Centre on 23rd November, 2017.

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12. Date of Next Meeting

The Council confirmed the date of the next meeting of Clapham cum Newby Parish Council as Tuesday 28th November 2017, 7.30.pm at Clapham Village Hall.