

CLAPHAM cum NEWBY

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 27th March 2018

Draft Minutes

Present

Clapham cum Newby Parish council: Cllrs Colin Price (Chairman), John Dawson (Vice-Chairman), Diane Elphinstone, Gerald Kay, Ann Sheridan.

Nigel Harrison (Parish Clerk)

NYCC and CDC Cllr David Ireton.

PC Max Barton, YDNPA Ranger Rob Ashford, Don Gamble, Simon Peach, David Kingsley, Sue Mann, George Greenbank, Brian Rycroft, Rae Lonsdale, Chris Hart, James Innerdale, Ken Pearce, Robert Klottrup.

1. Apologies: Cllr Paul Bratt

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 28th March 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were signed by Cllr Colin Price, Chairman of the Clapham cum Newby Parish Council. There were no matters arising.

3. Report from chairman of the Parish Council- see notes

4. Reports from District and county Councillors, YDNPA representatives and Police

The meeting received a report from PC Max Barton of North Yorkshire Police. There had been no crime in the parish in the preceding month, although the police had been busy in surrounding areas. There are not many police officers to cover a large area. Recent incidents included an accidental 999 call, a report of fallen trees, road traffic offences, a broken down vehicle, a reported theft which turned out to be a civil dispute and a sudden death.

Cllr David Ireton (NYCC) reported that an extra care facility for the area has been given planning permission. It will be on the old school site in Bentham. Owing to the closure of Castlebergh Hospital, a group in Bentham is trying to identify provision within the new facility to compensate. The new facility would not appear to be ideally placed however and it is to be hoped that renovation of Castlebergh will take place. A report on that issue is awaited.

Cllr Ireton indicated that District and County Councillors have a small pot of money for community projects. This will flow in again after May 2018. North Yorkshire County Council is discussing the possibility of a pot of money for environmental work.

Rob Ashford, the Area Ranger for Ribblesdale, spoke on behalf of the Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNPA). There has not been much recent rights of way maintenance in Clapham. The National Park has supported the creation of a wildflower meadow in the car park and hedge laying at the tennis court in Clapham. Damage to a cairn on Little Ingleborough has been under consideration with a view to possible replacement. Miles Johnston is the point of contact in relation to this issue. Wider management within YDNPA is being pulled together and there is a consultation

process which will end in April 2018.

5. Reports from community organisations etc.

George Greenbank

Mr Greenbank referred to proposed improvements at Clapham Railway Station. Mrs Greenbank has approached Northern Rail to enquire about possible planting at the station. If approved she would then become an “adopter”. Currently a Northern Rail health and safety inspection is awaited. Any ideas for ways to improve the station would be welcome. Northern Rail are not keen on advertising but this would not preclude indications of the identities of sponsors of improvements.

St James' Church, Clapham

Sue Mann reported as follows:

The year has followed its usual pattern in many ways. We still have a service every Sunday (apart from occasional shared services at the other churches in the Benefice). Attendances are small with a regular attendance of 16 on average which is the same as 2016. A small and ageing congregation is the classic challenge for rural parishes.

Nevertheless, we manage to be there for the parish and, apart from the usual pattern of services for the church year, there have been baptisms, weddings and, sadly, funerals.

Financially we have met all our commitments with a small surplus, largely because there has been less work to do on the fabric after our recent busy years.

We have continued to have a programme of outreach and highlights of this have been:

- Church in the Pub, in conjunction with Newby Methodists.
- A concert by Craven Accordion Orchestra.
- 4 Coffee mornings, three of which take place early in the year and are very successful as they provide an opportunity for social contact in the cold winter months. It has been good to see some new residents attending these.
- The Street Fair.

Of course the main feature of this year has been the retirement of Ian Greenhalgh, after 13 years. He and Melanie have been much missed as they really embedded themselves into our communities.

Over the course of the Interregnum services have been maintained with much support from retired clergy and the hard work of the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council.

However, we now have a new vicar waiting to move into post. Rev John Davies and his wife Diana will be moving into the vicarage in Austwick tomorrow. His service of Installation and licensing will take place in Saint James's Church and you are all welcome to attend.

Clapham Community Shop

Timely to make this report today as the shop celebrated the 3rd Anniversary of its opening yesterday.

Activities over the year:

Finance:

I am only allowed to say that the shop will not be closing any time soon. The annual accounts are yet to be audited so the Treasurer, like the Chancellor, is in purdah.

Sales remain healthy. The range of goods in the shop is impressive, the quality is reliable and we can often match the supermarket in price.

Takeaway food has been very successful.

We get regular positive comments both from residents and visitors.
Helen buys well – she' always looking for new ideas.

Building:

Perhaps where you'll notice the greatest changes since last year:

- the temperature. We decided against full air conditioning - we like to have the door open! Instead we have film on the windows which cuts out 70%, coolers and the canopy. In relation to the latter valuable advice was received from James Innerdale.
- access. We now have a ramp, not a front step.
- the back room: re-plastered, decorated, lowered ceiling, new lighting and shelving.
- behind the till – new units.

All this has been made possible by:

- support from our landlords, the Ingleborough Estate.
- a grant from the Kirkby Foundation.
- the award we received from YDMT. (more later)

Volunteers and staff:

- still roughly 40 volunteers. Some new which is good. Wide range of roles – there should be something for everyone. Range from doing the washing to counter to diy to cashiering.
- employed staff. Probably the biggest challenge over recent months. We have actually taken the fast food post back into the capacity of the existing volunteer and staff workforce. When our original member of staff left we re-appointed twice and, on each occasion, the new post holder gave back word.
- something similar has happened with the Weekend Supervisor role. Our existing member of staff wanted more time at weekends ad we created a job share. However, that hasn't worked for the new person so we have to go back to the drawing board.

Other things:

Awards:

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust 20TH Anniversary Gold Award for Rural Enterprise and Employment.

Plunkett Foundation Co-operative Awards. Runner up Yorkshire and the North East.

Prescription service:

Volunteers now collect from Settle Surgery as well as having the delivery service from Bentham.

Community Fund:

To be launched. Based upon making available 10% of available reserves for community groups to apply for.

Policies and procedures:

- Business plan and share prospectus updated
- Safeguarding
- GDPR

Future plans:

- The outside painting needs to be done this year.
- We would like to finish off the interior.
- Working on an Environmental Policy.

In conclusion thanks to all who have supported the shop in any way.

Clapham Park Association

Don Gamble reported as follows:

A small group of 4-5 volunteers help to manage and maintain the playpark.

The chippings around the play equipment need topping up and so we have ordered 40m³ of hardwood chippings. These will be delivered to Simon Coultherd's farm on Tuesday 3 April and then Simon will move them to the playpark. Volunteers and anyone able to help will then spread the chippings.

To help pay for this, we launched a fundraising appeal in January. This has been very successful, with grants from Clapham Parish Council (£100), Cllrs Ireton and Lis (£400), Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (£1500), and about £700 from generous residents.

We need about £900 pa for insurance and other on-going costs. The donation tins in the village shop, bunkbarn, vintage shop and the playpark raise around £700 pa.

Two trees have been removed from the edge of the park and replaced. This has had the effect of increasing the light in the corner of the park which was formerly in the shadow of the trees concerned.

Clapham Sustainability Group

Don Gamble reported as follows:

BEE GROUP. Due to a number of circumstances we only have one bee keeper from the original group – Diane Elphinstone. Diane has had to deal with a number of difficulties including the loss of her main hive. However, last easter she was able to buy a nucleus of bees and later on split the hive with the result she now has one full and one small colony. Not enough for Diane who is due to take the first of the beekeeping exams this year.

MEADOW LINKS: We have become a Meadow Links Community Meadow group. An initiative formed and run by the Millennium Trust to create community run wildflower areas across the Yorkshire Dales. Soil samples were taken to determine the suitability of a site and fortunately we were given permission for an area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority car park to create a wildflower area. This is to be found front of the tennis courts. With the help of the YDNP the area of grass was cut and a small grant from the Millennium Trust provided us with seed and wildflower plugs. The children at Clapham school helped us with some of the plug planting. We were also fortunate enough to be offered strips of wildflower rich meadow which we collected and then laid in the area. Now we have to wait.

DOMESTIC OIL BUYING SCHEME: What a success this scheme has been , now in its 10th year and it's all down to Glenys McMahon without whom it would falter badly. The membership increases every year and now totals 79 participating households. In February of this year a total of 38,000 litres was delivered to people living in the parish (and just outside).

RECYCLING : The latest Give and Take event was held last Saturday the 24th March. This is the most visible aspect of our recycling efforts and was a success. We are fortunate in being able to whittle down how much has finally to be taken to household waste. A very small car boot load. This is because Richard Sexton takes left over items and displays them in his garage for people to help themselves, and other items thought to be suitable for the Clapham Street Fair are left in barn used for that occasion.

The 'Items Free' and 'Items Wanted' notices displayed on the Sustainability Notice Board have had some success. It's interesting to note that when so much 'stuff' turns up at the Give and Take offered free that people are not making more use of our board on the side of the shop.

Clapham Art Group

A report was received from James Innerdale as follows:

The Art Group has 17 members and meets weekly. An annual exhibition takes place at the end of May into early June at which refreshments are provided by the village. Children from the school attend the exhibition to choose their favourite picture. The group has recently been running a trial of Art Group cards in Clapham Community Shop which is to be reviewed in the summer.

Neighbourhood Planning

James Innerdale reported as follows:

There was an open meeting at the end of 2017 followed by a flyer in the Newsletter. An Email was also sent out. There were 33 responses, all in favour with 17 offering help. At a subsequent meeting, a steering group was formed. It is intended that, at the end of April, there will be a meeting with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Craven District Council to determine how to proceed. Options include a neighbourhood plan or a parish plan. The issue is publicised via the Newsletter and via reports to the Parish Council and details will be put on the Clapham N. Yorks. Website.

Age UK

Ken Pearce reported as follows:

There is an Age UK meeting once a month in Clapham with a regular attendance of 10-12. There is a mini bus trip each month, the vehicle being provided by Age UK. This trip is appreciated by all participants.

Hyperfast Broadband

Simon Peach gave a report in relation to progress with digging and properties connected and in scope and as to the general state of the project as set out below:

Digging (metres) 2015 actual 25,220 41% 2016 actual 27,826 46% 2017 actual 6,743 11% 2018 estimate 1,289 2%
Total 61,078

Properties In scope (#) Keasden Mewith Phase 155 Clapham Newby Phase 173 Clapham Village Phase 149 Total 477
Connected Keasden Mewith Phase 106 68% Clapham Newby Phase 75 43% Clapham Village Phase 25 17% Total 206
43%

Comments - new volunteers in the village have just about kept the old hands going - there has been ongoing strong support from the Ingleborough Estate and YDNPA- the project will close down once the village spurs are completed in summer 2018 - strong competition for B4RN resources has held up road crossings in the village - funding has topped £280,000 and should reach c. £300,00 to complete the project - effort is still being put in to customer support but B4RN has also strengthened in this area - landowners are now alerting B4RN when works are being done close to the ducts.

Clapham Village Hall

David Kingsley gave a report as follows:

The village hall is doing well. There is fund raising in progress. Repairs are required and the heating system requires improvement.

Mr Kingsley also referred to the tennis court and the Allotment Association as incorporated within his remit. The tennis court has, he indicated, had its hedges layered. It is hoped that a sign and a lock for the gate can be made. A key will be held in the pub.

The Ingleborough Estate

Brian Rycroft reported on behalf of the Ingleborough Estate as follows:

There has been recent work on the track at The Green. Trees have been planted to replace those lost in the playpark and

on Station Road, Clapham. There has been much work on walls in the last year. There is an ongoing risk assessment in relation to trees and a substantial felling programme is envisaged.

Hall Garth is undergoing repair as is sawmill Cottage. Jacques Barn is also set to undergo repair. Repairs to the Hearse House are progressing well. There are two vacant houses in the village.

Planning applications have been submitted to demolish the nissen hut at Home Farm and replace it with another building, to build a store for the Cave Rescue Organization and for the conversion of Low Barn at Newby Cote.

A decision is awaited in relation to the planning application to create off-road parking at the forthcoming development on Station Road, Clapham. The Nature Trail continues to operate. Residents get free passes. This is currently restricted to residents of Clapham Village. There will be some interpretive signs on the Nature Trail in due course.

Mr and Mrs Farrer are to move into Hall Garth.

Cave Rescue Organization

Rae Lonsdale reported as follows:

CRO attended 91 incidents in 2017, compared with 99 in 2016. Either year is the equivalent, numerically, of the first 30 years from CRO's founding.

As the number of incidents rises, so does what you might call the 'trivia factor', particularly on the Three Peaks walk.

Please read our annual incident report, to see what I mean.

One of CRO's charitable purposes is safety education. The incident report is one contribution to this, for those who will learn from others' experiences.

Another is our 'Calling for help' card, which gives pre-visit advice to recreational users of the area and gives a procedure for when help is needed.

CRO is pleased to receive group visits, particularly from children, in order to pass on the various safety messages. One visit was from Clapham Primary School. CRO also has an exhibition trailer which, because of where it is stored -- free of charge, thanks to Brian Lawson of Lund Farm, Burton -- and because it has to be towed by a Land Rover, is not taken out as often as it might be. For this reason, we have been looking, with the help of the Ingleborough Estate, for somewhere in Clapham to store this and our two smaller equipment trailers.

Thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, via YDMT's Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership, we are able to replace the existing display in the exhibition trailer. The graphic designer is also re-arranging the graphics to provide a portable / static display for use at any appropriate venues. The display consists of an introduction to CRO, a time-line (for CRO and for developments in equipment for outdoor recreation), equipment we use, how to call for help and a "Kids' Zone". Associated with the material for children, we're working on what will be a colouring sheet on one side and a series of safety cartoons on the other. The colouring sheet will comprise of an outline drawing of 'Crow', the CRO mascot with the text above 'Crow says' and below "Take care to enjoy the Dales."

In closing, I would like to say 'Thank you' to our neighbours, hoping that we don't cause the late night / early morning disturbance that we used to, in the days when we had all-night cave rescues.

And finally, I'm always surprised at how many Clapham residents have never been inside the CRO Depot. We are always in there on Wednesday evenings, but tend to be training or in meetings. However, the first Saturday of the month is when we do a lot of routine maintenance (charging our dozens of different batteries, for example) and we welcome interested visitors.

Incident reports and Calling for help cards passed around.

Clapham Development Association

A report was received from Cllr Elphinstone.

Work has been done on the three signs on the village approaches which are now reflective signs.

The new website is working well with Edward Sexton's help.

We are beginning to look at putting up permanent maps and will seek assistance from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

Ray Hull is looking to replace the leaflet boxes.

Ken Pearce continues to work on the issue of conservation.

6. Parishioner concerns

Concern was expressed by a parishioner at the amount of pruning on some parts of the beck-side in Clapham. Mr Rycroft indicated on behalf of the Ingleborough Estate that there is awareness of the issue.

A parishioner asked whether a bus shelter might be provided in Clapham. There was no agreement as to where this might be practicably sited

Another parishioner queried whether a 20mph speed limit might be considered for Clapham Village. Cllr Elphinstone indicated that NYCC will not currently consider such a limit pending receipt of guidance from the government.

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
CDC	Craven District Council
NYCC	North Yorkshire County Council
SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks
YDNPA	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority