

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs Colin Price (Chairman), John Dawson (Vice-Chairman), Paul Bratt, Ann Sheridan and Gerald Kay

IN ATTENDANCE: Nigel Harrison (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer), PCSO Jayne Grace (North Yorkshire Police) and four members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no matters raised in the public participation section of the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr D. Ireton, Cllr C. Lis and Cllr D. Elphinstone

2. Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

a. No Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or other interests were recorded in relation to items on this agenda.

b. No requests were made for DPI dispensations in connection with items on this agenda.

3. Police Report:

PCSO Jayne Grace gave a report to the Council. There were 16 incidents reported to the police between 23rd January and 20th February 2019 as follows: 23.01.19 & 26.01.19 - General Contact- call abandoned, road related offence - vehicles reported for speeding on the A65 & a vehicle seized for no insurance; 03.02.19 – abandoned vehicle on a track – Greater High Birks – found to be in order; 03.02.19 – vehicle in a ditch Keasden; 09.02.19 – road related offence – manner of driving on A65; 09.02.19 & 10.02.19 – suspected vehicle – Clapham Old Road, area searched vehicle came back to a local keeper; 10.02.19 – burglary Newby – theft of chain saw from outbuilding; 15.02.19 – suspected male in a yard – property checked & found to be secure; 17.02.19 – domestic incident with one person arrested, investigation ongoing; 20.02.19 – anti social behaviour - neighbour issue Keasden.

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

a. Requests for action on highways, streetlights, road signage and boundary markers

(i) The Council noted that a broken dog waste bin on Cross Haw Lane had been reported to Craven District Council (CDC)

(ii) The Council further noted that cones had been removed from an area of undercutting on Old Road, Clapham and that this had been reported to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)

(iii) The Council noted that a suggestion had been made that a litter bin be placed at the lay by opposite Sand Quarry on Old Road, Clapham but concluded that to pursue this would be likely to involve the Council in expenditure and incur an ongoing responsibility for emptying it.

(iv) The Clerk was instructed to report a faded “ no tipping” sign at the lay by mentioned above to CDC.

(v) The Clerk was instructed to report drainage problems from the railway adjacent to Lawsings Brow to Network Rail.

b. Updates and decide further action on outstanding issues

The Council noted that potholing on Keasden Road in the vicinity of Black Hill had been reported to NYCC but that no remedial action had been taken. The Clerk was instructed again to draw the matter to the attention of NYCC.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Clapham cum Newby Parish Council meeting held on 22nd January, 2019 should be approved and signed by Cllr Price, Chairman, as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising not already covered in the agenda.

6. Consultation on Closure of Clapham C of E Primary School

A lengthy discussion in relation to the consultation on closure of Clapham C of E Primary school took place. Members of the public contributed substantially and helpfully to this discussion. The Parish Council is strongly minded to support efforts to oppose the closure of the school. Parish Councillors will attend the Public Consultation Meeting scheduled for the 7th March, 2019 and will submit a written response after that meeting.

7. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting were discussed. It was agreed that the clerk would invite representatives from local organisations.

8. On-going issues

8.1 Parish Maintenance Matters

a. Works to be assigned to independent contractors.

No such works were identified.

b. The restoration of the ornamental drinking fountain

Cllr Dawson informed the Council that works to establish a water connection from Clapham Beck are yet to be completed.

c. Works funded by the Forest of Bowland AONB grant

Cllr Price informed the Council that he has met with the contractor who is to construct the ramp at the A65 underpass on

Station Road, Clapham. He is expecting to complete the work in the near future. Likewise the contractor who is to erect a fingerpost sign on Newby Moor is expected to complete the work imminently. There will be some ditching work in the Keasden area to be assigned to a contractor.

8.2 Hyperfast Broadband Project

An update was received from Councillor Sheridan. Work at the last six properties in Clapham is to be completed in the near future. The only other work required to complete the project awaits a road crossing.

8.3 The community emergency plan, community defibrillator training and other topics related to the emergency services

Information had been received to indicate that the battery for the defibrillator in Clapham was low. The Council **RESOLVED** to authorise the clerk to purchase a new battery.

8.4 Neighbourhood Planning.

An update was received from Cllr Sheridan. Good progress has been made. Questionnaires have been delivered throughout the Parish. These are to be completed by 17th March 2019 after which they will be sent for analysis. The Steering Group will meet with those analysing the response on 24th March 2019.

9. Road Closure-Church Avenue, Clapham

The Council **RESOLVED** to authorize support for the closure of Church Avenue, Clapham on the 27th of July, 2019 on the occasion of Clapham Street Fair.

10. Finance

a. Payment of accounts:

(i) **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of £70.00 to Executive Lifestyle computing for Neighbourhood Planning website development

(ii) **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of £11.52 to the clerk for mileage and postage expenses.

(iii) **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of £838.80 to Lamberts Print & Design for Neighbourhood Planning questionnaires etc.

b. Donations:

The Council **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of donations as follows:

(i) Donation to Settle Pool under LG(MP)A 1976 S19 = £200

(ii) Donation to Craven Citizen's Advice Bureau under LGA 1972 S142 (2A) = £100

(iii) Donation to Clapham Playpark under the LGA 1972 Sch 14 para 27 = £100

c. **RESOLVED** to approve the statement of accounts (HSBC 1 and HSBC 2) for the Parish Council

d. The annual safety inspection of memorials within the closed churchyard of St James' Clapham was deferred and will be completed when circumstances permit.

e. The Council received an offer £1,282.00 from NYCC for the placing of a finger post sign at Newby Cote, completed the relevant form and instructed the clerk to contact the contractors with a view to proceeding with the work as soon as possible

11. Planning

a) Applications

2019/20124/FUL: Application for change of use from agricultural use to churchyard and creation of access: land to East of St Matthews Church, Reeby's Lane LA2 8EU. The Council **RESOLVED** to support this application.

b) Decisions

None

c) Other planning issues and correspondence

None

12. To receive and respond to correspondence

a. Receive and respond to items of correspondence received prior to this meeting

(i) Email from National Association of Local Councils-Proposed review of the Localism Act 2011. The Council noted receipt of this correspondence.

(ii) Invitation to Spring Parish Forum. The Council noted receipt of this correspondence.

(iii) Response to Parish Council's letter from Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. The Council noted this response to a letter sent by the clerk. No members wished to take up the offer of an appointment with the Commissioner at a forthcoming surgery in Skipton.

(iv) Email re Application to Fund Lengthsmen. The Council decided not to participate in the proposed scheme to fund lengthsmen

(v) Email Public Consultation on Proposed Modification to Published Draft Local Plan. The Council noted receipt of this correspondence and had no comment to make.

(vi) Email from NALC-Survey re Anti-Social Parking. The Council completed the survey and returned it.

b. Receive and respond to items of correspondence received too late to be circulated prior to this meeting.

(i) Email -request for Donation to Strong and Steady in Clapham. The Council decided not to donate to this activity

(ii) Planning application re Land to East of St Matthews Church, Keasden. See 11 a)

(iii) Invoice from Lamberts Print and Design. See 10 a. (iii)

14. Date of the next meeting of Clapham cum Newby Parish Council

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 26th March 2018, 7.30pm at Clapham Village Hall. This will take place immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.