

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Nigel Harrison (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), Cllr C. Lis (attended at 7.50pm) and six members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr D. Elphinstone, Cllr P. Bratt, PCSO Jayne Grace

2. Code of conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

- a. No Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) or other interests were recorded in relation to items on the agenda.
- b. No requests were made for DPI dispensations in connection with items on the agenda.

3. The Police Report: Two written reports were received, one being a late arrival for last month's meeting. Between 28th February 2019 and 20th April 2019, the Police dealt with two road related offences, a road traffic collision, two suspicious incidents, five reports of a suspicious white van in the area, a report of another suspicious vehicle, an incident involving concern for a person's safety and a highway disruption.

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

a. Requests for Action

(i) A parishioner had complained of a defective SLOW sign on the approach to Clapham. The clerk was instructed to report the matter to (North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)

b. Updates and Further Action

(i) The Council noted that a damaged bridge on the road between Newby and the B6480 had been reported to NYCC who had indicated that the matter did not meet their criteria for action.

(ii) It was further noted that dangerous stepping stones on the River Wenning on the path from Crina Bottom to Lawsings Brow had been reported to NYCC.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Clapham cum Newby Parish Council meeting held on 26th March 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. On-going issues:

6.1 Parish Maintenance Matters:

a. Update and consideration of future maintenance work

(i) The Council noted that there had been correspondence with Craven District Council (CDC) with regard to the siting of waste bins at two locations in the Parish. The clerk was instructed to follow up CDC's invitation for a "walk around" of potential sites with a view to bins being provided by the Parish Council which would then be emptied by CDC.

(ii) The Council considered the state of the notice board attached to the Millenium Trust building in Clapham.

Councillor Dawson agreed to arrange removal of the perished soft board which had been attached to the notice board.

b. Restoration of the ornamental drinking fountain water supply.

It was noted that the pipe which had been placed in Clapham Beck had been rolled up. It is intended that it will be placed back in the Beck, connected to the fountain and concealed when circumstances permit.

c. To consider current and future works funded by the Forest of Bowland AONB grant

The meeting was informed that work to construct the ramp at the entrance to the A65 underpass on Station Road, Clapham has not yet commenced. Work to install a traditional sign post on Newby Moor has begun.

d. Installation of traditional sign post at Newby Cote

A quote of £735 plus VAT for installation from the company responsible for fabricating the sign was noted. This was considered to be too expensive and the clerk was instructed to arrange delivery of the sign. The Council will then make arrangements for installation.

6.2 Hyperfast Broadband Project:

Cllr Sheridan gave an update. There has been progress which has led to connections at remote locations. Completion of the project is still held up pending completion of a road crossing in Clapham Village.

6.3 The community emergency plan, community defibrillator training and other topics related to the emergency plan:

The Council **RESOLVED** to authorise the purchase of three further defibrillators. The clerk was asked to look into the purchase of the same.

6.4 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Sheridan gave an update. The survey had received a response from over fifty per cent of those asked to participate. There will be a meeting in May after which the plan will be written taking account of what was gathered in the survey.

7. Finance:

a. Resolved to make payments as follows:

- (i) £20.00 to the Village Hall for room hire by the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
- (ii) £209.00 to Yorkshire Local Councils Associations for membership subscription
- (iii) £19.36 to the clerk for expenses (mileage and postage)

b. Resolved to approve the statements of accounts HSBC1 and HSBC2

c. The Council noted that its insurance requirements had been communicated to the brokers but renewal terms had not yet been received.

d. An inspection of churchyard memorials etc. had been carried out by Cllrs Price and Kay. The memorials were found to be safe. There were concerns with regard to two trees. The clerk was instructed to contact Messrs J. Hartley and Sons to ask them to contact Cllr Price or Cllr Dawson to discuss any work required.

e. The Council noted that the internal audit had been completed and that there were no issues found.

f. The Council noted that a claim had been submitted for the repayment of VAT in the sum of £692.05

g. Comparison of actual income and expenditure with the budget for 2018-19 was carried out by Cllr Sheridan.

h. The bank reconciliations for accounts HSBC1 and HSBC2 were verified by Cllr Sheridan

i. RESOLVED to authorise a donation to the Friends of Clapham School PTA in the sum of £100.00

8. Planning:

a. To consider applications

(i) 2019/20337/MMA Minor material amendment to vary condition no.2 of previously approved application 18/2016/17399: Land at Station Road, Clapham, LA2 8ER. Application supported.

(ii) 2019/20376/FUL: Conversion of agricultural barn to 2 dwellings: The Barn Hammon Head Hall, Hollin Lane, Bentham LA2 7AR. Application supported.

(iii) 2019/20377/FUL: conversion of outbuilding/former dwelling: The Dairy, Hammon Head Hall, Hollin Lane, Bentham LA2 & AR. Application supported.

b. To consider decisions

Tree works Clapham; removal of Aspen from rear of The Beeches and removal of canopy from storm damaged sycamore on the Nature Trail. It was noted that these works had been approved by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA).

c. Other planning issues and correspondence

None

9. Clapham School Consultation on Closure

There was some contribution from members of the public to discussions on this matter. The meeting was informed that the closure of the school is opposed by both the YDNPA and CDC. There were over two hundred responses to the NYCC consultation. The Parish Council noted that its response had been submitted among those responses. Mr Mulligan of NYCC has attended a meeting locally and there are some positive signs arising from the consultation process so far.

10. To receive and respond to correspondence

a. Correspondence received prior to this meeting

None

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

None

11. To receive items of information and decide further action

The Council received an update with regard to matters at Clapham Railway Station which had been discussed at the recent Annual Parish Meeting. A response had been received from the relevant authority with regard to the lack of access for the disabled to the Lancaster platform. There is no access. Network Rail will transport disabled passengers to Bentham to board Lancaster bound trains. With regard to the state of the footbridge, this is owned by Network Rail. To paint the outside they would have to close the line. The bridge could however be painted inside without such a closure.

Network Rail are not keen on the bridge itself being used for art work but there is a possibility some such work could be installed on the station to brighten it up.

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

Tuesday 28th May 2019 at Clapham Village Hall. The regular meeting will follow the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council also to be held on that date.

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