

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 23rd July 2019

MINUTES

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Nigel Harrison (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) and nine members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A parishioner suggested that, given the strength of public feeling over crime levels which was expressed at the May meeting of the Parish Council, interested parties may wish to draw the issue to the attention of the Area Constituency Committee which is due to meet in September

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C. Price, Cllr D. Ireton, PCSO Jayne Grace

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 written report from PCSO Jayne Grace to cover the period 25th of June, 2019 to 19th July, 2019. There was only one incident in the parish, namely a matter of concern for safety which required only advice. The police report drew attention to a public meeting to be held at Settle Social Club at 7.30.pm on the 5th of August, 2019 to further plans for a Mobile Rural Watch Scheme in the Settle, Bentham and Ingleton areas.

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

a. **Requests for action.**

(i) The Council noted that the overgrown path between Old Road Clapham and Clapham Road Austwick had been reported to NYCC

(ii) The question of dangerous parking near to the New Inn corner in Clapham was considered. The perception was that this had abated since the school had broken up for the summer holiday. The Council agreed to place the item on the agenda for its meeting of the 24th September, 2019. By then the school will have returned and if the problem recurs, consideration will be given to seeking formal restrictions.

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

(i) It was noted that arrangements for placing the traditional signpost at Newby Cote are still to be made.

(ii) It was also noted that Network Rail had responded in connection with the issue of flooding from the railway adjacent to Lawsings Brow. They take the view that there is nothing wrong with their drains and that the problem is one of drainage from the road, a matter for NYCC. The Council agreed to monitor the position and to approach NYCC as and when a further problem occurs

5. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the Meeting of Clapham cum Newby Parish Council held on 25th of June, 2019 should be approved and signed by Cllr Dawson as a true and accurate record.

6. **On-going issues**

6.1 **Parish Maintenance Matters**

a. **Allocation of work to independent contractors.**

No required work was identified

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

It was noted that no progress has been made since the last meeting. Further efforts to connect to a water supply will be made when time and circumstances permit.

c. **Works funded by the Forest of Bowland AONB grant.**

- (i) It was noted that the traditional sign post on Newby Moor is still to be painted
- (ii) It was noted that costings for exterior painting at Clapham School had been supplied to Cllr Price. There was discussion as to whether this could legitimately be met from AONB funding, given the responsibility of another authority for the school and existing commitments from the fund. The Council **RESOLVED** to make a donation from its own funds to the Friends of Clapham School to cover the costs of the required painting.
- (iii) A parishioner raised the issue of dangerous stepping stones on the footpath between Crina Bottom and Lawsings Brow. This has been raised several times with NYCC but has resulted in no action. Cllrs Dawson and Kay undertook to inspect the site to assess whether the Parish Council might intervene to repair the stones.

6.2 Hyperfast Broadband Project

An update was received from Cllr Sheridan. Clapham Village Store has been connected and arrangements are in place to arrange connection at Bridge Cottage. The project is therefore at an end and this item need not appear on the agenda in future. The Parish Council agreed to place on record its thanks to those who have devoted time and effort to the project.

6.3 Neighbourhood Planning.

An update was received from Cllr Sheridan. A meeting was held with the Ingleborough Estate at which community led housing and parking in Clapham were discussed. The plan is due to be written in the near future.

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

Councillor Elphinstone indicated that plans to provide three more defibrillators are progressing. She is in the process of ascertaining details of supply and installation terms and costs.

7. Finance

- a. (i) **RESOLUTION:** to authorise payment of £180.00 to Leander Architectural for delivery of the sign to be placed at Newby Cote
- (ii) **RESOLUTION:** to pay the Clerk's expenses for mileage and postage in the sum of £9.64
- (iii) **RESOLUTION:** to authorise payment of the Clerks SLCC subscription when the invoice arrives. This is anticipated to be £76.00
- (iv) **RESOLUTION:** to pay £172.80 to Messrs J. Hartley and Sons for grass cutting etc. in Clapham Churchyard
- b. **RESOLUTION:** the statements of accounts (HSBC 1 and HSBC 2) for the Parish Council were reviewed and approved.
- c. The bank reconciliations for Quarter 1 of 2019-20 were not verified because the latest statements from HSBC were not available. This will be done at the next meeting.
- d. Quarter 1 of the 2019-20 budget was reviewed by Cllr Sheridan.

8. Planning

a. Applications:

- (i) 2019/20487/FUL: Change of use of land from former Railway Goods Yard to 9 no. Holiday Lodges (Phase 2): Former Railway Goods Yard, Clapham Station, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8ES

It was noted that this was an amended plan. The Parish Council had already opposed it and saw no reason to alter that position in the light of the amendments.

- (ii) 2019/20756/HH: Demolition of existing conservatory and carport. Erection of single storey sun lounge and carport at rear: Old Manor House, The Green, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8EH. The Council **RESOLVED** to support this application.

b. Decisions

- (i) 2019/20376/FUL: Conversion of agricultural barn to 2 dwellings: The Barn, Hammon Head Hall, Hollin Lane, Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AR. It was noted that this application had been approved conditionally by CDC
- (ii) 2019/20377: Conversion of outbuilding/former dwelling: The Dairy, Hammon Head Hall, Hollin Lane, Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AR. It was noted that this application had been

approved conditionally by CDC

c. Other planning issues and correspondence

(i) Complaint re Planning Application 2019/20202/OUT: Land adjacent to Fountain House Farm, The Green, Clapham, LA2 8EH: Change of use of agricultural land and the siting of a detached house and associated external works. The Council noted that a complaint had been lodged with the Chief executive of CDC but that no response has, as yet been received. This will be chased by the clerk if not received in due course.

9. Correspondence

a. Items of correspondence received prior to this meeting.

None

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

(i) Letter re SLCC membership renewal-see 7.a. (iii)

(ii) Invoice from J. Hartley and Sons-see 7.a.(iv)

(iii) Email from a parishioner re participation in “Yorkshire Village of the Year”. The Parish Council agreed to support an entry.

10. Items of Information

None

13. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Tuesday 24th September, 2019 at 7.30pm at Clapham Village Hall.

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