

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs Colin Price (Chairman), John Dawson (Vice-Chairman), Anne Sheridan, Diane Elphinstone and Gerald Kay

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Paul Bratt, Cllr David Ireton, Cllr Carl Lis, Marjorie Dowling
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:**

There was no police representative in attendance. A written report had been provided by the police setting out details of forty eight matters dealt with from 4th December 2020 to 23rd February 2021. There was some overlap with details provided for the last meeting of the Parish Council and nineteen of the matters dealt with related to one ongoing investigation.

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

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

- (i) A refill of the salt bin on Riverside, Clapham had been requested by a parishioner. It was noted that this had been raised with NYCC.
 - (ii) Cllr Bratt had brought to the attention of the clerk a defective street light in Newby. Repair had been effected.
 - (iii) The Council noted a request from a parishioner for some attention to Laithbutts Track which is prone to substantial flooding. The clerk was asked to raise the matter with NYCC.
 - (iv) The Council noted that a damaged speed restriction sign in Newby had been brought to the attention of NYCC after it had been raised by Cllr Bratt. It was thought that this had been repaired.
 - (v) Cllr Kay indicated that there is a gap in the wall on the "Newby Straight" on the A65. The clerk was asked to report this to NYCC
 - (vi) Cllr Sheridan pointed out that there is flooding of the road on Reeby's Lane and the clerk was asked to report this to NYCC
 - (vii) The clerk was asked to report flooding of the road near to Clapham Station to NYCC.
 - (viii) The clerk was asked to report the continued presence of fencing on common land near to the railway viaduct and between Crina bottom and Lawsings Brow to the Ingleborough Estate.
- #### b. **Updates and decide further action on outstanding issues**
- (i) The Council noted that grit bin refills in the Keasden and Newby areas had been requested after its last meeting and that these had been carried out.
 - (ii) The Council noted that a response had been received to its enquiry with regard to the possibility of a bridge over the River Wenning being restored on the path between Crina Bottom and Lawsings Brow. It agreed to consider the matter further being surprised and disappointed at the cost estimate contained within the response.

5. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Clapham cum Newby Parish Council meeting held on 26th January, 2021 should be approved and signed by Cllr Price, Chairman, as a true and accurate record.

As matters arising, it was noted that a quote from Messrs J. Hartley & Son for the grass cutting contract is awaited, a letter (email) of thanks had been sent to Eddie Styles in gratitude for his assistance in servicing the defibrillator and that the Council's comments with regard to the planning appeal relating to the proposed development at the former railway goods yard at Clapham Station had been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.

6. **Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting**

The Council was advised that it cannot, as matters stand, hold the Annual Parish Meeting remotely quite apart from the practicalities of doing so. No arrangements to hold the meeting were made and a decision will be made on a future occasion in the light of any developments in between times,

7. **On-going issues**

7.1 **Parish Maintenance Matters**

- a. **Works to be assigned to independent contractors.**

No works required were identified

- b. **Works funded by the Forest of Bowland AONB grant**

Funds from the AONB are nearly spent. Cllr Price indicated that he has received information giving grounds for hope that further funds may become available. No specific works were identified.

- c. **Grass Cutting Clapham Churchyard**

The Council had already discussed this matter under matters arising at item 5.

d. **Handrail Clapham Churchyard**

Cllr Dawson informed the Council that the response of the Diocese is awaited in relation to items submitted.

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

Cllr Elphinstone informed the Council that the defibrillator to be installed at Newby Chapel has been ordered. Delivery is awaited.

7.3 Neighbourhood Planning.

Cllr Sheridan informed the Council that a grant of £2,800 has been approved and should be in the Parish Council's account shortly. Technical assistance is being obtained to identify potential housing sites and quotes are to be obtained for production of the draft plan and the holding of focus groups. Matters are for the moment held up pending the response of CDC to the draft plan.

7.4 Climate Emergency

Cllr Price read out an email from Cllr Bratt setting out details of a forthcoming community Zoom meeting. There was some amendment of the contact details to be used to arrange attendance at the meeting so that contact is to be via Jill Buckler.

8. Finance

a. Payment of accounts:

- (i) **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of £9.84 to the clerk for mileage and postage expenses.
- (ii) **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of £68.40 to Messrs Harrison & Cross for street light repairs.

b. Donations:

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

- (i) Donation to Settle Pool under LG(MP)A 1976 S19 = £200.00
- (ii) Donation to Harrogate and Craven Citizen's Advice under LGA 1972 S142 (2A) = £100.00
- (iii) Donation to Clapham Playpark under the LGA 1972 Sch 14 para 27 = £200.00

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 the weather permits.

e. The annual condition survey of parish assets was received. It was noted that some cleaning has been carried out at the drinking fountain. The clerk was asked to report the damaged grit bin near to Clapham Church to NYCC

9. Planning

a) Applications

None received

b) Decisions

- (i) C/18/601A: full planning permission for installation of sewage treatment plant to serve Newby Cote Farmhouse and neighbouring Balderstones Cottage (in separate ownership): Newby Cote Farm, Clapham, LA2 8HX. The Council noted that this application had been granted by YDNPA on 8th February 2021
- (ii) 2020/22271/FUL: Conversion of agricultural barn to 1 dwelling: The Barn, Hammon Head Hall, Mewith, Bentham, LA2 7AR. The Council noted that this application had been granted by CDC on 12th February 2021

c) Other planning issues and correspondence

(i) YDNPA Local Plan Consultation

The Council noted a request to contribute to the North Craven Heritage Trust's response to the consultation and that consideration had been given to the matter by Cllr Sheridan. The clerk was asked to indicate to the trust that the Council accepts that there will have to be housing development in Clapham but that this should be in places acceptable to residents and of a type that meets housing need as identified in the surveys carried out in connection with the Neighbourhood Planning initiative.

10. To receive and respond to correspondence

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

The Council noted the following items of correspondence:

- (i) Email re the current position at Settle Swimming Pool
- (ii) Email from YLCA-survey re remote meetings. The Council completed the survey.
- (iii) Email from Cllr Richard Foster-imminent government consultation on local government reorganisation

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

The Council noted the following items:

- (i) Email from Cllr Carl Les on the same subject as set out at 10.a.(iii)
- (ii) Email re YDNPA Local Plan consultation deadline
- (iii) Invoice from Harrison & Cross see 8.a.(ii) above

11. Items of information and further action

None

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

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 23rd March 2021, 7.30pm online.

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
YLCA	Yorkshire Local Councils Association
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
B4RN	Broadband for the Rural North