

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2022

MINUTES

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Two parishioners had corresponded with the Council and raised in person issues arising from building works at Fountain House Farm, Clapham. It was noted that residents are raising matters with the Ingleborough Estate and the builders in connection with erosion of a grassed area on The Green by large vehicles. It was further noted that there had been an incident involving minor explosions near to the premises of R. Sexton and Co. Cllr Sheridan undertook to mention the matter to B4RN.

A parishioner asked the Council to consider a donation to the Clapham Age UK Group. The Council was favourably disposed and asked for the item to be placed on the agenda for its next meeting for formal consideration.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr D. Ireton

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:

The Council received a written report from the police setting out details of ten matters dealt with in the period between the 24th January and the 19th February, 2022. Cllr Elphinstone drew attention to recent incidents in which transit vans had been seen in circumstances connected with theft

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 blocked drain at the junction of Riverside and Church Avenue, Clapham had been reported to NYCC

(ii) The clerk was asked to report a leaning sign on the B6480 on the Clapham side of its junction with the A65 to NYCC

b. Updates and decide further action on outstanding issues

The Council noted that the following had been reported to the relevant authorities:

(i) Street name plate-Church Avenue/Riverside, Clapham

(ii) Sign and reflector posts-Old Road-Sand Quarry and its vicinity

(iii) Brown signs-various locations

In respect of (i) it was noted that CDC had responded and were placing an order for a new name plate to be supplied and fitted. In respect of (iii) it was noted that NYCC had not corresponded with the business advertised on the signs when this matter was first raised with them in 2018 and had undertaken to rectify this.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Clapham cum Newby Parish Council meeting held on 25th January, 2022 should be approved and signed by Cllr Price, Chairman, as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising not already covered on the agenda.

6. Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 22nd March 2022

Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting were discussed. It was agreed that the clerk would invite representatives from local organisations. The clerk was also asked to book the main hall at Clapham Village Hall for the meeting if possible.

7. On-going issues

7.1 Parish Maintenance Matters

a. Works to be assigned to independent contractors.

No such works were identified. The Council noted correspondence from a parishioner with regard to voluntary works she had carried out.

b. Works funded by the Forest of Bowland AONB grant

The Council noted the response from the AONB to correspondence sent by the clerk. Funds available in the current year are limited to £200.00. The AONB had suggested consideration of a "Farming in Protected Landscapes Grant" for the Toll Bar Wood project. The Council acknowledged that it would not be in a position to seek such funds.

c. Handrail Clapham Churchyard

The Council noted that the handrail had been installed.

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

(i) Cllr Elphinstone indicated that she is very near to finishing the amended Emergency Plan.

(ii) The Council noted the response of Messrs Harrison and Cross to the clerk's enquiry with regard to the possible

purchase of a defibrillator, that response in essence raising a number of questions against the viability of such a project. The clerk was asked to go back to them to attempt to obtain a price for purchase of the appropriate machine and the necessary work to adapt the Village Hall for its use. If they are unable to assist, the clerk is to approach other contractors to obtain the information sought. The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Ireton to ask if any funding might be available via NYCC.

7.3 Neighbourhood Planning.

Cllr Sheridan informed the Council that the “health-check” had been received and its suggested amendments are being attended to. The “assessment of housing needs” requires particular attention because the assessment drafted so far is not sufficiently accurate.

7.4 Climate Emergency

The Council was given details of the uptake of PV panels and air-sourced heat pumps in the parish since the event held in September 2022. The Sustainability Group is seeking to establish details of the resultant reduction in carbon emissions.

The Council was also given details of a well-attended and successful meeting with regard to curlew protection at which local land-owners, farmers and experts had been present.

8. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

(i) Toll Bar Wood.

The Council indicated that a meeting would be held at the conclusion of its proceedings to make firm plans to further the project.

(ii) Beacon

Cllr Dawson informed that Council of plans being made by Ingleton Parish Council to hold a beacon on Ingleborough and their offer for the event to be a shared one with Clapham cum Newby Parish Council. The Council **RESOLVED** to participate in the joint activity. It was noted that Ingleton Parish Council will be looking to hire the beacon and ascertaining costs and will return with details.

(iii) Tea Party

The Council noted that Simply Delicious of Bentham had been booked to provide food for the tea party on the 5th June, 2021

9. Finance

a. Payment of accounts:

(i) **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of £16.00 to Clapham cum Newby Village Hall for room hire

(ii) **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of £2,997.00 RBE for fabrication and installation of a handrail in Clapham Churchyard.

(iii) **RESOLVED** to authorise payment of £8.52 to the clerk for mileage and postage expenses

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 Harrogate and Craven Citizen's Advice under LGA 1972 S142 (2A) = £100

(iii) Donation to Clapham Playpark under the LGA 1972 Sch 14 para 27 = £200

(iv) Donation to Clapham Digital Equipment Workshop Drop-in £120.00 (cheque paid to Village Hall for the group's room-hire)

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

d. Inspection of Assets

The Council noted that Cllr Elphinstone had carried out an inspection of parish assets. It was noted that slats required replacement on the bench on the becks side opposite the former YDNP Information Centre and that arrangements will be made via Cllr Elphinstone for this to be done in due course. It was also noted that two damaged salt bins in Clapham had not deteriorated since the last inspection and that Cllr Elphinstone and a parishioner will clean the ornamental fountain in Clapham. Cllr Elphinstone will also clean the map on the car park in Clapham.

e. The annual safety inspection of memorials within the closed churchyard of St James' Clapham is to be completed by Cllrs Price and Kay.

10. Planning

a) Applications

There were no applications for consideration

b) Decisions

(i) 2021/23381/FUL Proposed extension to existing farm classroom to provide sleeping accommodation and facilities: Keasden Head, Keasden Road, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8EZ.

The Council noted that permission was granted by CDC 17th February 2022

(ii) 2021/23281/VAR: Application for variation of condition no. 4 (allotments brought into use) on planning application referenced 2019/20785/OUT: Allotments To Rear Of Croft House, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham, Lancaster.

The Council noted that permission was granted by CDC on 18/02/2022

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)The Council noted correspondence from a parishioner in connection with voluntary maintenance work.

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

(i) Matter dealt with at 10.b. (i)

(ii) Matter dealt with at 10.b.(ii)

(iii) Emails re The Green dealt with under Public Participation

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

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 22nd March 2022, 7.30pm at Clapham Village Hall. This will take place immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.

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
B4RN	Broadband for the Rural North