

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 15th March 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs Colin Price (Chairman), John Dawson, Diane Elphinstone, Maria Farrer

IN ATTENDANCE: Steven Culver (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), and three members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: All items picked up in subsequent agenda items.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Ann Sheridan

2. Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

a. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and other interests in relation to items on this Agenda.

None recorded

a. Requests for dispensations in connection with items on this Agenda.

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January as a true and fair record

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th of February 2023 should be approved and signed by Cllr Price as a true and accurate record. The copy of minutes at the meeting had the 1st page duplicated and thus only that page was signed with the second page to be signed at the April Meeting.

4. To receive the Police Report

4 Items reported between 15th February and 10th March 2023;

15.02.23 & 18.02.23 – Messages from other police forces

23.02.23 – Theft of jewellery box from vehicle parked in Clapham Carpark

06.03.23 – RTC – Single vehicle – Newby Moor A65

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

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

i) An e-mail has been received regarding the amount of litter on the verges of the B6480 and A65. The Clerk reported that this had been raised with Craven District Council and also Cllr. Ireton. Cllr Farrer has also organised a volunteer group to undertake a litter sweep on April 15th.

Numerous Potholes were reported along station road and Keasden road and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should raise one generic issue for the length of the road from the A65 to Keasden Crossroads rather than specifying particular pot holes.

Reports of blocked culverts at the foot of Black Hill in Keasden and on Jack Beck Lane past the first rise heading to Eldroth were also raised for the Clerk to report to Area 5.

The issue of the road closure as a result of Yorkshire Water at Keasden Chapel was raised and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to Yorkshire water regarding the length of time this was taking given the proposed 28 mile detour involved.

5.2 To receive updates and decide further action on outstanding issues.

The Council noted the following:

(i) Newby Bus Shelter – The Clerk had chased the matter in light of the creation of North Yorkshire Council to ensure the issue was not dropped. It was confirmed on-going with the same team and there has subsequently been some rotten wood removed, however it has not been made good at present.

(ii) No Overnight Parking Signs on Old A65 – The Highway authority responded that any such directive would not be enforceable. The defaced “No Parking on the Verge” signs can be replaced though and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk request this to be done.

(iii) Grit Bins on Station Road and Keasden Road - The Clerk advised that no response had been received from the e-mail sent to Cllr Ireton. The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should send a follow up e-mail.

6. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

6.1 Parish Maintenance Matters

(i) **Work to be assigned to independent contractors.**

Cllr Dawson reported that there was some damage to the church yard wall near the bridge. He had undertaken a repair but it was **RESOLVED** that this should be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Price reported that there was some guttering in need of attention in Keasden and it was **RESOLVED** that he would contact Robert Close regarding this.

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

The Newby Defibrillator has had the new pads fitted. The Craven district Emergency Plan is still awaiting contact numbers to be completed and this is required prior to the Clapham cum Newby plan being complete.

6.3 Neighbourhood Planning

The council was informed that meetings would be held in Clapham, Newby & Keasden through April to garner local opinions.

6.4 Climate Emergency

An article on “Let’s Talk Climate” is to appear in the April Newsletter and whilst North Yorkshire Council had produced a lengthy Climate Strategy document it was disappointing that there appeared no funding to make it a reality.

The sustainability group has received the grant for an infra-red camera which should be available to be offered to members of the community to use from next week.

No further progress on the EV charging points at this time.

7. Planning Applications

C/18/194B - Cross House Barn, Church Avenue, Clapham, LA2 8EQ conversion to 1 dwelling

The Council was raised no issues regarding the application provided that it was restored sympathetically, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond accordingly.

8. Planning Decisions / Information

2022/24405/LBC – Dubsyke, Keasden - Approved

The Clerk was asked to confirm the status of 2022/24578/FUL The change of use of the goods yard at Clapham Station. This has been undertaken and the Application remains “Awaiting Decision”

9. Finance

9.1 Payment of accounts

The Council **RESOLVED** to authorise payments as follows:

- i) Martin Holroyd *Newby Tree Trimming* - £40
- ii) Wel Medical *Newby Defibrillator pads* - £139.02
- iii) Clerks Expenses *November – Mar* - £32.96

9.2 To note automated payments made as follows:

- i) Standing Order for the Clerk’s January PAYE
- ii) Standing Order for the Clerk’s February Salary
- iii) DD in Favour of nPower for January electricity - £33.68

9.3 The Council **RECEIVED** the detailed Bank Statements and Bank account balances as at 31st January of:

HSBC1 £3,822.71

HSBC2 £12,713.71

9.4 The Council **RECEIVED** the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st January 2023

10. To receive and consider actions and decisions in response to correspondence received

10.1 *To receive and respond to items of correspondence received prior to the meeting.*

- i) **King Charles III Coronation.** The Council **RESOLVED** that the event would be held at Ingleborough Hall. It would consist of a Civic Service at 11:00 followed by a picnic lunch. The Council **RESOLVED** that it would provide drinks (Tea / Coffee / PIMMs) and the Clerk should make an application to the shop community fund for £250 for this.
- ii) **Platinum Toll Bar Wood.** The Council **RESOLVED** that The Clerk should contact YDMT to see if any of the unused grant for Toll Bar Wood could be used in order that a stone with an inscribed plaque be erected at the site. Cllr Dawson advised that the council had stones and that the plaque would cost £175 + fitting and any inscription would be £2.75 per letter, the total cost being c£300.
- iii) **Woodland Creation Grants.** The Clerk advised that he had approached the authority regarding the possibility of a retrospective claim for Toll Bar Wood but that this was not possible. Since the Council has no other potential sites this would be something for individual land owners to pursue.
- iv) **Telephone Coverage in Clapham Village** Following an issue where B4RN was down and there was no mobile signal near the Cave Rescue Station it had not been possible to obtain a defibrillator code. The issue of how we can improve connectivity given BTs removal of the PSTN by 2025. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should raise the matter with the DEW Drop-In for any insight they could provide

10.2. *To receive and respond to items of correspondence received too late for formal inclusion on the agenda.*

Information had been received regarding the North Yorkshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The council considered that the potential provision of infrastructure to improve the telephone service should look to attempt to utilise this as should the potential provision of a footbridge over the river Wenning on the footpath from Crina Bottom where there are currently stepping stones. It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk should investigate the funding for feasibility activities available under this scheme.

11. To notify the Clerk for matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Coronation Lunch, Clapham Churchyard Wall, Sheep Worrying on Newby Moor, Playpark bins

12. Staffing Matters

None raised

13. The date of the next meeting of Clapham cum Newby Parish Council.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 27th April at Clapham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May

FOB AONB	Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks
CDC	Craven District Council	YDNPA	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
NYCC	North Yorkshire County Council	YDMT	Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust