

Clapham cum Newby Parish Council

Wednesday 20th March 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs Colin Price, Ann Sheridan, Maria Farrer, Diane Elphinstone

In Attendance: Steven Culver (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), 1 representative of Sustainability Group and 2 members of the public.

Parishioner Participation

Any matters were hoped to be covered by relevant agenda items or would be raised at the end of the meeting

1. To receive apologies: Cllr John Dawson

2. Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and other interests in relation to items on this Agenda. To be raised at the relevant point in the meeting.

2.2 Requests for dispensations in connection with items on this Agenda. None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2024 as a true and fair record

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February 2024 should be approved and signed by Cllr Price as a true and accurate record.

4. Action Point Review - Updates on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Meeting 20-Sep-23

xi) **A65 Underpass.** Cllr Dawson to look at the “tree” growing on the North side of the underpass to see what can be done **ONGOING.**

Meeting 17-Jan-24

i) **Water Logging on Lawsons Brow** Network Rail had responded to the Clerk’s correspondence stating that they passed responsibility of the road in 2006. As such Cllr Price suggested that the matter now be raised to Area5. **ONGOING**

x) **Keasden Notice Board.** Cllr Price advised that the notice board had been repaired and had been reinstated. **COMPLETE**

Meeting 21-Feb-24

i) **Clapham Tree Nursery.** The Clerk to advise Hannah Renwick of the remaining points for consideration with the lease. **COMPLETE**

ii) **YDNPA Consultation** Cllr Dawson had responded on behalf of the Council **COMPLETE**

iii) **Cragg Lane BOAT** Cllr Price to send the Clerk photos of the footpath map from the wall of the supper room **COMPLETE**

iv) **Cragg Lane BOAT** The Clerk to write to Beth Brown showing the historic map inconsistencies as a result of the changing use of the moor over time and also making reference to the Commons Agreement terms **COMPLETE**

v) **St Matthew’s Guttering** The Clerk to approach FOB and St Matthew’s PCC to receive the funds **COMPLETE**

vi) **Closed Churchyard Mowing** The Clerk to advise Matthew Holroyd that he had been awarded the contract for the work **COMPLETE**

vii) **Future Salary & PAYE Payments** The Clerk to cancel the Standing Orders and these will be replaced by direct internet banking payments going forward to allow flexibility in amounts. **COMPLETE**

viii) **Internet Banking Signatories** The Clerk to set up Cllr Elphinstone as the additional signatory on the account. This had been done but Cllr Elphinstone has been unable to “activate” her log-in **ONGOING**

ix) **Station Road Blocked Drains** The Clerk to Contact Area 5 to raise the issue of the blocked drains in the vicinity of Crina Bottom. **COMPLETE**

5. To receive the Police Report

3 Incidents had been reported between 20th February & 17th March.

Theft of a camera left on a bench – Riverside

Criminal Damage – Clapham Primary School window smashed

Abandoned Call – In order

6. Highways, Streetlight, Road Signage and Boundary Markers

6.1 To receive requests and decide further action on

i) The meeting was advised of Potholes on both the Keasden Road and Old Road. It was **RESOLVED** Cllrs Sheridan and Elphinstone would supply w3w addresses and pictures for the Clerk to report to Area 5.

- ii) Cllr Price reported that the newly resurfaced B6480 was dropping on the bend after Green Close when heading towards Bentham and also that the Wall in the dip a few hundred yards further on has a hole in it. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would report this to Area 5.

6.2 To receive updates and decide further action on outstanding issues

- i) Works at Clapham Station. North Yorkshire Highways has been asked to reinstate the excavation which should see it closed appropriately in the near future.
- ii) Works on Station Road. These were completed on 29th February.

7. Byways Open to All Traffic Update (BOATs)

The Clerk had received a response from Beth Brown asking for details of the relevant sections from the Commons Agreement. Cllr Farrer provided the document to the Clerk and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk take photographs of the relevant section and send these to Beth.

Cllr Price also advised that he has details of 1952 Farm Sales documents stating that the map shows Cragg Lane to be a Private Road, however there is no copy of the map with the other documentation. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Farrer would contact Ken Pearce to see if he had a copy of the relevant map.

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

8.1 Parish Maintenance Matters

- i) To consider whether any work should be assigned to independent contractors *No items Raised*
- ii) Platinum Toll Bar Wood – *The plaque has been placed on the stone and the has been received. The Clerk advised that the paperwork for the grant had been submitted to YDMT and it is hoped that the funds will be received prior to the end of the month.*
- iii) Goat Gap Bus Shelter Update – *The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting a quote from Andrew Cockett.*
- iv) Keasden Notice Board – *Cllr Price advised that the board had been replaced*

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

Cllr Elphinstone **ADVISED** that there were no updates to be given

8.3 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Sheridan **ADVISED** that the examiner had been appointed and it is hoped that they will report back in the next month.

8.4 Climate Emergency

The Sustainability Group representative **ADVISED** the meeting.

The infra-red camera is doing the rounds and people are finding it very useful.

The Curlew Cluster has brought 2 more farms and 6 more volunteers on board and there will be a training day on 12 April.

‘Cry of the Curlew’ will be in Clapham Church on 10-12 May

20 Swift boxes along with the cost for installation had been funded by the Dry Rigg Quarry Grant. Since it is advisable for the boxes to be co-located they will be installed in the vicinity of the Community shop (there already some in situ on YDMT). “Swift Caller” whistles will also be purchased to help them find the boxes.

Despite North Yorkshire having been awarded funding for additional EV charge points Clapham was not proposed for any additional chargers, since these are more for visitors than locals it was felt that the 2 in the YDNPA car park were sufficient. Questions were raised as to whether there could be a case to convert the current chargers to rapid charging and it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk would request contact details from Jill Buckler and then ask the question to the authority on behalf of the Council.

The sustainability group are members of the North Yorkshire climate Coalition and the coalition is looking to have representation at all hustings for the upcoming Mayoral elections

9. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications

None Received

10. To receive the following planning decisions / information

- i) ZA24/25613/LBC - Wenning Hipping, Keasden Road, Keasden – Listed Building Consent Granted.
- ii) ZA24/25654/HH - Hill View, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham – Householder Planning Permission Granted
- ii) ZA23/25567/TPO – Flying Horeshoes Caravan Park – Permission Granted

11. Financial Matters

11.1 The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments

- i) Able Memorials – *QEII Memorial Plaque £340.80*

- ii) Clerks H2 Expenses – *incl Data Protection Annual Fee - £75.55 (£10.00 to be taken from Petty Cash)*
- iii) Clerk's March Salary - £316.00
- iv) April PAYE - £4.00

11.2 The Council **NOTED** automated payments made since last meeting;

- i) Bank Charges February - £8.00.
- ii) DD in favour of nPower *February Electricity - £70.72.*

11.3 The Council **RECEIVED** the detailed bank statements as at 31st January 2024 of

HSBC1	£6,051.86
HSBC2	£12,900.52
Petty Cash	£10.00

11.4 The Council **RECEIVED** the Bank Reconciliations as at 29th February 2024

11.5 The Council **NOTED** that all future payments under £500 would be made by internet banking transfer

11.6 The Council **RECEIVED** the Asset review as at 20th March with a Gross value of £37,207 the increase being £341 for the QEII Memorial Plaque

12. To receive and consider actions and decisions to be taken:

12.1 To receive and respond to items of correspondence received prior to the meeting

- i) Mobile Phone coverage in the village. Cllr Elphinstone **ADVISED** that contact had been made with Lee Brayford and Ingleton Council regarding contact with mobile phone companies and responses were awaited.
- ii) The Clerk advised that he had attended the Ingleton D-Day80 committee meeting that afternoon. Cllr Dawson had an action to speak to John Osborn to locate the beacon and the Clerk would contact the CRO to ask if they could help transport it to the top of Ingleborough. The Clerk had also advised the committee that the Council would pay for 50% of the gas costs for the beacon.

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

None Received

13. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting – *No items raised*

14. Employment Matters – None.

15. Parishioner Matters Arising

- i) Cllr Elphinstone advised the Stonegate had leased the New Inn to a Company called DND and it was resolved that the Clerk write to them regarding the upkeep of the land opposite the pub.
- ii) Ann Stewart suggested that the Ivy on the road bridge be cut back to the height of the bridge to aid visibility for all drivers. The Council raised no concerns with the suggestion
- iii) Cllr Price advised that he had attended the River Wenning Group meeting in Bentham Town hall and that there would be numerous river samples taken through the summer stretching from Austwick Pumping Station to the far side of Bentham to ascertain what pollution was in the river and the source of it.
- iv) Cllr Price had been presented with an invoice from Robert Close (£3,013.71) and also presented one from himself (£144.00) for the Keasden guttering works. It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk would scan these invoices and send to St Matthew's PCC to release their funding. It was **RESOLVED** that the payment for Cllr Price be approved for online-payment but since the invoice for Robert Close requires a cheque to be drawn this be brought back to the April meeting.

16. To confirm the dates for the next meeting as: Wednesday 17th April (which will include the Annual Parish Council meeting)

YDMT	Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust
YNDPA	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority