



PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2019

Present:

Cllr C Skaife (Chairman)	Cllr J Leggett
Cllr D Brackley	Cllr S Lumley
Cllr C Hawkesworth	Cllr D Marshall
Cllr S Hesselden	Cllr I Skaife
Cllr M Holt	Cllr C Thompson
Cllr H Jefferson (Deputy Chairman)	

In attendance: four Parishioners

- 1 **To accept Apologies and reason for absence:** the Clerk.
- 2 **Parishioners' Representations**
 - (a) One Parishioner said that all the gullies on The Knott were full, and the grit bins had not been filled [these are not included on the latest NYCC list]. The Chairman to follow up with NYCC.
 - (b) A street light is out opposite Roslyn House, but it appears to be due to a wiring fault.
 - (c) A number of complaints had been received that the Southlands Toilets had not been opened on time – the Chairman to follow up.
- 3 **Councillors' Declarations of Interest and Consideration of Dispensations:**
Cllr Hawkesworth, Item 10(a); Cllrs Holt and Thompson, Item 8(a)(iv). There were no requests for dispensations.
- 4 **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 08 January 2019:** it was resolved that these were a true record of the meeting; to be signed at the next meeting.
- 5 **Matters Arising**
 - (a) Min 14(a): response from HBC about empty property on Wath Road: HBC had advised that they were aware of the situation and it would be investigated as soon as a new member of staff was in post, within the next month.
- 6 **County Matters**
 - (a) Update from NYCC re condition of footpath between Pateley and Wath: the footpath officer had carried out some remedial work to encourage walkers to tread further in from the river bank. She would continue to monitor the situation.
 - (b) County Cllr Lumley advised that the final budget was to be set the following week, seeking £26 million of savings. The Precept is likely to be 2.99% plus 2.0% for social care.

- (c) £7 million had been allocated for winter work, with 86 gritters and 111 farm contractors to cover 6,000 miles of road.
- (d) £1 million had been allocated to improve mobile phone coverage.
- (e) NYCC along with HBC are introducing a Parking App which will identify spaces, allow payments through the app and only charge for the time used.
- (f) The GCSE/A level results had shown that NYCC has the highest results in Yorkshire and are in the top 20 for the country.

7 District Matters

- (a) Request from HBC for questions to be submitted to the next parish Consultation Meeting to be held at Whixley Village Hall on Tuesday 19th March: Cllrs C Skaife and D Brackley agreed to attend. Cllr Skaife to submit questions and requested ideas before the end of February deadline. One question is to seek reassurances on parish expectations from CIL
- (b) To agree dates for selling parking permits: Friday/Saturday on 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th March, from 10.15am to 1.00 pm. The Clerk to arrange rental of the meeting room at the Nidderdale Plus offices.
- (c) Christmas Lights – invitation to a consultation meeting on 11 March 2019: Cllr I Skaife offered to attend. It was noted that the two cross street decorations had not yet been taken down and the Clerk to be asked to request their removal. It was understood that the lights on the river bridge and in the trees at Southlands would stay lit until the clock change.
- (d) Cllr Lumley advised that the HBC Budget was to be set the following week and, like the County, it was likely to call for a 4.99% increase.
- (e) Cllr Lumley also advised that the Inspector looking at the District Plan was likely to take another two weeks, following which there would be consultation on his recommendations but they were still on course to finalise it by the summer.

8 Planning Matters

- (a) Applications to Harrogate Borough Council
 - (i) DCPARISH 6.49.692.B.FUL 19/00313/FUL. *Retention of garage roof at Pie Gill Green Cottage, Wath HG3 5PL..* No objections.
 - (ii) DCPARISH 6.49.597.B.FUL. *Conversion of stores to form residential annex/holiday cottage (revised scheme), at High Wild Carr, Pateley Bridge HG3 5NE.* No objections.
 - (iii) DCPARISH 6.49.729.FUL 18/05123/FUL. *Conversion of garage to provide additional living accommodation; installation of 2 rooflights; erection of boundary fence to provide domestic garden, at Ye Olde Chippie, Millfield Street, Pateley Bridge HG3 5AX.* No objections.

Cllrs Holt and Thompson left the room during discussion of the next Item.

 - (iv) DCPARISH 6.49.565.A.FUL 19/0131/FUL. *Retention of 4 No off-street parking places, demolition of existing stone boundary walls and removal of boundary railings, at 2, 3, 4, 8 Albert Terrace, Glasshouses HG3 5QN.* No objections.

- (b) Decisions by Harrogate Borough Council: none.
- (c) Enforcement matters
 - (i) Cross Gates Quarry, Fellbeck, update from NYCC: the final comments from the County Ecologist and County Landscape Architect were still awaited. Upon receipt of these, the planning department would be able to determine the retrospective application.
- (d) Appeals: none.
- (e) Harrogate District Community Infrastructure Levy: Draft Charging Schedule Consultation 11 January – 22 February 2019: it was clear that some areas in Pateley Bridge would not attract CIL at all. It was agreed that the Council should respond by seeking a guarantee that in other circumstances it would receive the promised 15% to spend as it thought appropriate. It was also felt that individuals should send similar comments as there was a suspicion that HBC was intending to take a bigger percentage.
- (f) Pre-application consultation by Brierley Homes on proposed development on old Highways Depot: Councillors felt that this was a golden opportunity for NYCC to provide homes for local young people. It was effectively a once only windfall, but NYCC were apparently simply looking to make as much money as possible out of the opportunity, rather than looking after local interests. It was hoped that a public meeting would be arranged to address this and other issues, such as drainage problems in the area and the problem of traffic on Millfield Street. The Clerk to be asked to respond accordingly.

9 Financial Matters

- (a) Payments: it was resolved that the following should be authorised for payment, with the proviso that the expected invoice from Yorkshire Lighting did not exceed £100. [this invoice has still not been received.]
 - (i) HMRC PAYE Q3: £738.59 (paid on 22nd January 2019)
 - (ii) Clerk's expenses: toner: £39.88 inc VAT
 - (iii) HBC: trade waste bin emptying charges Dec 2018/Jan 2019 **£TBC**
 - (iv) Cllr C Skaife: mayoral travel expenses May 2018 – Jan 2019: £413.10
 - (v) Crain Syke Farm: turf for Glasshouses Play Area: £70
 - (vi) Yorkshire Lighting: repairs to light in bus shelter at terminus: £
 - (vii) Clerk's salary payable on 28 February 2019: Gross £825.42 Net: £710.02
- (b) Receipts: noted.
 - (i) Platt and Bajic: garage rental February: £31
 - (ii) Further contribution to vandalised bench £410
 - (iii) Mrs S J Adamson: reimbursement of money to buy Rowlawn turf: £120

10 Correspondence

- (a) To receive email from the founder of Harrogate Wheel Easy Leisure Cycling Club requesting funding to enable Sustrans to complete a feasibility study to extend the Nidderdale Greenway from Harrogate to Scar House Reservoir: the Clerk had already highlighted some potential difficulties with making a payment to Sustrans, and this could be complicated if it was intended to pay the local Harrogate Voluntary Group. It was also suggested that the Council should be careful before

being seen to support a development in Upper Nidderdale before establishing what their Parish Council felt. Some councillors were strongly in favour of supporting, but others felt they needed more information, and felt that the Council should have had access to the 50 page confidential report given to the Nidderdale Strategic Partnership. The Clerk to be asked to request the attendance of a Sustrans official at a Town Council meeting to give a briefing, and if this could be arranged to invite Bewerley and Upper Nidderdale parish councils to be represented.

- (b) To receive an open letter to councillors from the Chairman of NALC: noted.
- (c) To receive the Yorkshire Rose Update from YLCA including items on speeding in villages, rural transport, felling of street trees, training opportunities and advice on dealing with planning applications between meetings: noted. Cllr Lumley advised that further details about the proposal to allow Parish Councils to purchase Speed Activation Signs were expected by early April.

11 **Play Area/Millennium Green**

- (a) Play Area: Cllr Holt confirmed he had undertaken the January Inspections and there was nothing to report. Cllr Brackley volunteered for February.
- (b) Millennium Green
 - (i) recommendation re fencing at the BMX track - Cllrs Jefferson and I Skaife: Cllr Skaife stated that he felt some remedial action was needed but Cllr Leggett suggested that the existing fence was adequate for the purpose intended. Cllr Skaife undertook to provide some specific proposals with a rough order of costs at the next meeting.

12 **Council Business**

- (a) Caretaker Tasks for February: standard tasks plus the removal of a broken branch at the top of the Sandy Steps.
- (b) To approve current Standing Orders and Code of Conduct with any amendments: the Clerk had recently circulated revised copies of Standing Orders No 1 and 8 for approval, but councillors requested more time to study them. To return to the Agenda next month, together with the Complaints Procedure.
- (c) To discuss installation of a sign on Ripon Road / the High Street for Southlands car park: councillors felt that there was no need for this signage.
- (d) To receive list of allotment plot holders: noted.
- (e) To vote on nominations for Mayor Elect 2019-2020: Cllr Jefferson proposed Cllr Hawkesworth, but later he advised that on reflection he would not stand. This leaves the Council, and particularly the Chairman, with a problem because the law states that 'A local council is not properly constituted until it has appointed its Chairman and he/she remains in office until a successor is appointed. If the Parish is a Town the Chairman is entitled to be called the Town Mayor.' To be returned to the Agenda next month.
- (f) To discuss future relationship with the Chamber of Trade and formulate a response following visit of their representatives to a previous council meeting: The Clerk had previously undertaken to circulate a draft reply to the CoFT, and Councillors felt that they were broadly content with what they understood it was to contain. However, they wished to be certain so the Clerk is requested to circulate the proposed reply, and councillors will signify their approval, or

otherwise, by email. Meanwhile Cllr Thompson is to represent the Council at the CofT Open Meeting on Tuesday 26th Feb.

- (g) To receive tender for Cemetery Field rental 2019: to return to the Agenda due to absence of the Clerk.

13 Reports from Committees

- (a) To receive the Annual Report, Friends of Pateley Bridge Cemetery: noted.
- (b) Report from Cllrs Holt and Leggett – YLCA Harrogate Branch Meeting on 04 February 2019, including information from the organisers about the UCI Road World Championships: Cllr Holt had circulated a report mentioning that this would be the first time the Championships had been held in this country since 1982, so it would be a very significant event. £12 million had been provided by the Government and Lottery Funding. The event would run from 22nd to 29th Sept 2019 and all races would finish in Harrogate. Races would pass through Pateley Bridge on Fri 27th and Sat 28th. Riders would represent their countries, and there would be 90 national teams with an estimated 7,000 riders, support crew and guests. 150 countries will broadcast to an estimated 225 million viewers.

14 Exchange of Information

- (a) County Cllr Lumley said that he was urgently needing at least one costing for repairs to the Glasshouses Bus Shelter as he believed that he could pay the lot from his Council Allowance but his funding would be lost if he did not hear within the next fortnight. Cllr Holt promised to obtain a rough quote, but it would be better to have the official ones.
- (b) It was reported that all the drains at Glasshouse are blocked – to be reported to NYCC on the Parish Portal.
- (c) Cllr Leggett asked Cllr Lumley to confirm that the Council would receive a reply from the NSP to their letter dated 14th November 2018 following the NSP's February meeting – he confirmed they would.
- (d) Councillors had noticed that there were a number of letters in the correspondence box, but no one locally had a key. The Clerk is requested to obtain a spare key, or if this is not possible to change the lock.

15 Parishioners' Representations

- (a) One parishioner tackled County Councillor Lumley quite forcibly about the new housing development on the old Depot Site repeating the points made at item 8(f), and stating that NYCC had a duty of care for local folk and should take this opportunity to provide Social Housing rather than simply use 'our' land to get the best return, and allow a developer to make a profit. She added that HBC had only built two Social Houses in the area over the last few years, and that all local councillors should fight together for our young people.
- (b) During this session an unstructured debate took place about the request from Dalesbus for funding for a summer bus service. It was apparent that there were quite strong opposing views, but although there had been much debate in the local press this was not on the agenda so it would have to wait until next month.

16 Dates of next meetings

The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 05 March 2019 at 7.15 pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.