



PATELEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 06 AUGUST 2019

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs S Adamson

In attendance: ten Parishioners

Before the Mayor opened the meeting, she presented Dr Joanna Moody with a 'town shield' to thank her for all the work she had done on behalf of the *Friends of Pateley Bridge Cemetery and St Mary's Churchyard*. Since the group formed in 2004 and working in conjunction with HBC Bereavement Services, 354 stone memorials had been restored and reinstated and over £17,000 raised to carry out the work. The Friends continue to keep a watching brief on the area.

- 1 **To accept Apologies and reason for absence:** Cllr Thompson.
- 2 **Parishioners' Representations**
 - (a) written representation re. overgrown hedge on footpath at St Mary's Bungalows: the housing department at HBC had been asked to check whether it was the tenant's responsibility or that of Parks and Gardens to cut the hedge and would report back as soon as possible.
 - (b) written representations about In Bloom Group plaques on troughs: the Clerk had received several very strongly-worded emails about the look, design and number of these and several councillors had been inundated with complaints. The Council itself had objected to the signs being placed on town assets in the Conservation Area; moreover the troughs had been planted up and paid for by either PBTC or HBC as part of their normal planting schedule and Parks and Gardens had confirmed that no permissions had been given nor sponsorship money received. The Chamber of Trade had been asked to remove them and as they were disinclined to do so, HBC were going to remove them. It was noted with regret that in previous years the community had worked together without rancour, and Cllr Lumley was particularly angry that the Mayor of Pateley Bridge had not been invited to the visit by the RHS judging committee, whereas the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate had, along with officers from Parks and Gardens. The occasion had been marred by ill feeling within the town.
- 3 **Councillors' Declarations of Interest and Consideration of Dispensations:**
Cllr Hawkesworth, Item 8(a)(i).

- 4 **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 02 July 2019:** it was resolved that the Minutes were a true record of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chair.
- 5 **Matters Arising**
- (a) Min 12(d): to receive report on theft from Council Chamber of plaque commemorating success of In Bloom Group in the 1980s: the plaque had been taken down for restoration but had been removed from the Council Chamber as it awaited collection. The Clerk was asked to commission a replacement and to report the theft.
- 6 **County Matters**
- (a) Confirmation of Traffic Order Regulation (various roads, Glasshouses & Wilsill) to come into operation on 9th August 2019: noted.
- (b) Response from Highways re disruption caused by recent roadworks: Highways had sent a profuse apology for the recent disruption, particularly at the Glasshouses crossroads, and had shared the Council's comments with the Streetworks. Both departments were trying to improve their record of providing advance notice of works.
- (c) Parish Portal update, including lights on river bridge, flooding problem at bus terminus, street lights on Bishop's Close and request for yellow lines on Little King Street:
- (i) lights on river bridge: it was still unclear whether HBC or NYCC was responsible for these, but in the meantime, following an accident on the bridge, the NYCC street lighting maintenance team would paint them.
- (ii) bus terminus: Highways had inspected the road and advised that the issue did not meet their criteria for repair, but they would monitor it. The Clerk suggested that a photo should be taken next time it flooded.
- (iii) street lights on Bishop's Close: following repair and then further faults occurring, the electricity board had been asked to check the cables.
- (iv) request for lines on Little King Street: an inspector would look at this.
- (d) Cllr Lumley reported that the Grade II Listed County Hall in Northallerton would be closed for 12 months for refurbishment. Some 1970s extensions would be demolished which would make the site more economical to run.
- 7 **District Matters**
- (a) Bins – emptying schedule – response from HBC and to agree a way forward: the Council welcomed the installation of extra bins, but the Council's request for the bin emptying schedule to be more evenly spaced over the week had been unsuccessful. It was agreed to monitor the situation on Saturdays and in the meantime the Mayor wished to thank those businesses who helped by emptying the bins themselves on occasions when they were full.
- (b) Parking Permits – possible online arrangements: Cllr Leggett: the Parking Administration Manager was not sure that she would get an online scheme implemented in time for the next financial year, due to the UCI Championships and other large projects, but she had asked if the Council had received any feedback about the idea. Cllr Leggett suggested that both options should be available in the first year and the Clerk was asked to pass this on to HBC.

- (c) Letter from HBC confirming successful application to the District Improvement Fund (Southlands Toilets refurbishment). The Clerk reported that HBC had allocated £12,000 to deliver the works and that the public toilets in the Recreation Ground would also be redecorated but using a different district budget. HBC's surveyor had carried out joint surveys with the contractors and quotations were expected that week. The District Improvement Fund was available to the district towns and was set up to assist local economies. The Council was extremely pleased to have secured this funding.
- (c) UCI World Championships – request from HBC Environmental Health Officer (Health & Safety) for information about planned events and report of meeting held at Harefield Hall for local organisations. It was agreed that this request should be publicised locally as HBC could offer advice and support, but they also wanted to be quite clear about the nature and extent of activities taking place. The Mayor reported that at the meeting at Harefield Hall she had made a request to the organisers that the amateur riders taking part in the Sportive should be reminded that as the Sportive was not part of the organised race and therefore un-stewarded, pedestrians on the High Street should be respected and not shouted or sworn at, as had happened during the TdY.

8 **Planning Matters:** Cllr Hawkesworth left the room during discussion of (a)(i) having declared an interest.

(a) Applications to Harrogate Borough Council

- (i) 19/02854/DISCON. *Approval of details required under conditions 23 (Soft Landscaping), 35 (Hard Landscaping), 36 (External Works) and 39 (External lighting) of Planning Permission 17/02093/DVCMAJ- Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 17/00922/DVCMAJ to allow alteration to approved mix and layout of residential units within principal mill building from 15 dwellings, 11 apartments and a restaurant, to 19 dwellings, 12 apartments and 2 commercial units (A1/A3). Revised site layout to remove the mechanics store (unit 28), introduce a sub-station and bin store, provide additional amenity space and reconfigure car parking arrangement. Alterations to the internal layout of the pugmill and mechanics shop and changes to the external detailing, at Glasshouses Mill HG3 5QH. No objections.*
- (ii) 19/03085/DISCON. *Approval of details required under Condition 4 (materials), Condition 5 (lighting), Condition 7 (preservation of tree) of Planning Permission 17/05023/FUL – erection of 3 no. shepherd's huts and 1 no. utility hut; installation of package treatment plant; formation of parking and associated groundworks and landscaping, at Cruck Cottage Wath Road, Pateley Bridge HG3 5PG. No objections.*
- (iii) 19/02399/FUL. *Demolition of access lobby and erection of single storey extension at 27 Greenwood Avenue Pateley Bridge HG3 5LS. No objections.*
- (iv) 19/02776/TCON. *Felling of 1 no. sycamore tree within the Conservation Area, at 5 The Sidings Pateley Bridge HG3 5AQ. For information only, the Council is not a consultee.*
- (v) 19/02948/FUL. *Conversion of storage annex to home office with associated alterations to fenestration at Knott Top Farm, Pateley Bridge HG3 5NH. No objections.*

- (vi) 19/03094/FULMAJ. *Demolition of former highway depot building; erection of 20 no. dwellings with associated hardstanding and landscaping works, on the former County Highways Depot, Millfield Street HG3 5AX.*

The Council objected to this application on the following grounds (and as previously minuted, it was in correspondence with the Head of Housing at HBC whose responsibility it was to provide social housing, and who had expressed sympathy with the Council's point of view): it considered that this was a one-off opportunity for NYCC to provide accommodation for local people, particularly the young who could rarely afford to live where they had been brought up, and had to move away, which inevitably changed the demographics of the town. The site was within walking distance of the town, was close to the bus terminus and to the school. The application proposed neither shared ownership nor rental properties/social housing; there were only five 'affordable' properties, with two thirds of the development given over to speculative building. On what was in effect public land, NYCC were selling it to their own development company at the expense of providing badly needed housing for local people.

(b) Decisions by Harrogate Borough Council

- (i) 19/02190/DVCON. *Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for alterations to the footprint of planning permission 11/02054/FUL. Conversion and erection of two-storey and single storey extension to residential care home to form four apartments in addition to the existing at Nydsley Residential Home, Mill Lane, Pateley Bridge HG3 5BA.*
Permission granted subject to conditions.
- (ii) 19/01792/FUL. *Siting of 1 converted railway carriage to form holiday let on land comprising rough grass at 416205 466702, Wath Lane Pateley Bridge.*
Refused on grounds that it would represent isolated development in the open countryside which would be harmful to the character and appearance of the AONB by virtue of its location and design, and the ecology of the nearby SSSI. The proposal was not considered sustainable development.
- (iii) 19/02785/PNA. *Erection of agricultural building at High Draymans, Pateley Bridge HG3 5ND.* Prior approval not required, subject to the condition that it is carried out within a period of three years from 1st July 2019 and strictly in accordance with the application.

(c) Enforcement matters:

- (i) Case No 19/00398/PR01. *Possible breach of planning control at Sunnyside Cottage, Blazefield HG3 5DN. Felling of protected trees.* Noted.

(d) Appeals: none.

9 Financial Matters

(a) Accounts for Payment: the following were all authorised for payment by BACS.

- (i) Clerk's Expenses: stationery, mobile top up, postage: £65.21
(ii) YLCA one-day conference 13 September 2019: £120.
(iii) HBC Trade Waste June x 2: £21.14
(iv) Clerk's salary payable 30 August 2019: Gross £999 Net £856

(b) Receipts: noted.

- (i) Glasshouses garage rental August: £35
(ii) Share of Ice Cream Concession at Recreation Ground £2,437.50

10 Correspondence

- (a) To receive invitation from the AONB to nominate parish council representatives onto the AONB Joint Advisory Committee: Cllr Hawkesworth said that he would be happy to continue as a parish representative, and it was resolved to nominate him for one of these two positions.

11 Play Area/Millennium Green

- (a) Play Area: Cllr Hesselden reported that everything was clean and tidy and that the equipment was in good order. Cllr Jefferson to carry out the inspections in August.
- (b) Millennium Green:
- (i) Nidderdale Anglers' Junior Day on 21st July – feedback: the Club had enjoyed a successful day, with 14 children attending who learnt about fly casting, fishing with a float, fly-tying and insect recognition; they had also been given free membership of the Club, and prizes, donated by local angling shops, had been awarded. The event had also attracted interest from the general public and the Club may like to use the Green for future events. The Council, as Managing Trustee, was very pleased to agree to the use of the Green for this.
- (ii) it was noted that some pallets had been left at the entrance and the Clerk was asked to have them removed by HBC. The Mayor was asked by Cllr Hesselden to confirm collection of gravel for the track. The Clerk said she was continuing with the funding application for the pond.

12 Council Business

- (a) Caretaker Tasks for August: standard tasks, plus weed killing and hedge cutting on the Sandy Steps. At the appropriate time, to trim the hedge at the town sign, and with the permission of the landowner to crown lift some of the trees.
- (b) To discuss recommendation of NYCC on installation of a VAS: the Senior Engineer from the NYCC Traffic Engineering Department had made a detailed recommendation for the installation of a VAS to remind drivers of the 20mph as they approached the High Street. However the Council felt that this would detract from the beauty of the Fox's Head Well area and that his second recommendation of a sign further back at the entrance to the 30 mph section of the road would be preferable. The Clerk to find out the exact location of this.
- (c) Update on repairs to Glasshouses bus shelter: the building repairs were complete; Cllr Holt to obtain a quote for the painting.
- (d) To review the Allotment Society's tenancy agreement for the years 2020-2024: it was resolved to increase this by the RPI as at the end of October and thereafter annually during the term of the contract. The Clerk to notify the Society in time for their AGM in November.
- (e) To discuss topics for autumn newsletter: various topics were agreed.
- (f) To discuss the Nidderdale Way Condition Survey and decide on actions: the report was interesting and detailed and at the suggestion of Cllr Lumley it was agreed that 'Walkers are Welcome' might be interested in identifying any necessary repairs on the parts which traversed the parish.
- (g) To sign the Christmas Lights Funding Agreement from HBC: resolved.

- (h) Mrs Svendsen's visit to Pateley Bridge: the Mayor had arranged that during her visit, Mrs Svendsen, the benefactress of the Bandstand and who continued to pay for the visiting Sunday bands, would be accompanied to the Recreation Ground on Sunday 8th September, by the Mayor, the Chair of Bewerley Parish Council, and Mrs Anna Donnelly, where presentations would be made. Brogan Maguire would also be there to cover the story for the Herald.
- (i) To agree a date in September for a Saturday surgery and agree which councillors should attend: it was agreed that Cllr C Skaife and Cllr Leggett would host this session on Saturday 14th September between 10.00 am and 12 noon.

13 Reports from Committees

- (a) Nidderdale Strategic Partnership:
 - (i) Cllr Lumley said that parish councils in the Dale had been well represented at this meeting on 19th July 2019. They had received a written report from Sustrans on the extension of the Nidderdale Greenway from Clint to Pateley Bridge; Paul Chatwood of Dalesbus had updated delegates on the service: it was well used but needed continued support and although it was 'washing its face' it needed more secure sponsorship.
 - (ii) the revised Constitution had been circulated and although the requested amendments had been made, Cllr Leggett said that it was extremely disappointing that it was still far too long and still did not clarify the relationship between the town council and the NSP. He added that the council had still not received a reply to its letter of nearly a year ago.

14 Exchange of Information

- (a) Cllr Marshall reported that the visibility splays at the exits of the Raikes and Sandy Lane onto the B6165 had been obscured by overgrown verges. The Clerk to report to NYCC.
- (b) Cllr Hawkesworth wished to share his good news with fellow councillors: he had been elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and had also been invited to Germany to be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the White Water Hall of Fame. He was heartily congratulated by everyone.
- (c) Cllr Lumley said that the MG Rally the previous weekend had been a fantastic event for the town with a great atmosphere. The Mayor said she had received a letter of thanks from them with the news that since holding the event in the town, they had increased their fundraising by £1,500.
- (d) On behalf of parishioners, Cllr Lumley asked when there would be water back in the goit at Glasshouses Mill; Cllr Hawkesworth said that the repairs to the sluice had not been finished and that there was a health and safety issue with having scaffolding over deep water.
- (e) A request had been made to Cllr Hawkesworth about fundraising for a minibus at Glasshouses School and he had given them some advice about the things they needed to consider.

15 Parishioners' Representations

- (a) a Parishioner said that there were a lot of brambles on Bishop's Way, and it was agreed that this would be a job for the Caretaker. She also said that the garden in front of the Council Offices was completely neglected. The Clerk agreed saying that it was covered in convolvulus and she would report it to HBC.

- (b) A Parishioner brought to the council's attention a lamp post the cover of which had come off revealing the internal wiring. He also agreed with Cllr Lumley that the MG Club event had been wonderful for the town.

16 **Dates of next meetings**

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

There will be a community meeting to discuss the Christmas lights on 20th August

The next council meeting will be on Tues 03 September 2019 at 7.15pm