

EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th September 2021, 7:30pm at the Village Institute .

PRESENT: Chair: Judith Benjamin, Cllrs Vince Smith, David Hill, Stella Kirkbride, Andrew Ayrton.

Also, in Attendance: The Parish Clerk – 4 members of the Public and Guest

Welcome: Chair welcomed everyone for their attendance - opened the meeting.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Tom Lovatt, Brian Shuttleworth
- 2. DECLARATION OF ANY PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INTERESTS:** None
- 3. APPLICATION FOR ANY DISPENSATIONS:** None.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING**

The last Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was held on the 9th June 2021.

The minutes of this meeting had been circulated previously.

Approved and Signed.

- 5. GUEST** – The Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector Steve Breen – introduced himself to members of the public and the Parish Council and gave an overview of policing priorities in Craven. These include:

Cross County Drug Dealing, Road Traffic Accidents and Deaths, Vehicle Thefts (quads, land-rovers etc) and Rural Task Force implementations such as “WhatsApp” notifications.

He has also been able to secure funding to enable the Task Force to purchase IT equipment.

Insp. Breen stated that the Craven District was the safest of all districts across North Yorkshire. Even when a Police presence is not always visible, much of the undercover and surveillance work undertaken has resulted in arrests and confiscation of proceeds from drug dealing – the most recent being £18500 being seized.

Traffic incidents have not been within the parish. They have occurred on the A59 Bolton Abbey corridor with 2 fatalities over the last 4day Bank Holiday, (both unavoidable accidents with no other vehicles involved).

Crime Report update from PCSO :-

1 report of possible pellet hole in a window.

1 domestic incident between neighbours.

SK. Commented on the increased traffic along Skipton Road and the unsafe pedestrian access to the Bailey.

Insp. Breen replied that the local PCSO was involved with the parish Speedwatch, but incidents of speeding did not warrant the input of more Police resources.

DH. Commented on recent Speedwatch and reported that out of the 307 vehicles 4 were over 35mph limit with 1 at 45 mph and 1 at 46 mph.

Insp. Breen replied this was a NYCC and PCC (Philip Allott) matter to introduce speed calming measures – as there is no direct Police involvement with the Traffic Bureau. Many of the 70 Parishes and 17 Wards in Craven all have the same issues. With Embsay being close to Skipton the local police presence is good with a PCSO and PSO on hand. Many areas have suffered with the Public Services cuts of 2billion pounds.

AA Commented that as a local farmer he is included in the “WhatsApp” notifications with regards to coursing activities.

Questions from the public:

- 1) Do the police still engage with schools – and is there inter-county involvement ?

Insp. Breen replied: Yes, but to a lesser extent as the question had been raised as to whether the police were the right people to do this. In Harrogate the teenage trafficking is the highest in North Yorkshire but is not seen in this area. As Skipton is closer to Keighley it is seen as a cross border issue.

1.1) What age group is targeted in trafficking.

Insp. Breen replied: mostly 15/16/17year olds.

JLB Thanked Insp. Breen for his attendance.

He can be contacted through the Police email: SNACraven@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk or through the Clerk.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Q Are Minutes on Parish Council website updated?

Clerk replied: the latest minutes should appear under Parish Council Recent Minutes and older ones in Archived Minutes. **Clerk to update webmaster to Action.**

JR thanked the Parish Council for their recent support of the petition for the speed reduction campaign on Skipton Road by their attendance at the recent meeting and for being realistic without being pessimistic. More signatures were being sought by 4 volunteers willing to go door to door.

7. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

7.1 County Councillor Quinn – No Report

7.2 District Councillor Shuttleworth – Written report circulated points raised:

- As of 31st March 2023, Craven District Council (and all other District Councils and the present North Yorkshire County Council) will cease to exist. A single 'mega' unitary authority, will administer all current and future local government duties and functions currently undertaken by NYCC and CDC from 1st April 2023.

All current District Councils and the County Council will be involved in preparing an 'Implementation Plan' for the changes. Elections for Councillors of the new Authority are proposed to be held in May 2022 and they will initially hold office for 5 years. It is anticipated there may be up to approx. 120 elected members. The new Authority will become the sole responsible body as of April 2023.

Current Ward boundaries for election of Councillors are likely to undergo considerable revision. It is possible that Embsay w Eastby will be amalgamated with Draughton, Bolton Abbey, Barden, Grassington, Wharfedale and Littondale creating a single Ward with 2 elected members. It is thought likely that the former Craven District area will be represented by about 10 elected members as opposed to the current 30. Transitional arrangements to ensure a smooth change between old and new authorities will be set out in the Structural Change Order and may include consultation with the Secretary of State.

The District Council area will become an Area HQ for the new administration although an alternative view is that Areas may be based on parliamentary constituency areas. At present, arrangements for communication and delegation of functions between the new Authority and related Parishes are not known.

- Due to Covid related staff shortages emergency powers legislation has been adopted, granting the Chief Executive Officer delegated authority to implement decisions after consideration of views by respective members of Committee(s).

- A Tree Preservation Order relating to the trees in the verge along Shires Lane Embsay, has been drafted, finalised, and served.
- Regarding the campaign by residents for a 40mph speed restriction to cover the entire length of Skipton Road from Bow Bridge to the junction with The Bailey - discussions are taking place with Karl Battersby, Director of Business and Environmental Services at Northallerton and the outcome will rely heavily on the availability of sound evidence of speeding.
- A recent 'Embsay Update' comment referred to blocked road gullies and highway weeds. Both are matters falling under the responsibility of the County Council. It would of course help if the location of the photographed gully was made known and sent direct to NYCC Highways - Area5.Skipton@northyorks.gov.uk Alternatively, send the further information to District Cllr Shuttleworth or County Councillor Gill Quinn cllr. Gillian.Quinn@northyorks.gov.uk

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

8.1 Planning Updates – Circulated - No Questions Raised

8.2 Recommendations:-

2021/22845/FUL	CDC	LAITHE BARN LOW LANE	OBJECTION - REFUSED
2021/23028/HH	CDC	54 BARDEN ROAD	OBJECTION - PENDING
C/26/155D	YDNP	CROWN SPINDLE MILL	NO OBJECTION - PENDING
2021/23179/TCP	CDC	40-42 BARDEN RD EASTBY	NO OBJECTION- PENDING
2021/23203/TCA	CDC	14 BARDEN ROAD EASTBY	NO OBJECTION- PENDING
C/26/803A	YDNP	12 MILLHOLME RISE	UNDER REVIEW

8.3 YDNP Zoom Meeting Planning 23rd Sep

VS to Attend

Parish Liaison 13th October

Clerk to Attend

8.4 YDNP Consultation No 4 - PC Response

VS Explained that the consultation was in two parts 1) regarding Local Occupation whereby New Builds were offered priority to owners with local connections. The YDNP were reviewing this policy and were asking if this should change or stay as is. **All Members agreed this policy should stay.**

2). Barn conversions into domestic dwellings. Previous approvals were made on location and easy access to domestic supplies of water, electric etc. Should this automatically exclude barns in more isolated locations?

All Members agreed application should include the more isolated barns or these would be left to deteriorate and be lost forever.

VS to Action

9. REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS, COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE BODIES.

9.1 Village Maintenance/Volunteers – Embsay entrance has now been cleared of dead vegetation and plans were discussed on what is needed to make it look more attractive.

Action: A flower bed in front of the sign and grass behind.

Proposed VS Seconded AA Resolved.

JB asked if SK could inform the Village Institute of a request from a parishioner to clear weeds in the path outside the entrance.

9.2 Road Safety/ Speedwatch – Reports circulated previously were read out at the meeting. When asked about pedestrian access on Shires Lane VS added that Wooler's will be adding a pathway along Shires Lane to the Post Office. Candelisa will add a pathway from the Cricket Ground to Low Lane.

SK asked if the PC could ask for a 30mph Speed Limit be put on Low Lane – AA Agreed.

Area 5 had indicated that NO traffic calming measures would be put in place at the junction of Shires Lane and East Lane.

County Councillor Quinn had indicated she would be in favour of offering funding to supply temporary 40mph speed signs along Skipton Road from the Bailey to the entrance at Embsay to show highways the effects this would have. **VS will continue to update on this action.**

9.3 Nature Reserve –School project still under restrictions but suggestions for a ‘Nature Club’ have been put forward. Tool Shed installed and new equipment due shortly. Planting to take place in Autumn 2021, Spring & Autumn 2022.

9.5 Recreation Ground – Clerk: - Resident (30 Main Street) requested a meeting with the Chair and Clerk which took place on 08/09/21. Discussion regarding a large tree root from the recreation ground causing damage to their drive. Investigations will now take place. In addition, they requested further pruning of other trees along the border. **Clerk to Action.**

JB Still looking for volunteer to take over putting out the waste bins for collection. Clerk asked to pursue if cleaning by a contractor would be possible.

JB Had a report from the Friends that the funding application for Sports England was unsuccessful but still waiting on Tarmac application. The Brownies have agreed to take on the small flowerbed funded by Yorkshire Building Society. Two new volunteers have cleared the area in preparation.

9.5 Memorial Garden –JB: Flagpole base to be installed.
VS advised garden supplies had been requested and ordered.

9.6 Village Institute/FairTrade – SK reported Village Institute meeting due Mon 13th Sep. Village Litter Pick on 26th September – Hi-Viz jackets not provided. Linking Fair Trade with Climate Change through Green Week 18-26 Sep. Decoration of moths and painted stones around the Elm Tree. Resident has requested permission to paint the Elm Tree Railings

JB asked for the volunteer to inform the Clerk when this would take place.

9.7 Car Park – JLB Response to Parishioner Question – Were the Parish Council looking to install an Electric car point in the future? This was not imminent - until such time as a decision was made on ownership.

10. PC ADMINISTRATION.

10.1 Queen’s Jubilee Tree Planting / Village Hall Memorial Bench

Discussion on possible locations and ways on how the parish will mark the Queen’s Jubilee took place. SK suggested a V benches structure and some trees on East Lane grass verge. Necessary to investigate ownership of verge and costs. **SK to Action Report October Meeting**

DH suggested trees planted behind the Village Institute.

AA replied that the land had been bought by a local resident but would ask about future use.

JLB suggested replacement of bench and plaque outside the Village Institute or a possible replacement of tree on Millholme.

AA informed members that there were many trees needing to be replaced around the village.

JLB Asked everyone to give this some thought over the next month.

The Clerk reminded members that tree planting is preferred option, at the direct request from H.M. Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, on instruction from Buckingham Place.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS (Detailed Invoices approved for payment attached /circulated)

11.1 Monthly Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation – **July £ 2125.84 /Aug £ 1210.19**

11.2 External Audit Report – The Clerk reported that the External Audit had been completed and the certification issued with no recommendations.

The Chair and members thanked the Clerk and Cllr Smith for all their efforts.

12. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK – No Questions raised

13. POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWS – None

14. Item for discussion – Car Park Asset – A full discussion on concerns raised in light of the up-and-coming transfer of CDC assets to the new Unitary Council and the options before the parish council to secure this vital community facility.

Initial Action: Confirm legal position on Lease transfer. To investigate ways to inform all Parish Residents on the possibilities / options and look for interest in supporting a Car Park Community Trust. This might be done either by leaflet drop and or Parish Consultation Meeting. **JLB & Clerk to Action**

Meeting closed at:-21:30pm

Next Parish Meeting Date: October 13th 2021 Venue TBC (Methodist Chapel GA)

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