

EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 12:30pm Zoom Meeting.

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

Also, in Attendance: The Parish Clerk – 1 member of the Public

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Tom Lovatt, C Councillor Gill Quinn

2. **DECLARATION OF ANY PERSONAL/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 10th February 2021. The minutes of this meeting had been circulated previously. **Approved and Signed.**

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Mr Allan Haspell updated members on progress on Area 5 Road Flood Warning signs and the flood marker on the railway bridge wall on Brackenley Lane. This has now been agreed with Network Rail, and Mr Haspell will liaise with Cllr Shuttleworth on the logistics needed to install the marker.

Concerns raised regarding the positioning of the road signs and for how far the warning should be applied. Suggestions for additional information to be attached below the existing sign will be investigated by Cllr Shuttleworth and Mr Haspell. **BS to Action**

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

6.1.1 County Councillor Quinn – Cllr Quinn requested, via The Clerk, a support letter to Area 5 for a reduction in the speed limit, on Skipton Road from Harrogate Road (The Bailey) to the entrance into Embsay, to 40mph. The reduction is requested due to the increase in access onto Skipton Road from the new housing development.

VS to Action All Agreed

6.2 District Councillor Shuttleworth – Written report circulated points raised:

- Devolution Proposals – Members were encouraged to respond as individuals via the CDC Website Link. The Parish Council has previously responded.
- NYCC Response to Rockville Terrace bowed wall.
- Planning – Upgrading of the CDC planning department. There is to be a new pedestrian crossing from the site to Greenacres. The exposed tree on Skipton Road is due to be felled taking place in terms of communication, speed and accuracy. This is an ongoing process.
- Miller Homes – Highway improvements in particular safety issues.
- Shire Lane (R N Wooler) – Development work seems to have started in earnest but brings with it some concerns. PC have given their views to Neville Watson; Head of CDC Planning and he is meeting with Gareth Wooler on Friday 12th March.
- Shires Lane (Candelisa) – No further news to report.

DC Shuttleworth was asked if the meeting re Shires Lane (Wooler) was just for CDC officers? *Reply: At this time - yes.*

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Planning Updates – Circulated - No Questions Raised

7.2 The Responses – Clerk Report – circulated on applications submitted and responded to

C/26/146A	YDNP	51 BRACKENLEY LANE	FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION ABOVE GARAGE	NO OBJECTION
C/26/807	YDNP	17 WOOD VIEW	DEMOLISH GARAGE /REPLACE TWO STOREY EXT	NO OBJECTION
C/26/808	YDNP	6 HILL TOP CLOSE	EXTENTION AND ALTERATIONS	NO OBJECTION
2021/22452/TPO	CDC	13 EAST LANE	T1 BEECH -CROWN THINNING	NO OBJECTION

The Clerk reported that a resident's complaint regarding a boundary wall on Dalacres Crescent had been passed onto the Planning and Enforcement Officers at CDC. The response received was that an investigation will take place.

Cllr Benjamin informed members of the new YDNP Planning Website - and the lack of transparency regarding comments on planning applications, other than official consultees. Cllr Benjamin also raised the issue of near neighbours not being informed of building applications.

Cllr Shuttleworth responded that legal requirements have changed, and this may be the minimum requirement.

Cllr Benjamin felt that Parish Councils should be able to access any comments easily and will contact YDNP.

JB and VS to Action

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

8.1 Nature Reserve Report – Cllr Lovatt - written report to the Clerk: Brief meeting held on site (socially distant). Soil testing now completed. Discussion of work plans after restrictions lifted. School and volunteers to be informed. Seeds, plants, shed and equipment to be ordered as soon as possible.

8.2 Road Safety – Cllr Hill reported: That repairs to the Speed Awareness Sign (moved and damaged in Eastby by an individual or individuals unknown on or around the 17th February) has now been repaired and another two signs are in the process of being made. One of these will be attached on the reverse side of the original post i.e., facing towards Eastby. The other is a spare should these be vandalised again.

- Cllr Shuttleworth asked if one could be placed at the other end of Eastby from Barden?

He was informed that there is one already in place.

8.3 Village Maintenance – Cllr Benjamin informed members that the temporary repairs to the Tannery steps needed more attention. This had been reported to Phil Richards (YDNP) who confirmed he would initiate a permanent solution.

Residents have raised concerns over the boundary wall on Rock View Terrace bowing out and becoming a safety hazard to pedestrians using the adjacent footpath. Cllr Shuttleworth had contacted NYCC to enquire if this was the responsibility of the Authority and was told it wasn't. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the relevant householders highlighting these concerns.

Clerk to Action

Cllr Kirkbride also raised the condition of the mill wall on West Lane. The owners have been previously made aware and had promised to action. **SK to Follow up**

Dog fouling was still an ongoing problem and the free dog waste bags were still available - but there has been a delay due to an issue with the attachment of the changed design bags to the posts.

- Cllr Kirkbride feels this is still not a PC responsibility but that of the owners.
- Cllr Shuttleworth has been advised that there will be a higher profile presence from CDC Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environmental Health will issue fines where necessary. Additional stickers will be displayed on Brackenley Lane and Rockville Drive, in particular.

8.4 Fair Trade & Village Institute – Cllr Kirkbride informed members that the FairTrade Fortnight had gone well including the planting and decoration of the Elm Tree. The bunting has been removed to allow the plants, planted by the volunteers to be seen. The extension of the tree lights remaining lit until the end of February had been well received. The Village Institute will be reopening once the restrictions are lifted. The kitchen will then be in use, with the newly installed cooker. The planned Village Institute AGM will take place sometime in April.

Cllr Kirkbride and the Parish Council wished to thank all litter picking volunteers who have done an excellent job keeping the parish clean. Particular spots showing an increase in litter are the Reservoir and Black Park. An additional hazard found was a disposable BBQ - which is a danger to sheep and a fire hazard if left whilst still alight.

Cllr Benjamin will contact Yorkshire Water regarding the increase in litter in the car park by the bench **JLB to Action.**

8.5 Recreation Ground – The Clerk informed members that repair work on the equipment will begin on Monday 15th March, weather permitting. A second visit to pour setting material will take place once the weather improves. The park will remain open and work areas will be cordoned off for safety. Notices will be placed on Emsay Update and the PC Website to inform residents. Emsay Play will also be advised.

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9. PC ADMINISTRATION.

9.1 Elm Tree Quote. Ian Piper had submitted a quote of £150. Some questions on the logistics were raised. Clerk will clarify. **Proposed BS Seconded JB All Agreed**

9.2 Web Master Remuneration – suggested £100 + Fees incurred to be reviewed September 2021. **Proposed VS Seconded BS All Agreed**

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

10.1 Monthly Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation – Feb (**1758.41**) **Approved**

11. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK - report circulated - no questions raised.

- Clerk reported: New PCSO Rachel Woods had been contacted with a request for information regarding police presence during this last lockdown period and any reported crime related incidents. Awaiting response.

- Inspector Breen has been appointed and an invitation to attend the next face to face Parish Council meeting will be extended.
- CDC Standards Committee Parish Vacancy is now available – No Cllrs available.

12. POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWS – None

13. CASUAL VACANCY CANDIDATES – A discussion took place on the low response from parishioners. It was agreed that the Chair and the Clerk will now contact the suitable candidate for an informal induction session outlining the co-option process. If the candidate takes up the position Cllrs Hill and Smith have agreed to mentor and undertake an information / informal walkabout of council assets. The co-option would be until 2023 when elections are due to take place.

JB, DH, VS & Clerk to Action

Meeting closed at:-13:50pm

Next Parish Meeting is subject to Government Restriction TBC :

Provisional date May 12th2021 Venue TBC

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