

EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th March 2020, 7:30pm in the Village Institute Main Street, Embsay.

PRESENT: Chair Cllr Benjamin, Vice-Chair Cllr Hill, Cllr's Brian Shuttleworth, Vince Smith, Tom Lovatt, Andrew Ayrton, Stella Kirkbride.

Also, in Attendance: The Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

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

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Stead
- 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 13th February 2020. The minutes of this meeting had been circulated previously. **Approved and Signed**

Matters Arising

a) Eastby Village Sign – Was reported to NYCC. The Clerk was informed that the Village Signs are the sole responsibility of the Parish Council, Street Name signs are Craven District's and Road signs are NYCC. Reinstating the Eastby sign will now take place.

Cllr's Shuttleworth and Ayrton to Action.

b) Request to Area 5 regarding Flood Marker – The Clerk informed members that Flood Markers were not approved street furniture and that they would not be allowed on the verge leading to the flooded area on Skipton Road. However, a flood warning sign could be attached to the farmer's wall or to the railway bridge itself (with owner's permission). Investigation will take place.

Clerk to Action

- 4.1 **EMERGENCY PLAN** -Discussion on draft plan: flood warning measures, storage of sandbags and recruitment of volunteers.

Initial action is to repost the request for any interested parishioners to get involved. **Clerk to Action**

5.1 Emergency Incident – Haw Beck footbridge: Members agreed that the Parish Council would write to NYCC and ask what course of action is planned to ensure public safety, as a result of this incident. **Clerk to Action**

and Cllr Shuttleworth to obtain further information from the wall owner.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Q.1 Had written to Julian Smith MP with regards to flood markers being allowed as officially recognised street furniture that can be displayed on highways property. Also, could the Parish Council support this request by writing and campaigning for this to happen?

Secondly, a NYCC Highways engineer had been to measure the width of the road and the area adjacent to the barn on Shires Lane, reportedly surveying for a footpath. Parishioner concerned that this would cause a significant narrowing of an already tight corner on a narrow road.

Q2 Brackenley Drive flooding from drain continues and inspectors from Yorkshire Water were in attendance on the 21st February and the 1st March - but do not seem to know what to do about the matter. The parishioner was told that the drain is not blocked but it seems it cannot deal with the amount of water entering and it overflows. Raw material is left lying about after each inspection and this is a potential health hazard. Promised surveys do not seem to have taken place. **Clerk will email Mr Clayton at Yorkshire Water Reactive Team for an update on the situation.**

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

6.1 County Councillor Quinn Absent; – Nothing to Report.

Cllr Kirkbride would like to see a regular report from the County Councillor in the Embsay with Eastby

6.2 District Councillor Shuttleworth – Points raised:

- Detailed application for the land being developed on Shires Lane (Locally known as the Dukes field) which was approved on appeal has again been deferred by Craven District Planning Committee
- Craven District Tax Levels Band D set at
CDC £177.21 NYCC £1363.47 NY Police £265.77 Fire & Emergency Services £72.69
Embsay with Eastby contribution £33.06 per household. There is no longer any Rate Support Grant provided by the government.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Planning Updates – Circulated

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

C/26/802 YDNP - 21 Brakenley Lane Side Extension - No Objection

Late Received Application for Felside Grange will be discussed by Planning Working Party.

Cllr Kirkbride asked if any update from Enforcement Team had been received – Clerk replied none. Will send another request. **Clerk to Action**
Concern expressed that YDNP appear to be ignoring sustainable drainage recommendations.

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

8.1 Village Maintenance Report – Cllr Benjamin – points raised:

- **Embsay Beck:** Remaining debris has been cleared and new fencing installed
- **Trees:** side of beck: - cleared and Millholme BT lines are now free
- **Verges** – particularly Dalacres Drive, Crescent and East Lane
Complaint from 4 Dalacres: - passed to Sharon Fox (NYCC) who is now undertaking action with the Dairy to repair.
- Awaiting confirmation of meeting from Sergeant Evans: - ongoing
- **East Lane:** resident has repaired damage to verge
- **Pothole:** West Lane referred to NYCC – is now on the Parish Portal with a repair request and makings have appeared on the road.
- **Report** from resident of possible pollution of Eller Beck from ‘spreading’: referred to Environment Agency who are aware and will be investigating

9.2 Volunteers – Cllr Benjamin - Points raised:-

- Thanks to volunteers for beck clearance under Cllr Lovatt’s supervision.
- Embsay entrance trough: comment reported by volunteer as to difficulty with growing plants.

Cllrs Benjamin and Lovatt have inspected the trough with the volunteer resident and solutions suggested.

Parish Council Approval. All Agreed.

9.3 Road Safety Report – Cllr Smith – points raised:

- Residents of Pasture Road and nearby residents were invited to a meeting on the 26th Feb to establish if an agreement could be reached regarding a formal approach to NYCC Highways for a one-way stretch of Pasture Road from the Elm Tree to the top of West Lane. Approximately 30 residents attended and views were asked for both against and for.
- Arguments against - only needed for relatively short periods during school drop-off and pick-up. Exit from Holly Farm is not easily achievable to the right with farm vehicles. Some large vehicles coming from farms and Water Works are using Pasture Road. An increase in vehicles going down

West Lane will cause difficulty in passing – cars would be facing the wrong direction to go round again

- Arguments for: Useful if flashing lights and a temporary closure morning and afternoon.
- Consensus that as only required for short periods and not required weekends and holidays then no need to implement formal one- way stretch.
- Attendees were then asked to recognise and be aware of the request given to parents to go one-way.
- Consensus reached was that if arriving during morning or afternoon school time residents will follow the general instruction. Headmistress and the Head of Playschool committed to ‘remind’ parents.
- No residents spoke against seeking a 20mph limit past the school – notwithstanding it being difficult to exceed that speed anyway.
- Having met with Sharon Fox of Area 5 Highways it is clear that the Parish Council needs the average speed data from the streets it wants to have 20mph speed limits (and have a good chance of getting it) because the actual average safe speed is about 20mph on those streets. The Parish Council will request speed data boxes be applied to Barden Road, Main Street, Pasture Road, East Lane (bus stop) and Shires Lane.
- It has been noted that some Community Speed Watch villages are permanently ‘advertising’ the fact at entrances to their village by putting up a very visible sign saying ‘Community Speed Watch’. It does not necessarily mean a Speed Watch is taking place, but it does caution drivers that there may be one and therefore speed limits should be adhered to. This could be implemented at relatively low cost as separate signs at Eastby and Embsay. Alternatively, it could be incorporated into a more ambitious and attractive ‘Entrance’ design, if funding could be found or brought into the precept in due course.
- The Road Safety Working Party sought agreement to pursue suitable signage – to be approved before purchase.

The Clerk requested that Design and Costing be sourced and brought before full Council Members as a Proposal for the June Agenda. **Cllr’s Smith, Kirkbride, Hill to Action**

9.4 Speedwatch Report - Cllr Hill – Nothing to Report due to bad weather conditions.

9.5 Nature Reserve Report – Cllr Lovatt points raised:

- The Ash tree has now been removed, there are still some branches overhanging in areas and a general clean-up had taken place.
- John Oldfield and Cllr Lovatt will be meeting with Craven College to discuss future work plans and a possible increase in the students’ involvement.
- Temporary repairs have taken place on the boundary fencing by the beck to stop sheep escaping on to Millholme Rise. Advice is being sought regarding the wording on signs indicating a safety hazard.
- At a recent meeting with the Primary School Deputy Headteacher a suggestion for the children to be encouraged to visit and take part in related projects was discussed and would be put to teachers and parents.

9.6 Recreation Ground – Cllr Stead – Nothing to Report – Cllr Benjamin had requested an update from the Friends of the Recreation Ground.

9.7 Communication & IT –Cllr Stead – Nothing to Report.

The Clerk informed members that the Parish Council’s consultee responses to planning applications now appear on the Parish Council Website and are available to the public to view.

9.8 Fair Trade- Cllr Kirkbride reported that a donation of £50 had been sent to West African Living Income Campaign to support women growing Fair Trade crops. A further £60 had been donated to Traidcraft Eggs prize-winners. The Cavendish Arms continues to support Fair Trade buy buying and using coffee beans. The three ‘pop up’ cafes have been well attended by parishioners.

- Village Institute – The AGM will be on the 16th March. Cllr Kirkbride is happy to remain the Parish Council representative at future Village Institute Meetings.
- The Clerk had circulated the Village Institute Report on the Meeting with the Parish Council with a copy of the Valuers' Personal Indemnity Certificate and the latest Village Institute Minutes which stated that this would end the matter. **RESOLVED**

Cllr Hill stated he was not satisfied with this level of evidence. However, other members felt that given the Management Committee's stance this could not be pursued further but that the Parish Council's concerns would remain minuted.

- A village Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 14th March meeting at 10am in Car Park.

9.9 Car Park – Nothing to Report - Bring Bins. The Clerk informed members that the new contact had been issued with a £4.96 increase.

9.10 War Memorial Garden – Cllr Smith – Nothing to report. The Clerk reminded members that any maintenance groundworks would need to be discussed by July 2020 to enable work to be carried out during the summer months.

Cllr Hill informed members that he is still awaiting permission from the Brewery owners of The Cavendish Arms before progress on the installation of 3rd Defibrillator for the Parish can go ahead.

10. PC ADMINISTRATION. No Proposals.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS Clerk detailed invoiced report for February were circulated:

11.1 Monthly Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation – February 2020 (£1187.76) **Approved**

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

12.1 Complaint – Light Pollution Issue - Clerk Responded.

13. POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWS – Approval of Statutory Documents Staff Evaluation Date TBC

Item for Discussion: PCSO - Clerk informed members that an email from PCSO Ruth Pearson to Andrew Wilson had been forwarded to the Chair. The vacancy for the Parish PCSO is still vacant.

Diary Dates:- 8th May VE Day Celebration at Ripon Cathedral

21st April Internal Audit will take place 10am.

18th March Parishes Planning Meeting Gargrave Village Hall 6:30pm.

30th March Welcome Service for New Vicar at St Mary's 7pm

Meeting closed at:- 9.00pm

The next Meeting will be The Annual Parish Meeting and The Annual Parish Council Meeting which are scheduled for Wednesday 13th May 2020 Starting at 7:00pm

**Venue: Village Institute, Supper Room, Main Street, Emsay. Contact Parish Clerk: Gillian Alcock
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