

SKELTON CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

c/o Nick Reed, Clerk, 9 Little Market Place, Masham, N. Yorks HG4 4DY

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Thursday 14th April 2022
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Reading Room, Skelton-on-Ure
PRESENT: Cllrs Jane Mosley (Chairing), Richard Littlefair, Lawrence Paterson (from 7.40pm), Phil Tottie
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 14 members of the public [MoP]

22.01	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation Cllr Mosley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 22.09
22.02	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Richard Littlefair
22.03	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th January 2022 These were AGREED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
22.04 22.041	Ongoing issues from minutes for updating (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Black Lion pub – The Clerk reported that the potential buyer mentioned in January had withdrawn, but that Admiral Taverns have another potential buyer engaged in due diligence. The Council and parishioners present were cautiously pleased with these developments, and Harrogate BC Cllr Nick Brown noted that he would support continued use of the Black Lion as a hospitality business at district council level as long as that is the clear community intent. Admiral report that some basic cosmetic been done to the premises, but the Council was firmly of the opinion that the site remains an eyesore and that further work is necessary, whether the current potential sale is agreed or not.
22.042	School posters etc – In the absence for this item of Cllr Paterson it was agreed to hold the matter over to April's meeting. The Council then THANKED Jeff Craven for his excellent work in redecorating the Reading Room.
22.043	High Moor Road / Back Lane – The Council noted that the gullies at High Moor Road have finally been jettied, but that Back Lane remains in a deplorable condition and effectively impassible by car or on foot in places. The Council also RESOLVED that white lines at the High Moor Road / Newby Road junction would be desirable with the Newby Hall visitor season imminent. ACTION: Clerk to progress
22.05	Questions and Comments from members of the public / district and county councillors A MoP raised the issue of speed monitoring tubes, and the Clerk noted that these had not yet been installed and that he would chase NYCC Highways to get the survey done. HBC Cllr Brown reported that the Harrogate Civic Centre was still not fully functional, due to Covid-related staff shortages. There is a backlog of planning applications due to staff vacancies within the planning team. Cllr Brown added that preparations for the unitary North Yorkshire Council were progressing, with information now in the public domain. <i>[Clerk's note: please contact the Council per this letterhead for information or briefing documents.]</i> In response to comments from MoPs about delays in recycling, Cllr Brown said he would endeavour to make sure that notice / information was available if and when such delays occur.
22.06	Queen's Platinum Jubilee The Council considered and APPROVED plans for a Jubilee parish party at Skelton Newby Hall School on Sunday 5 th June, noting that other Jubilee activities planned include a scarecrow trail, house dressing, and decorations at the Skelton-on-Ure village entrance. Noting with thanks the award of £980 from the

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	<p>National Lottery Community Fund for this purpose, the Council then RESOLVED to approve expenditure of up to £2,000 to support this event for performer's fees, electrical and stage installation, face painting and related expenditure</p>
22.07	<p>Financial Statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council was noted as having on hand £24,689.87 on 31st March 2021, with recent receipts of £286 (Reading Room rental).</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Wages (Clerk Jan-Mar, Cleaner Jan-Mar); Clerk's expenses/training qtr 4 £222.10; HMRC (PAYE qtr 3) £146.40; Yorkshire Accountants Ripon (payroll admin qtr 3) £30+VAT; Zurich Municipal (insurance 2022-23) £580.35; YLCA (annual membership) £133; Cllr Mosley (expenses re village decoration) £93.87; Cosmos Solutions (defibrillator pads) £45+VAT; Georgia Grace (Jubilee musician) £350; KC Hire (Jubilee portaloos) £230+VAT; Scotton Park electrical (Jubilee PA etc) £235.47+VAT; and J. Spilling (various Jubilee expenses) £406.78.</p> <p>Direct debit payments of £30 (R.C. Compton, Reading Room rent) and £24.32 (Business Stream, Reading Room water), £33 (HSBC, bank charges, £20.39 (E.On Next, Reading Room electricity) and £14.86 (Business Stream, water to allotments) were noted.</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £21,543.99</p>
22.08	<p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>There were no new applications to consider.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the approval of 21/05457/FUL for an extension at Great Givendale.</p>
22.09	<p>Freedom of the Parish</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to award the Freedom of the Parish to Jane Mosley, in recognition of her work over many years for the good of the area as co-ordinator of many community events and campaigns, administrator of the Reading Room, and not least as Chair of this council. The Council further RESOLVED to approve expenditure not exceeding £100 for a plaque and scroll, and a temporary event licence for a celebration event at the Reading Room.</p>
22.10	<p>20s Plenty</p> <p>The Council noted this campaign for 20mph speed limits in villages and some urban areas, noting that over 100 North Yorkshire parish councils now support such limits. The Council RESOLVED to support a 20mph limit throughout the parish, except for the B6265 and High Moor Lane. Jonathan Mosley, a parishioner, agreed to act as the parish's lead contact for this campaign.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk and Mr Mosley to progress</p>
22.11	<p>Parish Council elections</p> <p>The Council NOTED that, with the deadline passed, there were three candidates for Skelton-on-Ure ward, and none for either Givendale or Newby with Mulwith, and that therefore Cllrs Critchlow, Mosley and Paterson will be re-elected unopposed on 5th May and there will be two ordinary vacancies on the Council to fill by co-option.</p>
22.12	<p>Correspondence</p>
22.121	<p>HBC: Confirming receipt in good order of the Council's precept requirement for 2022-23</p>
22.122	<p>NY Police: Noting that localised reports are not currently being produced but that it is hoped to re-start them at some point</p>

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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