

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 July 2022
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Reading Room, Skelton-on-Ure
PRESENT: Cllrs Lawrence Paterson (Chairing), Jane Mosley, Jim Spillings
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 8 members of the public [MoP]

22.20	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none.
22.21	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Guy Critchlow
22.22	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th May 2022 These were AGREED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
22.23	Ordinary vacancy It was NOTED that the seat of Givendale remains empty, and that a potential Councillor does not have to be resident of that extremely small ward to represent it. <i>ACTION: All to consider possible candidates for co-option at the September meeting</i>
22.24 22.241	Ongoing issues from the minutes for updating (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) Queen's Platinum Jubilee: The Council heard that the Jubilee event had been a success, with many parishioners attending and a good time had by all. The Council THANKED Skelton Newby Hall School for use of their field and Newby Hall for loan of the marquee, which was especially useful during an unforecast shower. The Council considered that this event could be a blueprint for future community celebrations, whether outdoors or in.
22.242	Highways: The Council heard that NYCC Highways had responded to the queries from the May meeting, saying that the main road pavement had been mended to their satisfaction and that Back Lane is indeed an adopted highway. The Clerk had written to dispute the first two assertions, and to ask that the enormous potholes in Back Lane be fixed. NYCC Cllr Nick Brown added that he was due to meet Area 6 Highways on 26 th July and would raise all these issues.
22.25	Questions and Comments from members of the public / district and county councillors NYCC Cllr Brown introduced himself as the new county councillor for Bishop Monkton and Newby, and said that he intends to work closely with the 16 parishes within his ward; probably by arranging regular intra-parish meetings rather than necessarily attending every meeting of all parishes. Cllr Brown added that preparations continue for the institution of the new unitary North Yorkshire Council, and that he sits on the scrutiny committee for the reorganisation. Finally, Cllr Brown noted that a planned meeting with NYCC Highways about issues particular to his area had been postponed due to illness but was going ahead in early August, and that any contributions the Parish Council wished to make on that or many other matter were always welcome via the Clerk. The Council congratulated Cllr Brown on his election and welcomed him as NYCC link councillor.
22.26	Financial Statement and approvals for payment The Council was noted as having on hand £24,460.31 on 30 th June 2022, with recent receipts noted of £286 (Reading Room rental), £1,254 (Covid relief grant for Reading Room), £800 (Jubilee grant from Harrogate BC) and £980 (Jubilee grant from National Lottery).

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	<p>It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Wages (Clerk Apr-Jun, Cleaner Apr-Jun); Clerk's expenses/training qtr 1 £153.00; HMRC (PAYE qtr 1) £153.00; Yorkshire Accountants Ripon (payroll admin qtr 1) £30+VAT; NYCC (speed survey) £110+VAT; and Advance Fore Services (annual service of Reading Room equipment) £36.65+VAT.</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £23,395.70</p>
22.27	<p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>The Council considered 22/01480/FUL for two extensions at "Dale View", Ripon Road, and RESOLVED that it had no objection to this application.</p> <p>A MoP raised the issue of a potential planning application for gravel extraction at Givendale which had been covered in the local press. The Clerk added that he had been informed of this by a colleague in a neighbouring parish and was following it up with the planning consultancy involved.</p> <p><i>[Clerk's note: the consultancy has since the meeting replied that "for a number of reasons we have taken the decision not to pursue the matter further at this time."]</i></p>
22.28	<p>Black Lion pub</p> <p>The Council heard feedback from a public meeting which had been attended by about a quarter of the parish's electors, where there had been enthusiasm for investigating a community buyout, looking at buying the freehold, raising money from community shares, and running the building as a multi-use community hub. A steering group has been set up and an application is being prepared to register the pub as an asset of community value (ACV). The Council RESOLVED that it fully supports the objectives of the "Skelton-on-Ure Pub and Hub" group, and to support the group with funding of up to £5,000 to cover the costs of a professional valuation, Plunkett Foundation membership, and set-up costs as the group becomes a constituted entity.</p> <p>The Council heard that there was no update from Admiral Taverns on the status of the Black Lion. Meanwhile the Clerk had been contacted by a potential purchaser (for residential use) who had intended to attend this meeting to explain their plans, but had not done so.</p>
22.29	<p>Reading Room licence</p> <p>The Council considered whether to apply for a permanent licence for the Reading Room, but RESOLVED not to do so on the grounds both of cost, and that were the Black Lion buyout to be successful a permanent Reading Room licence would not be necessary.</p>
22.30	<p>Reading Room lighting</p> <p>The Council considered commissioning a new lighting system for the Reading Room, but RESOLVED that the proposed system was neither necessary at this time nor good value for money.</p>
22.31	<p>Correspondence</p>
22.311	<p>MOP: Noting fly-tipping within the village. The Clerk noted that this was on Newby Hall land and the complaint had been passed on to NH.</p>
22.312	<p>Council for British Archaeology: Asking if there are historic remains in the parish which would benefit from further investigation.</p>
22.313	<p>Harrogate BC Parks and Environmental: Noting that a review of litter bin provision had recommended no alteration to the current situation within the parish.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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