

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: Wednesday 7th August 2019
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: The Reading Room, Skelton-on-Ure
PRESENT: Cllrs Jane Mosley (Chair), Guy Critchlow, Phil Tottie, Richard Littlefair (after 19.16)
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 8 Members of the Public [MoP], Harrogate BC Cllr Nick Brown

19.13	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none
19.14	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lawrence Paterson. Apologies were also noted from NYCC Cllr Robert Windass.
19.15	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2019 These were AGREED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
19.16	Casual Vacancy The council RESOLVED to co-opt Richard Littlefair to the vacant seat in Givendale ward. Cllr Littlefair then joined the rest of the councillors for the remainder of the meeting.
19.17	Questions and Comments from members of the public / district and county councillors District Cllr Brown noted that the Harrogate Local Plan, currently in its final consultation phase, is being used to inform planning decisions, with 6.89 years' worth of land supply being contained within the plan. In response to a comment from a MoP, Cllr Brown noted that in the absence of any local plan allocation, no significant development within this parish would be approved in the foreseeable future, unless the community itself brought forward plans for community-led and/or affordable housing to meet an identified need. Cllr Brown asked for anyone inconvenienced by the teething troubles of either the new waste collection system or the Civic Centre switchboard to report them to himself. He finally noted that the Safer Neighbourhood Group had met in July, where small increases in crime generally and in rural crime had been noted, and that he intended to raise these issues at the district level in September.
19.18	WREN Foundation funded and other Reading Room improvements The council heard that the heating and glazing work was now complete. The Reading Room is to be decorated in September by Community Payback volunteers. The kitchen is to be tiled and the bathrooms decorated, mostly pro bono. Cllr Mosley asked parishioners to let her know any ideas to increase hall usage, both in terms of the number of events and of people attending.
19.19	Financial Statement and approvals for payment The Council was noted as having on hand £5,959.30 on 1 st August 2019 It was RESOLVED to formally approve the following payments, which had been made after the inqorate July meeting following approval by email: Wages (Clerk April-June, Cleaner April-June); Clerk's expenses and training qtr 1 £106.47; Yorkshire Accountants Ripon (payroll administration) £36.00; HMRC (PAYE qtr 1) £116.80; East Yorkshire Glass (WREN-funded Reading Room window work) £5,342.66; Scotton Park Electrical (Reading Room heating connection) £54.00; Yorkshire Water (setting up water supply to the allotments, funded by Awards for All) £595.60; and Two Ridings Community Foundation-funded Reading Room expenditure to D. Mageean (£51.75), J. Mosley (£28.00), A. Steel (£73.12) and Screwfix Ltd (£59.99).

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	<p>Receipts were noted for Reading Room hire (£280 in May, £120 in June, £64 in July), and £11,950 as part payment of the WREN grant.</p> <p>The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being 448.52, but it was also noted that a further grant payment from WREN of £4,250 is due on 14th August to assuage any cashflow worries.</p>
19.20	<p>Speed limit</p> <p>The council noted that North Yorkshire County Council has made an Order under Sections 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 applying a 30mph speed limit in various places around the parish, with six new signs installed and two replaced. Councillors welcomed this decision.</p>
19.21	<p>Permissive paths</p> <p>The Council noted the correspondence from Newby Hall Estate regarding permissive paths in the parish. Cllr Critchlow reported on various queries which he had passed on to the Estate and their responses as follows:</p> <p>The Church Wood path is not designated as a permissive path, as its use would open the Estate to various issues of liability;</p> <p>The path from Mulwith Lane to the River Ure is still valid, but could not be straightforwardly marked on the map circulated for reasons of scale;</p> <p>The path from Back Lane, where it takes a sharp right to Moor Lane, is designated as a permissive path, but the Estate noted that there may not always be a pedestrian route along it, depending on the farming needs of the land at various times of year.</p>
19.22	<p>Bank signatories</p> <p>The Council considered whether to move its banking to Unity Trust Bank, whose products are tailored to the statutory and authorising needs of parish councils. However, the bank charges £6 per month for current account banking. The Council RESOLVED to bring this matter back to the October meeting.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED that the signing arrangement for its HSBC accounts ****2825 and ****2833 shall be any two from Councillors Jane Mosley, Guy Critchlow, Richard Littlefair and Phil Tottie.</p> <p><i>Action: This issue to be on the agenda for October's meeting</i></p>
19.23	<p>Planning application and decisions</p> <p>There were no applications to consider.</p> <p>The council NOTED the approval subject to conditions of application 19/01757/FUL for five link roads at Newby Hall Estate, and 19/02015/LB for installation of guttering and soakaway, and replacement of rotten bay window fascia and windowsill, at Mulwith Farm.</p>
19.24	<p>Correspondence</p>
19.241	PKF Littlejohn: noting that they have received and logged the council's notification of exempt status for the financial 2018-19.
19.242	Yorkshire Water: notification that the billing provider for water services to the Reading Room and allotments will be provided by Business Stream Ltd.
19.243	Ay Up Yorkshire: Notice of a non-competitive cycle sportive passing through the parish on 12 th October
19.244	Harrogate BC: Information about "Warm and Well" events aimed at those who have contact with vulnerable people who would benefit from advice about keeping warm and well in winter.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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