

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Online via Zoom  
**PRESENT:** Cllrs Jane Mosley (Chair), Guy Critchlow, Richard Littlefair, Lawrence Paterson, Phil Tottie  
**CLERK:** Nick Reed (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Harrogate BC Cllr Nick Brown, 9 members of the public [MoP]

21.16	<b>Declarations of interest</b> and requests for dispensation There were none
21.17	<b>Apologies</b> and consideration of reasons for absence There were none, all councillors being present
21.18	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b> These were AGREED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
21.19 21.191	<b>Ongoing issues from minutes for updating</b> (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <b>Dog fouling</b> – The Council noted that a balance is needed between robust and placatory in any publicity encouraging dog owners to dispose of their animals’ waste responsibly. It was also noted that Newby Hall Estate has put new signs up on their grounds. The Council THANKED community volunteers for their continued work in emptying the dog bin at Cherry Tree Wood, and reminded parishioners that dog waste can be disposed of an any Harrogate BC bin. <i>Action: Clerk to contact Harrogate BC to see if they still have a dedicated anti dog fouling officer</i> <i>Action: Cllr Paterson to contact school with a view to organising a poster competition</i>
21.192	<b>Website</b> – The Council NOTED that the new website at <a href="http://www.skeltoncumnewbypc.org">www.skeltoncumnewbypc.org</a> is live and compliant with the 2015 Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.
21.193	<b>High Moor Lane</b> – The Council received a report compiled by Cllr Critchlow, and agreed that pressure needed to continue on NYCC Highways in the hope that they would move this increasingly dilapidated road up their repairs list. <i>Action: Clerk to pass on report to NYCC Cllr Windass and NYCC Highways</i>
21.194	<b>Reading Room</b> – The Council heard that the damp survey was due to be conducted during the week following this meeting.
21.20	<b>Questions and Comments</b> from members of the public / district and county councillors Harrogate BC Cllr Brown welcomed Cllr Critchlow as Chair, and complemented Cllr Mosley on her efficiency and courtesy over several years in that role. He then reported that no information was yet forthcoming on the forthcoming creation of unitary authority/ies to supersede NYCC and the county’s district councils, but that it was hoped that information would come out before the parliamentary recess started on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July. He further reported that Harrogate BC had unanimously agreed to pursue the parishing of Harrogate town, which along with Scarborough is the only unparished town in North Yorkshire and may therefore be disadvantaged by whichever future arrangement is set up. Cllr Brown has written to the Chief Executive of Harrogate BC about the future of commuted sums, and was reassured by the response that these would continue to exist as they are statutory requirements regarding “new build” works. Finally, Cllr Brown reported that planning permission for a motorway service area at Kirby Hill had been granted by the government inspector at appeal, but that the RAMS campaign group is still investigating the process and any remaining options.

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<b>21.21</b>	<b>Financial Statement and approvals for payment</b> The Council was noted as having on hand £28,823.42 on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021, with recent receipts, all from or via Harrogate Borough Council, being £2,508.00 (precept #1 of 2), £2,086.00 (Reading Room Covid interruption grant), £8,000.00 (RR Covid restart grant), and £176.00 (hire of RR for election). It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Wages (Clerk Apr-Jun, Cleaner Apr-Jun); Clerk's expenses/training qtr 1 £84.98; HMRC (PAYE qtr 1) £137.60; Yorkshire Accountants Ripon (payroll admin qtr 1) £36.00; NBB Recycled Furniture (£1,673.92, RR picnic tables and parasols); Northern Polytunnels (allotment equipment) £1,636.13; Wild Garlic Ltd (£558.00, website design, population and hosting); Spectrum Futures CIC (£186.23, internal audit); and Cllr Mosley (£87.64, RR expenses). Direct debit payments were noted to Business Stream (£30.80, Reading Room), E.On Next (£56.35, RR electricity), and RC Compton (£30.00, RR rent). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £25,507.97.
<b>21.22</b>	<b>Planning applications and decisions</b> The Council considered 21/02564/FUL for the conversion of a garage to form ancillary accommodation at "Dale View", Boroughbridge Road, and RESOLVED that it has no objection to the plans, provided that paragraph 3 of the design and access statement – that no separate dwelling be formed – is written in as a condition. The Council NOTED the granting subject to standard conditions of 21/00592/FUL for an extension at 4 Cherry Tree Close.
<b>21.23</b>	<b>Black Lion pub</b> The Clerk reported that he, as well as various parishioners, had been in contact with Admiral Taverns as owners of the pub. They now have vacant possession of the site, and have made the pub secure and prevented vehicular access to the remaining caravan. The Council AGREED that its desire is to encourage Admiral to share its intentions regarding the pub, ideally via a site visit at which the site's possibilities – notably its proximity to Newby Hall and potential as a "destination pub" and motorhome facility – and the clear local enthusiasm for continued/resumed pub provision could be explored. The Council was pleased to hear that Newby Hall supports the reopening of the pub and would certainly not regard i.e. an improved food offer as in any way competition. <b>Action: Clerk to pursue with Admiral Taverns and any other interested parties</b>
<b>21.24</b>	<b>Platinum Jubilee beacon</b> The Council heard that Newby Hall was intending to light a beacon on the hill towards Marton-le-Moor, as had happened at the Diamond Jubilee, and RESOLVED that it was not necessary to arrange any other event on that evening.
<b>21.25</b>	<b>Post-Covid social event</b> The Council NOTED the offers from various parishioners to help organise such an event, probably at Skelton Cricket Club, and RESOLVED to contribute up to £1,200 as a Section 137 grant towards space hire, entertainment and publicity costs for such an event, noting that it would likely and hopefully take place before the next Parish Council meeting.
<b>21.26</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> There was none to report which was not encompassed in other agenda items.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

SIGNED: ..... (Chair)

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