

PRESTON UNDER SCAR PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 July 2022

Present: Councillors Amsden (Chairman), Fletcher, Knights and Sayers

Clerk: Linda Stevens

An apology for absence was received from District Councillor Amsden

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 19 May 2022

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 19 May 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. To declare Councillors' interests in items on the agenda: None

3. Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Councillors considered an application received from Jules Higham for co-option as a Parish Councillor

Resolved:

To co-opt Jules Higham as a Parish Councillor for the remainder of the current term of office of Parish Councillors

4. Action taken since the Annual Village Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting

Trees in The Stanney: The Clerk had written to the Bolton Estate who had advised that whilst the Forestry Commission usually granted felling licences within 3 months, there were currently delays in dealing with them. The Estate had approached a contractor to undertake the necessary work, which it was hoped would be completed shortly after the Estate received permission. Further details would be provided to the Parish Council when available.

Potholes in the Village: These had been reported and had been patched

Village Signage: This matter had been raised with County Council Officers by County Councillor Sedgwick and would be considered.

Quarry: A zoom meeting with the Quarry Manager and Mr Steve Carter, Area Operations Manager, had taken place on 30 June 2022. The main outcomes from that meeting were:

- An undertaking to install a wheel washer within the next two months
- Arrangements were being made for Councillors Amsden and Sayers, and Gareth Woodyer to visit the site and to review monitoring data
- The Quarry Manager would provide the Parish Council with a monthly progress report, which the Clerk would circulate to residents via email
- A further Quarry Meeting would be held in December 2022

Village Hall – sound baffles: the Village Hall Committee had discussed this issue the recent and was in the process of ascertaining costings and researching various solutions. The Parish Council would be kept updated.

Village Play Area:

- (1) The Village Hall Committee had discussed the seating in the play area and was in the process of ascertaining costings and researching various solutions. The Parish Council would be kept updated.
- (2) Richmondshire District Council had supplied the Clerk with the most recent Play Equipment Inspection report and had confirmed that it would only maintain any play item within the play area and the boundary etc. Any other item placed in there was a Parish responsibility. RDC had advised that there were no major issues with the play items, and that they were working with pest control to try and find a safe and suitable answer to the rabbit issues.

Village Emergency Plan:

- (1) An officer from the North Yorkshire Resilience Forum was happy to attend a remote or face to face meeting to support the Parish Council and the village in the preparation of a Resilience Plan.
- (2) Councillor Sayers had attended a training session on Resilience Planning organised by the YLCA

Resolved:

That the Clerk arrange a Zoom Meeting with representatives of the Resilience Forum, to focus on the practicalities of producing a Resilience Plan using the Forum's template, and that residents interested in assisting with the development of a Plan be invited to that meeting.

5. Finance and Banking

(1) Resolved:

To note the following opening balances as at 1 June 2022:

Current Account: £12,225,48
Savings Account: £2,287.50

(2) Resolved:

To note the following payments authorised by the Clerk since the last meeting of the Parish Council on 5 July 2022 under her delegated authority:

Payee	Item	Payment type	Amount
Richmondshire DC	Additional litter bin for Cemetery	Cheque	£120
DCN	Grass Cutting (May)	BACS	£350
DCN	Grass Cutting (June)	BACS	£240
YLCA	Cllr Sayers' attendance on Resilience Planning Training Session	BACS	£8.35
Mr D Brooks	Reimbursement of Parish Council Zoom Charges for March/April May 2022.	BACS	£57.56

(3) Resolved:

To approve the First Quarter Financial Review as submitted to the meeting

4. Village Maintenance

Councillor Knights reported that both noticeboards were in need of attention, in particular the hinges and the wooden frames.

Resolved:

That Councillor Fletcher ask Dave Rothwell to inspect and report back on the condition of the noticeboards and any work required.

5. Cemetery Charges

The Clerk reported that fees were due under the Cemetery Regulations 2008 in respect of a recent burial in the cemetery. She had not been able to trace a copy of those regulations or the schedule of fees payable thereunder. Entries in the Cemetery Database, indicated that the following fees were payable under those regulations:

Burial: £50.00

Placing of a memorial: £30.00

The Parish Council was requested to endorse the application of those fees in this instance and in respect of any fees payable in the future under the 2008 Cemetery Regulations.

Resolved:

That the following fees be charged in respect of the recent burial and any future burials which are subject to the Preston under Scar Cemetery Regulations 2008:

Burial Fee £50.00

Memorial Fee £30.00

Planning Applications

New Applications:

Application 22/00338/FULL - Full Planning Permission for Agricultural Building (Retrospective) at Bolton Hall Farm, The Estate Office, Bolton Hall, Wensley, North Yorkshire, DL8 4UF – *planning permission granted*

Upcoming Applications: None notified

Update on Previous Applications

Application 22/00200/FULL - Planning Permission to Create a New Avenue from Bolton Hall to Lords Bridge by Converting a Corridor of Intensive Dairy Grassland to Low Intensity, Species Rich Grassland, a New Avenue of Trees, a Drive Down the Centre and a Carriage Sweep in Front of Bolton Hall at Bolton Hall, Wensley, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4UF – *awaiting decision*

21/000720/FULL - Full Planning Permission for Proposed Two Storey Detached Dwelling with off Street Parking and New Highways Access at Hillcrest, Preston Under Scar, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 4AJ – *awaiting decision*.

9. Date and agenda items for the next meeting

Councillors noted that the budget/precept meeting normally held in late November/early December was required by law to be a face-to-face meeting, but that other meetings held before that could, unless circumstances/agenda items demanded a face to face meeting, be held remotely in accordance with the arrangements previously approved on 13 January 2022, and agreed that this was their preferred approach.

In addition to the Zoom Meeting in respect of the preparation of a Resilience Plan, It was agreed that the Clerk organise a site visit to the Cemetery during the summer to progress the development of plans to bring the extension into use.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.

CHAIRMAN