

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF LITTLE OUSEBURN, KIRBY HALL & THORPE UNDERWOOD held in the Village Hall on Thursday 4th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Doug Smith (Chairman), Russ Harrison, Caroline Bligh, Nicholas Orr. County Cllr. Andy Paraskos, Amanda Kennerley (clerk)

21/39 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr. James Nellist (approved), District Cllr. Ann Myatt

21/40 To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest (not previously declared) on any matters of business. None

21/41 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 19th, 2021: These were approved and signed as a correct record.

21/42 Public Participation: We aim to allow approximately 15 minutes for comments and questions. Standing orders are suspended for this item. None present though a villager had asked the clerk to raise the issue of speeding through the village, especially at rush hour. The PC agreed that this was often the case and highlighted the matter to County Cllr. Paraskos. Clerk to contact the police again to see if they could be around at that time of the day.

County Cllr. Paraskos informed the meeting that the Local Government Review was on-going. NYCC would have 90 councillors in total. Areas are to be divide by constituency boundaries, though this is still under review.

21/43 To approve the design of a village sign on approach from Great Ouseburn. The PC approved a Little Ouseburn sign with "Please drive carefully" underneath. They wished it to be as simple as possible and erected on the Parish boundary just after Boat Lane and before Fishponds Bridge. Cllr. James Nellist had offered free installation by his company, if approved by NYCC. County Cllr. Paraskos kindly offered £400 towards costs from his Locality Budget. Clerk to action.

21/44 Planning – To note decisions made since last meeting:

21/03187/FUL Construction of ancillary building in rear garden, Thorpe House, Thorpe Underwood YO26 9SR for Mr and Mrs Ward – NO OBJECTIONS

21/04115/COU Retrospective application for change of use of agricultural building to industrial use, Spacey House Farm, Nun Monkton YO26 8EJ for Walmsley – NO OBJECTIONS

To consider at the meeting:

21/04276/FUL Demolition of former public house and erection of 5 dwellings with garaging, Green Tree Inn, YO26 9TJ for EMADI. This application replaces **20/02768/FUL**, which was to convert the current building into 3 dwellings plus two new dwellings: The PC wished to seek safeguards regarding road safety and requested an S38 and or an S278 from Highways with a view to reducing the speed limit on that stretch of the B6265 to 40 mph.

21/04664/TPO Various tree pruning and removal under Tree Preservation Order, The Old Vicarage, Main Street, YO26 9TD for Mr Finn – The PC approved to leave this application to the HBC arboriculturist officer who is far better qualified to make a decision.

Finance:

21/45 To receive current financial statement and to note accounts for payment. As of 4th November, there was £8885.98 collectively in the current and two reserve accounts. Invoice to pay, Poppy Wreath (N. Orr) £21.98

- a) HSBC is charging £5 a month for community accounts from November 1st plus 40p for every cheque processed. It was approved that the clerk source another bank (without charges) for the PC, following all current financial regulations and risk assessments. Internet banking would be preferable. The clerk had found that many banks were not accepting switch accounts due to high demand but she will keep trying.
- b) To set the parish precept for 2022/23. The clerk provided the PC with expected future expenditure and it was approved to raise the precept by 1.3% to £3800
- c) The PC laptop stopped working at the end of August. The clerk received approval from the Chairman to repair the laptop as clearly this was an emergency (LOPC Financial Regulations 4.5). Approved.

21/46 Clerk's notes (need no approval)

1. The sightlines over Fishponds Bridge have been reported to Highways with additional pictures. LOPC has asked that Highways visit the area to see which hedges are causing the problems.
2. Many thanks to Sarah Greensit as guardian of the defib, for changing the pads and registering the defib on the national website "The Circuit" <https://www.thecircuit.uk/>
3. Road repairs - Main Street was "planed" and then a surface of 50mm close graded asphalt laid. Any potholes in the carriageway were repaired before the new surface was applied. The works also raised the level of manhole hole covers and fire hydrant covers in the carriageway. Next year the plan is to surface dress the whole carriageway. LOPC thanked County Cllr. Paraskos for all his efforts in helping this to occur and wished to thank NYCC for an excellent job from their courteous workers.
4. Queen Ethelburgas have approached LOPC and WPC as they are launching a new student project with the aim of providing stronger links with the local community. There is also the thought that students and staff can work with the local Parish Councils to improve the environment and experiences of local people. Cllr. Orr and Cllr. Beckett from WPC to meet the Deputy Head.
5. Litter bin collections were delayed due to the road resurfacing.
6. Broken light reported outside Broomfield Cottages
7. Mis-aligned gate on Public Right of Way, Moss Hill Lane, reported to NYCC Paths as cattle are escaping. This was raised again as urgent. Clerk to contact to Mr Leather requesting repair of the gate.
8. Reports of unpleasant sewerage type smells in Thorpe Underwood. QE have checked their Klargestor and everything appears to be in order. Further investigations are on-going.
9. Bluebell bulbs collected from Harlow nurseries are to be planted on the triangle by the B6265 junction and by the village gates
10. Many thanks to Queen Ethelburgas for replacing the sandbags at the village hall and removing those that were damaged.
11. Reported to Environmental Agency - potential breach in the environmental laws by Mr D. Almond of The Caravan, Waters Meadow, Thorpe Underwood YO26 9TA – no reply is to be received as the EA cite "lack of resources".

21/47 To note correspondence received and circulated by the clerk.

1. Bulletins and Covid-19 updates from HBC & NYCC. Forwarded to resident's email where appropriate.
2. A virtual public inquiry into the proposed increased toll charges on Aldwark bridge 25th October.
3. NYCC Selby and Ainsty Constituency meeting 24th September
4. Potential opportunity to acquire 150 trees free of charge <https://eforests.co.uk/freetrees>. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea but the PC doesn't own any suitable land.
5. 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire action group to hold an online meeting with prospective PCC Commissioner candidates.

21/48 To date and time of the next meeting is provisionally 3rd February 2022

The meeting closed at 20.40