

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF LITTLE OUSEBURN, KIRBY HALL & THORPE UNDERWOOD held on Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 7pm an on-line meeting via Zoom

Present: Cllrs. Doug Smith (Chairman), Russ Harrison, Nicholas Orr. District Councillor Ann Myatt, County Councillor Andy Paraskos, Amanda Kennerley (clerk).

20/32 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr. Caroline Bligh (internet issues) approved

20/33 To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest (not previously declared) on any matters of business. NONE

20/34 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 16th - Approved and signed as a correct record

20/35 Public Participation: We aim to allow approximately 15 minutes for comments and questions. Standing orders are suspended for this item. No members of the public.

20/36 Reports from the County and District Councillors (taken together due to internet issues) –

New Cabinet member for Planning at HBC - Councillor Rebecca Burnett has stood down from her role and has been replaced by Councillor Tim Myatt (no relation). Tim was Ward Councillor for Marston Moor up to 2018 so has some understanding of rural affairs.

New settlement Development Plan Document (DPD) Public Consultation - The New Settlement DPD Consultation is now in progress and runs until December 11th 2020. The public are invited to comment on the location of the settlement and the key priorities in its planning and design. You can do this via the HBC website <https://consult.harrogate.gov.uk>. There will be a leaflet drop delivered by Royal Mail to postcodes to inform the public about the existence of the Consultation.

Unitary Authority for North Yorkshire – local government reorganisation - The Secretary of State for Communities, Housing and Local Government has now formally written to request the Districts Councils of North Yorkshire and NYCC to submit proposals to the Ministry for Unitary Local Government in our County to replace the existing two tiers of decision making. The districts have commissioned KPMG to investigate the best options for restructuring. They have advised that two Unitary authorities would be best, amalgamating the existing Districts, each to serve about 400,000 population. HBC favours two Unitary Authorities based on an East-West split so Harrogate would merge with Craven, Richmondshire and Hambleton. The East Unitary would merge Ryedale, Selby, Scarborough and York. NYCC favours one Unitary covering its existing footprint. The usual consultations will take place. It is assumed that Unitary authority would start in April 2023.

20/37 Planning –

a) To note decisions made by LOPC since last meeting:

20/02290/FUL Erection of agricultural building for storing straw, West Sleeper Farm YO26 9TL for Mr P Bielby – NO OBJECTIONS

20/03027/TPO Felling of Ash tree, The Old Vicarage, Main Street YO26 9TD for Mr Clapperton – NO OBJECTIONS

20/02768/FUL Conversion of public house into 3 dwellings plus 2 detached houses with garages in car park, Green Tree Inn YO26 9TJ for Mr M Caveney – NO OBJECTIONS

b) To note decisions made by HBC since last meeting: None when agenda written

c) To consider at the meeting:

20/03412/ADV Display of 2no. externally-illuminated wall-mounted lettering signs and 1no. non-illuminated free-standing directional sign to the west entrance on Thorpe Green Lane Queen Ethelburgas College Thorpe Green Lane Thorpe Underwood YO26 9SS No objections provided the signage is similar to the other signage in situ already.

Finance:

20/38 a) The current financial statement was circulated prior to the meeting.

b) To set parish precept for 2020/21 – It was approved to maintain the precept at the current level of £3750 for 2021-22.

c) No accounts paid or to be paid at present.

20/39 To consider a request from Aldwark PC to work together to object to proposed 100% increase in toll charges across Aldwark bridge. The PC approved to write and object to the price increases and work in conjunction with Aldwark PC if necessary, but not to contribute to a forensic accountant as requested.

20/40 Clerk's notes (need no approval)

1. New finials ordered and replaced by clerk on village gates, Main Street.
2. Re- reporting of change of placement of public footpath sign, Main Street (initially reported in June)
3. Snowdrop bulbs to be planted and village gates cleaned by Grounds Maintenance Contractor
4. Coronavirus information from HBC, NYCC and various others. All forwarded to residents' email.
5. The planter on the Green is to be re-stocked with flowering plants.
6. The village hall has contacted the PC regarding the ownership and upkeep of the defibrillator. Clerk to investigate further as it is expected that the batteries will soon need replacing.

20/41 To note correspondence received and circulated by the clerk.

1. Bulletins and updates from HBC, NYCC and County Cllr. Andy Paraskos
2. Notification of Approval of Harrogate District Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule
3. Information from NYCC and HBC with regard to government proposal to see the North Yorkshire area combined into one or two unitary authorities.
4. Prior notification of road closure, Great Ouseburn, Main Street, 7th -11th September
5. Prior notification of replacement water pipe on Thorpe Green Lane 5th October to mid – November

20/42 The next meeting will be in January 2021. The meeting closed at 7.40pm