

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
LITTLE OUSEBURN, KIRBY HALL & THORPE UNDERWOOD  
held in the Village Hall  
on Thursday 10th February 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs. Doug Smith (Chairman), James Nellist, Caroline Bligh. District Cllr. Ann Myatt, Amanda Kennerley (clerk), 3 members of the public.

22/01 Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Russ Harrison, Nicholas Orr (approved), County Cllr. Andy Paraskos

22/02 To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest (not previously declared) on any matters of business. None

22/03 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Nov 4th: Approved and signed as a correct record.

22/04 Public Participation: We aim to allow approximately 15 minutes for comments and questions. Standing orders are suspended for this item.

Concern was raised by a resident that the road surface at the east end of Back Lane has been eroded by surface run off. The road is often flooded and access is required at all times to the wood and property within.

District Cllr. Ann Myatt informed the meeting that HBC have approved a 1.9% increase in its council tax.

22/05 To approve the design of a village sign on approach from Great Ouseburn. County Cllr. Paraskos has kindly donated £400 towards this through his Locality Budget. It was approved to go with the dibond shaped sign from Arien Designs @£290 plus VAT and delivery. Clerk will send this design for approval with NYCC and chase up the request that Cllr. Nellist's company have offered to erect free of charge.

22/06 To consider joining the Action Network "20's Plenty" campaign and approve the following motion: "Little Ouseburn Grouped Parish Council supports the implementation of 20mph as the default speed limit for our parish and in other villages in North Yorkshire where people live, work, shop, play and learn. This parish council will write to the Leader and Cabinet Member for the Highway Authority (currently North Yorkshire County Council) to implement a County wide policy on this issue to support 20mph as the default limit, with higher limits only where the needs of vulnerable road users are fully taken into account" The was approved by all as any opportunity to reduce speeding through Little Ouseburn and other villages should be encouraged.

22/07 To consider setting up a working party and/or contributing to funding with other village organisations, for village Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the first weekend of June. The Chairman proposed that the PC approve to donate up to £500 towards a Jubilee Party in the village with the money going towards a barbeque and food. This was approved by all. Cllr. Smith to contact the Village Hall committee with a view to joint collaboration.

It was also proposed that some of the money could go towards planting a tree to commemorate the event. Clerk to contact HBC to see if one could be planted near the planter on the Green.

22/08 Planning – To note decisions made by LOPC since last meeting:

**21/05517/COU** Change of use from classrooms to main reception, waiting rom and shop, QE College, YO26 9SS for Amy Martin – SUPPORT THE APPLICATION

**21/05546/FUL** Detached Forest lodge facility for provision of education, QE College, YO26 9SS for Amy Martin – NO OBJECTIONS

**22/00032/FUL** Erection single bungalow & demolition of outbuildings, Fair View YO26 9TD for Mr M Gudgeon – NO OBJECTIONS

To note decisions made by HBC since last meeting

**TPO 52/2021** Holly Tree Cottage, Main Street, Little Ouseburn, York YO26 9TD

**21/03187/FUL** Construction of ancillary building in rear garden, Thorpe House, Thorpe Underwood YO26 9SR for Mr and Mrs Ward – PERMISSION GRANTED

**21/04664/TPO** Various tree pruning and removal under Tree Preservation Order, The Old Vicarage, Main Street, YO26 9TD for Mr Finn – GRANT CONSENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Finance:

22/09 The current financial statement was circulated. There is £5818.27 in the current a/c and £2451.06 in the reserve account.

- a) The clerk is in the process of setting up internet banking with NatWest with the intention of transferring all accounts from HSBC (which now charges). It was approved to agree to all terms and conditions as stated by NatWest and all forms were signed where applicable. Other signatures to be obtained asap and clerk to action.

22/10 Clerk's notes (need no approval)

1. The rubbish bin outside the Holy Trinity Church and the dog waste bin on the other side of Fishponds bridge have disappeared. No update received. Clerk to chase up.
2. NY Police have requested monitoring on Main Street, Little Ouseburn using an automatic speed data logging device. These had been suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic so there is a backlog.
3. Corroded manhole cover on Main Street has been replaced.
4. Sinkhole on B6265 by junction of New Lane, Whixley, was reported and filled. This has subsequently collapsed again. Clerk re-reported
5. Cllr. Orr met with the Deputy head of QE College, who are looking for ways that they can engage with the local community and raise the profile and perceived reputation of the school. Suggestions included  
Take charity stand / CCF display at village open gardens.  
Involvement of the QE choir in local church services.  
Sponsor / plant flower planter / flower bed in village.  
Invite locals to school productions etc.  
Increased DoE activity in local area.  
Litter picking and help in refurbishing the notice boards.  
They are keen to create a more positive profile and would be interested in any further thoughts.
6. Mis-aligned gate on Public Right of Way, Moss Hill Lane, reported as cattle are escaping. This was raised again as urgent. This has been recategorized as a Highways Issue.
7. Reports of unpleasant sewerage type smells in Thorpe Underwood. QE have checked their Klargester and everything appears to be in order. Further investigations are on-going.
8. Bluebell bulbs planted on the triangle by the B6265 junction and by the Village Gates. This free offer is open again from HBC this year and it was approved to request more bluebells for the other end of Main Street in the shady areas.

22/11 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. Road closures in Great Ouseburn were circulated on the residents' email
3. LGA councillors' personal safety webinar 8<sup>th</sup> December
4. Relevant information forwarded on residents' email

22/12 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting. Provisionally this was set as 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, being the AMPC