

Minutes of Hellifield Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 12th March 2020
Hellifield Village Institute - Yorke Room

Present: Councillors B Hugill, D Statt, B Moore, J Sleath, J Thwaite, F Ludlam-Brown, I Walton.
M Blackwell (Clerk), District Councillor Moorby (part), County Cllr Welch (part)
Members of the Public: 2

Councillor Hugill opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 9th January 2020 were approved.

2. Apologies – None.

3. To record members' interests: Cllr Moore registered an interest in Item 11.

4. Public Participation: A member of the public present advised the council that Speedwatch, the traffic Monitoring group in the village, to date had identified 10% of traffic coming through was speeding and he had written to NYCC. The Chairman thanked him for his efforts and for placing the yellow signs outside of the village regarding Speedwatch. Second member of the public present asked if there was any further information regarding the waste dumping on the Flashes. Cllr Moorby replied to say he had been in touch again with CDC Enforcement who believe the developer had permission to do this but was awaiting the legal documentation to prove it. The member of public also pointed out that the entrance to the site hadn't been closed off despite NYCC stating it had. County Cllr Welch said he would ask Highways about it. It was agreed that the Clerk would also write to CDC and NYCC to complain.

5. Village Matters

5.1 To receive any reports of antisocial behaviour and consider appropriate action. None received.

5.2 To receive updates from NYCC Police on crime. No report received.

5.3 To receive an update on the Play Areas. Cllr Moore reported the ramp had not yet been repaired due to poor weather but would hopefully be done very soon. No issues with the playgrounds at the moment.

5.4 To re-nominate Karen Dunwoodie as Trustee of Hellifield Institute. Cllr Hugill nominated Karen for a second term. Cllr Moore seconded. All voted in favour.

Resolution: To appoint Karen Dunwoodie as Trustee of Hellifield Institute for a second 4-year term.

5.5 To agree expenditure for hanging baskets and troughs for the village. Cllr Moore said the volunteer planters were happy with the supplier but may go for a different type of hanging basket this year. Cllr Thwaite asked Cllr Moore to thank the volunteers on behalf of the council for all their hard work.

5.6 To receive an update on the sewage discharge into Hellifield Beck. The Chairman read out the information and advice received from the Environment Agency. In summary it said some discharge is permitted after heavy rainfall or snow melt. However, should there be evidence of other discharge in dry weather or litter around the beck which has not been cleared up, please report via 0800 807060.

5.7 To discuss the local parish protest of Craven Planning: A meeting at Gargrave Village Hall is planned Wednesday 18th March at 6.30pm for those parishes who wish to be involved in the protest. Cllrs Hugill and Moore to attend the meeting and to provide at least two examples where CDC Planning had ignored the comments made by HPC in relation to planning applications. Discussions ensued as to which applications should be used as examples. It was agreed which 2 cases to put forward and to also make reference to the Flashes Development inasmuch as there was a failure by CDC to have a proper paper trail available for this application. **(Prior to publication of these minutes the 18th March meeting has been cancelled)**

5.8 To receive an update on Hellifield Football Club. There are plans to reinstate a football team in Hellifield. It is reported that training has begun in readiness for the next season. The football club has asked if HPC would consider some form of sponsorship for the football club and it was agreed to raise it as an agenda item at the May meeting. The Clerk to write to football club to advise of this.

6. Reports to and from District and County Councillors. District Councillor Moorby reported that in his opinion there should be more people employed in Enforcement at CDC as there is too much work and not enough people. CDC advised him that budget constraints this year meant it won't be taking on another Enforcement Officer but another Principle Planning Officer will be employed who also does some enforcement. Cllr Moorby confirmed all his grant monies have now been allocated.

County Cllr Welch reported that Health & Safety have deemed that a dustbin wagon is not allowed to reverse more than 12.5metres on an unmade road which means people have to move their bins to the end of an unmade road for collection. He has also learnt that last year £400,000 was paid out for agency staff for refuse collection to cover absence. Cllr Sleath stated this was a very high sum for agency staff which should be looked at and addressed by management. Cllr Welch confirmed that NYCC would be applying a 1.99% increase to council tax this year and in addition there is to be 2% precept earmarked for social care.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 Letter from CDC regarding parish council representatives to the Standards Committee was read out by the Chairman.

7.2 Letter from Mr P Emsley to NYCC (and response) regarding speeding in the village was read out by the Chairman who also thanked him for his efforts.

8. Street Lighting: Cllr Hugill confirmed Phase 3 was to commence late March/early April. The transfer of supply for street lighting from E-on to the NYCC consortium came into effect in January and should realise savings of 1K – 1.5K per annum.

The two members of the public left the meeting.

9. Highways: The damaged sign on Gisburn Road has been repaired but no sign of repair of the manholes. Traffic light reported out on Main St (A65). The Clerk to enquire with Highways why the traffic lights on Main St take so long to change in comparison with those on Kendal Road.

10. Planning items:

10.1 2020/21312/FUL – Single dwelling and access – Land at Gisburn Road – Decision. No comments.

10.2 To receive an update on potential Community Gain for 2019/20933/FUL – Cllr Statt said he was not sure if the figures were accurate but it appears that the percentage allocated to each area cannot be altered as it is set out in the Local Plan. However, HPC should be consulted on what its own allocation can be used for. Cllr Hugill believes the allocation should become available after the 11th house is built.

10.3 2020/21462VAR – To remove condition 2 (agricultural occupancy) on planning application 5/42/78 granted 31/1/83 – Tenley House, Hellifield. – All agreed that HPC should object on the grounds it would result in a loss of living accommodation for someone living in the area and employed in agriculture. The Clerk to write and object before 26th March 2020.

Cllrs Moorby & Welch left the meeting

11. Allotments –The Clerk reported one plot was available but as there was a waiting list, she was confident it would soon be reallocated.

11.1 To consider the offer of bulbs and matting for allotments from HAAGA. The Clerk to write to HAAGA and accept the offer suggesting liaison with HPC prior to planting to identify suitable places for the bulbs.

12. Finance -To discuss and approve financial matters including receipts, payments, transfers and donations.

Finances as at 31st January 2020

Current Statements

Lloyds TSB Account £ 16,686.48 as at 31st Jan 2020

Skipton Building Society £ 20,954.28 as at 31st Jan 2020

Receipts NIL

Payments	Village Maintenance – January	£192.43
	Administration – January	£452.60
	HMRC – Income tax & NI November	£158.20

E-on – Street Lighting December	£371.00
Donation to St Aidans Church	£360.00
Strimmer repair/oil/defenders	£74.95
Picnic Bench and Chair for Popay family	£1008.00
Total Payments	£2,617.18

Finances as at 29th February 2020

Current Statements

Lloyds TSB Account	£ 14,069.30 as at 29 th February 2020
Skipton Building Society	£20,954.28 as at 29 th February 2020

Receipts NIL

Payments	Village Maintenance – December	£192.63
	Administration – December	£432.60
	HMRC – Income tax & NI December	£153.00
	Annual Insurance Premium	£3,571.35
	Printer Ink	£16.19
	Garden Waste Collection Annual Fee	£36.00
	NYCC – Street Light Replacements	8100.12
	Playground Ramp repair	333.00
	Total Payments	£12,834.89

Resolved: That the receipts and payments be approved as scheduled

12.1 To review the Financial regulations and agree any necessary changes. All councillors have reviewed the regulations and agreed no changes required.

12.2 To nominate and approve internal auditor for 2019/2020 accounts. Cllr Hugill nominated John Bownass as internal auditor for the financial year 2019/2020. This was seconded and agreed by all.

Resolution: To appoint John Bownass as internal auditor for HPC accounts for financial year 2019/2020.

13. To receive items of information and proposals for the agenda of future Meetings.

Cllr Ludlam-Brown	The road verges along Nappa and Bank Newton are in a poor state and HPC should support Bank Newton PC in making a complaint to Highways. The Clerk to write.
Cllr Thwaite	Nothing to report.
Cllr Statt	The new picnic table and seat have been delivered to Mrs Popay and will be installed when weather improves.
Cllr Sleath	Nothing to report.
Cllr Walton	Nothing to report.
Cllr Moore	Mower and strimmer have been serviced and need to be collected from Becks. Need new storage place for them. The Clerk to write to Gala Committee and ask if there is space in their container. The Village Magazine intends to continue into its 2 nd year.
Cllr Hugill	St Aidans PCC wish to scrape the surface area near the War Memorial to the Church gate and have asked him if HPC would make a contribution to the cost. Needs to go on May agenda.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: 14th May 2020

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