

**Minutes of Hellifield Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**Hellifield Village Institute – Main Hall**

**Present:** Councillors B Hugill, D Statt, B Moore, J Thwaite, J Sleath, District Councillor Moorby, County Councillor Staveley, M Blackwell (Clerk)  
Members of the Public: 0

Councillor Hugill opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed everyone.

**1. Minutes** of the Parish Council meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 were approved.

**2. Apologies** – Received from Cllrs Walton and Ludlam-Brown.

**3. To record members' interests:** Cllr Moore – Item 12

**4. Public Participation.** None.

**5. To receive a presentation from the Trustees of Settle Swimming Pool.** The trustees gave an interesting insight into the history of the pool and the plans for its future. After 46 years the building is in urgent need of an upgrade. The building work started in September 2021 and the redevelopment will include new changing facilities, a café and activity area. The Settle Swimming Pool Charity Shop has helped contribute to the £800K cost of the redevelopment by raising up to £50K per year since it opened in 2017. It is anticipated the work will be concluded in the summer of 2022. More information can be found at [Settle Area Swimming Pool \(settleswimmingpool.co.uk\)](http://SettleAreaSwimmingPool(settleswimmingpool.co.uk)).

**6. Village Matters**

**6.1 To receive updates from NYCC Police on crime and any anti-social behaviour.** WPC Jayne Grace attended and gave a report on incidents in the area over the last 2 months. There were 33 incidents reported including: safeguarding incidents, highway disruption (sewage on street) Covid19, abandon/hoax calls, abandoned vehicle, civil dispute, 4 road traffic collisions, theft of black Ford Ranger pickup, theft of orange cement mixer. WPC Grace also reported there had been concerns raised regarding cats being poisoned but there has been no evidence to date to support this.

**6.2 To receive an update on the Play Areas.** Cllr Moore reported that the new Be-Bop play equipment on Thorndale St playground was being well-used. The annual playground inspections took place recently and the report identified a couple of fairly urgent actions which have now been rectified. There were also several non-urgent actions which will need to be done in the near future. Cllrs Hugill, Moore and Thwaite will carry out an inspection next week. One of the actions required is to replace the existing tyre tower. County Cllr Staveley has offered to donate some new tyres. Cllr Statt thanked Cllr Moore for all his work on keeping the playgrounds safe.

**6.3 To finalise 2021 Christmas Lights Event arrangements.** An 18ft Christmas tree has been sourced from TreeTops Forestry at a much cheaper price than other suppliers. The tree is to be delivered on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Walton and her husband have offered the use of their equipment to put the tree in place. Cllr Hugill is to hardwire the electrics for the lights. Volunteers will be needed to install the lights on the tree during the week leading up to the switch-on on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The WI will provide the refreshments but due to the Covid risks it was thought safer to distribute the refreshments from the door of the Institute rather than inside. It was hoped that 2/3 gazebos could be sourced to provide shelter.

**6.4 To discuss speeding on A65 and the 20s Plenty initiative.** Gargrave parish council has asked all local parish councils to consider a joint action regarding speeding through the A65 villages. In addition, the 20s Plenty initiative hopes to introduce a maximum 20mph speed limit through all North Yorkshire villages. Cllr Sleath commented that drivers do not currently adhere to the 30mph limit so he thinks dropping it to 20mph will be a waste of time. Cllr Moore felt it was unlikely to apply to the main road and more likely to be on side roads. He said in West Yorkshire there was a lot of 20mph limits in villages – also Settle has a 20mph limit through the town. Dist Cllr Moorby commented that out of 43 county areas, 39 had speed

cameras and North Yorkshire is one of the 4 that doesn't. Others commented that HPC's attempts to get a speed camera van in the village had failed and it was unlikely that this initiative will succeed.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all that HPC do not support 20s Plenty or the Gargrave initiative but will seek further support within its own area.

**Resolution: HPC do not support 20s Plenty or the Gargrave initiative but will seek further support within its own area.**

**6.5 To identify and agree any new projects for 2022.** Cllr Thwaite suggested a project to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Ideas put forward included a bench, a tree, an environmental project linked to the school, refurbishment of the playground. Cllr Statt thought it might be possible to get a grant towards any new project. The Clerk is to get costings for each and report back to the January meeting.

## **7. Reports to and from District and County Councillors.**

District Councillor Moorby reported (summary):

Unitary Authority - The proposal is to replace the Hellifield and Long Preston ward with a ward comprising Hellifield, Long Preston, Gargrave and Malhamdale and it will be called Gargrave and Malhamdale, it looks like we have already been forgotten. There would be one Councillor to represent 4,414 people. The Elections due in May 2022 will be to elect Councillors who will run the County Council for the first year and will then sit on the new unitary authority for the following four years.

Planning - I have commented about the Planning Department before with regard to the peer review. Things are now being implemented and things are improving. With regard to the Flashes. Nothing seems to be happening at the moment regarding the planning application going before the planning committee, I can assure you that I continue to ask questions about this matter, perhaps the developer is waiting to see what happens with regard to the new authority. There are also plans in for the Granary and Keepers Cottage at Hellifield Peel.

Grants - I have recently given £280 of my £1,000 grant allocation to Hellifield Herald and there are quite a number in the pipeline for both Hellifield and Long Preston. The County Councillor, David Staveley has grant money allocated to him for his ward, therefore it might be an idea if he has any available for any projects.

Licensing - Date set by Craven District Council to make CCTV in taxis mandatory Councillors have now set a deadline by which all taxi and private hire drivers in the district must have installed CCTV inside their vehicles. All new vehicles have already been required to meet this requirement since January 2021. The Council's Licensing Committee last night determined to mandate taxi cameras in all vehicles from January 1, 2022. This follows Department for Transport advice that CCTV increases public safety. It was agreed that a hardship scheme would be launched to assist drivers who cannot afford to purchase them immediately and allow them to apply to delay installation.

Caravan Sites Holiday Homes - There has been a great deal of concern regarding holiday lodges and static caravans being used as permanent residences, it does depend on the planning permission as whether they can be used like this. One of the biggest concerns is that the occupiers or the owners do not pay council tax, but the services are supplied i.e., Bin emptying and everything else. This means it is rather unfair on the people that actually live in the Craven District. The licensing committee along with the other departments are looking into how this issue can be resolved.

## **County Councillor Staveley Reported (summary):**

Select Committee tourism review - The "impact of tourism" review has got underway with several Parishes having responded and representatives attended the Zoom meeting.

Crime & Disorder December meeting - We had expected to have attendance from the recently elected PFCC, Phillip Allott at our December meeting. But recent events have resulted in his resignation from his post and we await details from the interim post holder as to their attendance. Although it would seem better to wait for the new post holder to take office and for them to attend to take feedback and give us their vision for the role going forward.

Local Government Reorganisation. - The leaders/representatives of all eight councils in North Yorkshire met for the first time as a group. The meeting is a positive indication of the commitment to joint working

and collaboration to deliver the best possible new council for North Yorkshire. This group will act as an interim Executive Board (EB) and will provide oversight and direction for the senior officer led interim Implementation Team, which will manage the change programme via work streams.

- Town and Parish Council elections – we have agreed to aim to align the timing of town and parish council elections with the elections next May for the new unitary council. This will reduce costs and pressure on resources at a critical point.
- Ward boundaries and elections – one of the biggest issues will be the warding arrangements for the elections in May next year. These elections will put in place councillors who will serve for a five-year term. The first year will be to provide governance for the final year of the county council and to oversee the implementation of the new council. This same group of councillors will then carry on their role on the new council for a further four years. District and borough councils will remain until April 1st, 2023, and current district and borough councillors will continue in their roles until that date. The elections next May will be to new ward boundaries.

## 8. Correspondence:

**8.1 Request for donation from Great North Air Ambulance Service.** The Chairman read out the letter but as the ambulance does not serve local area, no donation was awarded.

**8.2 Letter of complaint regarding milk tankers in Hellifield sent to HPC for information.** The Chairman read out the letter but as it was anonymous there was little the council could do to respond.

## 9. Street Lighting: To receive reports of any light failures or repairs required.

**9.1 To receive an update on a Street Light Replacement program.** Final phase is due to commence week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and will include replacement of two new LED lights which have failed.

**9.2 To consider transferring street light maintenance to NYCC.** The Clerk to investigate whether this can be on a pay-as-you-go basis.

**10. Highways: To receive reports of any highways issues or road repairs required.** Cllr Thwaite reported the pavement in front of the Black Horse has potholes – The Clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr Sleath reported a smashed directional signpost at the junction of Gisburn Rd/Back Lane. The Clerk to report

## 11 Planning items:

11.1 Ref: 2021/23149 – Construction of two storey extension to front including balcony and two storey rear extension – Ribblecote Manor, Mill Lane, Hellifield BD23 4LS **NO COMMENTS. Permission Granted.**

11.2 Ref: 2021/23403/HH – Ground and first floor extension to the side and the repositioning and rebuild of the side garage – 8 The Green, Hellifield BD23 4LB **NO COMMENTS**

**12. Allotments** – To discuss any correspondence and matters relating to the allotments.

**12.1 To consider offer of donation of bean poles to allotment tenants.** Mr Elmsley has kindly offered to donate a number of beanpoles to the allotment holders. His offer has been accepted and to date 3 allotment holders have benefitted.

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

Finances as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Lloyds TSB Account                      £ 15,498.49 as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

Skipton Building Society                £ 21,014.42 as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

Receipts                                      NIL

## Payments

Be-Bop Playground Equipment	£10,845.07	Paid 15/9/21
Village Maintenance – Sept	£273.08	
Administration – Sept	£481.30	
HMRC – Income tax & NI Sept	£185.40	
Grasscutting – Sept x 2/Marker	£921.10	

Installation of Graslok	£480.00	
McAfee anti-virus	£69.99	
Krystal Webhosting fee	£59.99	
Repair to lawn mower	£138.00	
HP Instant Ink	£9.99	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£2,618.85</b>	
Lloyds TSB Account	£ 30,879.64 as at 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021	
Skipton Building Society	£ 21,014.42 as at 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2021	
Receipts	£18,000.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Precept Payment
<b>Payments</b>		
Village Maintenance – Oct	£228.18	
Administration – Oct	£481.30	
HMRC – Income tax & NI Oct	£174.20	
Paint for Underpass	£500.53	
Playground Inspections	£144.00	
Winter Planting	£24.19	
Grass cutting	£484.55	
HP Instant Ink	£9.99	
Items for playground repair	£7.40	
Thank you gift for G Northin	£50.00	
Donation for Angela Lawson	£25.00	
Donation/wreath for British Legion	£48.50	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£2,177.84</b>	

Finances  
as at 31<sup>st</sup>  
October  
2021

**12.1 To approve payments and receipts for October and November 2021.** All approved.

**12.1 To approve a thank-you gift to Geoff Northin.** It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all that a £50 voucher be given to Mr Northin in recognition for all his time, advice and technical knowledge that he has provided to the Clerk free of charge when transferring the HPC website to a new domain host.

**Resolution: The Clerk to send Mr Northin a £50 voucher as a thank-you from the council for his invaluable technical expertise.**

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

Councillor Sleath	Nothing to report
Councillor Statt	Nothing to report
Councillor Thwaite	Noted the consultation on the Airedale Hospital Rebuild has begun.
Councillor Moore	Nothing to report
Councillor Hugill	Very sad and sorry to report of the recent passing of Angela Lawson, a previous clerk of this council. I have sent letter of condolence and the donation of £25 from the council to her family.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm

Date of next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Signed.....

Dated:.....