

**Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
Monday 26 February 2018 from 7.30p.m.
in Darley Memorial Hall**

1802/1 Present: Cllrs H Flynn, A Cottrill, D Dickinson, K Hardcastle, A Johnston, D McQueen, K Reynolds-Jones, County Cllr S Lumley (part), Borough Cllr T Watson (part) S Welch (Clerk) and 2 members of the public (part)

1802/2 Apologies : None

1802/3 Declarations of Interest and Consideration of Dispensations

Cllr K Reynolds-Jones declared an interest in Planning Application 16/05471/FULMAJ as she owns land that borders the proposed site. She would take no part in the discussion of that application.

1802/4 Public Statements Made during the Item on Planning

1802/5 Minutes of Meeting held on 29 January were approved

1802/6 Clerk's Report Updates on on-going matters had been circulated

1802/7 County Councillor and Borough Councillor Reports

Cty Cllr Stanley Lumley reported that the County Council had set its budget which was an increase of 5% on 2017/18. The extra revenue will be used for Social Care, which will be an increasing liability in coming years. He outlined the expected road closures during the Tour de Yorkshire and associated Sportive in the area on 6 May and emphasised that it would be a busy day.

Borough Cllr Tom Watson reported that the Borough Council had also agreed its budget, which showed an increase of 2.18%. He reported issues in trying to get streetlights repaired in the area.

1802/8 Highways

- a. The on-going issue of loose chippings along Main St was known and would be repaired when better weather comes.
- b. It was noted that a safety issue had been reported concerning water coming onto the road at Day Lane from a pipe within in a filled ditch under a verge. Cllr Watson had also been involved. A Highways Inspector had said an immediate inspection would be made. **Clerk to progress**
- c. It was confirmed that NiddSide is an Unadopted road.
- d. Councillors were reminded that Highways personnel would be attending the AGM of the Safer Neighbourhoods Group on 7 March 2018. **Cllr Dickinson agreed to attend**
- e. The Council noted the concerns of some residents regarding parked cars on Main St near the bungalows which were causing problems to cars exiting Meadow Lane. After discussion it was agreed that there was no solution, and that this problem is in evidence all along Main St.
- f. The Council noted the concerns of some residents regarding the withdrawal of some school buses by NYCC that had resulted in over-use of the No 24 bus in the mornings, meaning some children had to stand or were unable to board the buses. A possible solution had been proposed by Transdev, but the timing of the proposal was not optimal. It was hoped that this could again be proposed soon after parents knew of school allocations. It was agreed that the Council should contact Transdev in support of this, and offer assistance in publicising any solution. **Clerk to progress**
- g. A request from DalesBus for financial support for extended Sunday services to promote local tourism was discussed. Cty Cllr Lumley explained that this had been put forward at the Nidderdale Strategic Partnership and several Councils were contributing. **Decision within Finance section**

1802/9 Footpaths

- a. Concern had been expressed by a local resident about the very muddy footpath along NiddSide. It was noted that the householder of the main problem area was aware of the problem and expected to take remedial action if needed once the weather was appropriate. Situation to be monitored. **Clerk to respond to resident**
- b. It was reported that the footway was breaking up from Station Rd up to Stocks Green **Clerk to report to Highways**

1802/10 Village Maintenance

- a. There are no current village maintenance needs. It was noted that work would be needed to repair the steps at Fringill Beck in Spring. There was some Commuted Sums money available. **Clerk to progress**

- b. Information was noted regarding tree-felling in the wood alongside the Birstwith Rd. It was noted that this wood had been planted as a crop and trees would be replaced.
- c. The Clerk reported that in response to 4 requests to tenders sent out to contractors regarding village grasscutting and maintenance, there had been only two responses - one reply that no quote would be sent and one quote. It was agreed that the contract for grasscutting and caretaking work be awarded again to Mr J E Benson for the period 2018-2021, subject to satisfactory sight of a relevant insurance policy.
Clerk to progress

1802/11 Reports

- a. **Community Rights Workshop (H Flynn / A Cottrill)**
It was reported that this was an interesting session including information about Community Led Housing and Neighbourhood Plans. The current advice was that the government had made money available for assistance to local councils in producing the latter, so that only a very small Council contribution was needed, and that it was worth considering even if there was no Local Plan yet in place. It was suggested that this issue be considered seriously once the new Council was in place.
Clerk to put on Agenda for new Council
- b. **YLCA Harrogate Area Meeting (A Cottrill)**
It was reported that the meeting had been attended by Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner. She was concerned that police were often doing the work of ambulances and mental health workers. She also reported that she had submitted a Business case to the Government proposing her role & office be made responsible for the Fire & Rescue service as well as the Police, in order to maximise the financial and operational efficiencies of both services.

1802/12 Finance

- a. The budget for February 2018 was circulated and approved
- b. Payments and receipts were noted as follows
Payments 15.00 YLCA re Clerk advert
- c. The bank reconciliation was compared with the bank statement and signed.
- d. Following discussion in Item 1802/8g, it was agreed that the Council should make a contribution of £200 from its budget 2017/18 to DalesBus to assist with the project to extend local Sunday bus services.
Clerk to progress
- e. It was noted that there was money available in the budget to pay for training courses if a new Clerk was appointed.

1802/13 Planning

- a. It was noted that HBC had acknowledged receipt of the Council correspondence regarding issues of procedure at the Planning Committee Meetings and would be responding. **Clerk to monitor**

Harrogate Local Plan Consultation

- i. It was noted that 45 people had attended the Public Meeting and there was a clear consensus regarding disproportionate development according to the size/category of the village, and over-development within the Nidderdale AONB. Sites DR14 (88 houses on Sheepcote Lane) and DR1(9 houses on Stumps Lane) are considered unsuitable. Issues regarding lack of local employment and poor local transport to support additional housing were also noted. It was suggested that all Councillors should submit individual responses
All Councillors to progress
- ii. The Council wished to ensure that its response was put in the most professional way possible so that it is taken into serious consideration by the Planning Inspector. After discussion it was agreed to employ an experienced Planning Consultant to prepare the Council's response on the legality and soundness of the Plan and speak at the Planning Inspectorate Enquiry if appropriate. A suitable Consultant had been identified and it was agreed that up to £1250 be allocated for this work. This money to be vired from other sums remaining in other areas in the budget such as Repairs and Special Projects. It was noted that this work must be undertaken at once as responses had to be in by 9th March.
Chairman to progress, with Clerk assistance

- b. **Planning Decisions** noted

17/05328/FUL	Retrospective application for formation of raised patio and path	4 Sunny View APPROVED
17/05222/FUL	Installation of 3 rooflights and replacement of pitched roof with flat roof	APPROVED
	and roof lantern Cornerstones, 8 Potters Field	
17/04121/FUL	Erection of communication tower RAF Menwith Hill	APPROVED

Planning Appeals

APP/E2734/W/17/3190286 and 3190292

It was noted that the above appeals have been lodged to the refusal of planning applications for variation of conditions re height and orientation and orangeries on houses built at Silverdale.

A member of the public highlighted some points within the appeals and confirmed some earlier objections. It was agreed that the Council's objections be re-iterated and included in representations to the appeals (by 2nd March)

Clerk to progress

c. Planning Applications considered

- 16/05471/FUL Erection of 1 dwelling and associated landscaping and access (0.42ha)
 Amended plans Silverdale Farm (eco-house)
A member of the public spoke about this application, expressing concern that landscaping may cause loss of visual amenity and that the plans were confused. He disputed the results of the wildlife survey as this was done over a restricted period, and also expressed concern that any plans agreed may not be conformed to.
 The Council objected to this application on the same grounds as previously as the plans are not significantly changed. It would also seek assurance that any approved plans would be checked during building work
Cllr K Reynolds-Jones took no part in this discussion
- 18/00516/FUL Erection of single storey extension Heck Ghyll Farm
 The Council had no objections to this application
- 18/00518/PNA Erection of agricultural building Heck Ghyll Farm
 The Council assumed this was permitted development and no plans had been received
- 17/05251/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 3 dwellings (amended)
 Primrose Bungalow, Main St
 The Council again objected strongly to the proposed development on this site as it is totally out of character for the village and the Nidderdale AONB and represents over-development of the site. It rejected the assumption of the officer and developer that cosmetic changes only were needed to make it appropriate and stressed that the development needed to be in the appropriate Dales cottage style of e.g. Pear Tree Cottages or Prospect Cottages.
 It was noted that this application would be considered by HBC Full Planning Committee
- 18/00357/FUL Erection of single storey extension Darley Cricket Club
 The Council supported this application.
 It welcomes the fact that local recreational facilities are being improved
- 18/00661/FULMAJ Conversion of mill building to form 9 residential units and additional 4 dwellings
 (revised scheme) Darley Mill
 The Council supported this application with the re-sited additional houses (now only 4)
 It hopes that HBC Planning Committee can now approve it so that work can start as soon as possible

Borough Cllr Watson took no part in the discussions on any of the above applications

d. There were no other applications received

e. Current progress re major proposed developments

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| <i>Stumps Lane</i> | <i>9 houses</i> | <i>Approved</i> | Work expected to start April 2018 |
| <i>Sheepcote Lane</i> | <i>29 houses – now 26 houses</i> | | |
| | Amended plans and site layout on HBC website . Extension agreed to 31 January 2018 | | |
| | No further news <i>Final decision will be made by HBC Planning Committee</i> | | |
| <i>Darley Mill Centre</i> | <i>13 units</i> | Developers have re-sited additional houses and new application submitted (see above) | |
| <i>Next to Darley House</i> | <i>5 houses</i> | Outline planning application submitted | |
| | | Recent amendments noted | |
| <i>Stumps Lane (west)</i> | <i>5 houses</i> | Developers have advised local residents of plans
Planning application expected soon | |

1802/14 Correspondence

RAF Menwith Hill Invitation to Winter Reception was passed to the Chairman

Other correspondence had been circulated. There were no circulation papers

1802/15 Battle's Over Beacon (11 November 2018)

- a. It was noted insurance cover needed to be checked **Clerk to progress**
- b. It was noted that the suggested location was in clear sight of the village, but may not result in any attendees, and agreed that further discussion is needed re location and the event.

For future agenda

1802/16 Appointment of new Clerk to the Council

- a. The Chairman reported that 2 candidates had been interviewed and a possible Clerk had been identified. This person had appropriate administrative and financial experience, lived in the village and was enthusiastic about getting more involved with the community.
The interview panel recommended that this person be employed as agreed on SPC20 for 20 hours per month, with the position to be reviewed after 6 months.
The Council agreed to this recommendation.

Chairman to inform candidates and confirm acceptance of selected person

- b. It was agreed that the Clerk deal with the paperwork regarding the appointment, and that the new Clerk be employed to work with the current Clerk from 1st March, undergoing training and shadowing the Clerk, with a view to taking over as Clerk at the latest on 1st May, at which time the current Clerk would retire, after completing the end of year financial statements and Annual Return.

Clerk to progress, and arrange meetings with new Clerk

It was further agreed that the new employee should attend relevant YLCA courses arranged during April if she was available.

Clerk to progress

1802/17 Parish Council Elections

It was confirmed that all Councillors would leave their posts in May 2018 and an election would be held on 3rd May. New Councillors will take up their posts on 9th May and their first meeting will be on 21st May. Nomination packs will soon be available from HBC website. Completed forms will need to be handed in to the HBC Offices by hand before 6th April.

Councillors to take action if they wish to stand for election

1802/18 Minor Items for Information and next Agenda

- a. To consider site and other issues re Battle's Over Beacon

1802/19 Dates of next meetings

26 March, 30 April	7p.m. Parish Council Meeting,	21 May	7.30p.m. Annual Meeting
	8p.m. Parish Assembly		8.00p.m. PC Meeting

These Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council