

## Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 7.30p.m. in Darley Memorial Hall

- 1810/1 Present:** Cllrs S Welch, D McQueen, A Robertshaw, E Butler, J McAllister, N Nicholas, D Dickinson; Cty Cllr S Lumley (part), Borough Cllr T Watson (part); Mrs S Inman (Clerk)
- 1810/2 Apologies:** None
- 1810/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations** Cllr Robertshaw declared an interest regarding planning application 18/01040/FUL
- 1810/4 Public Statements** No members of the public attended.
- 1810/5 Minutes** of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 1810/6 Election of Vice-Chairman:** Cllr Andrew Robertshaw was nominated for the role of Vice-Chairman, and elected unanimously by the Councillors
- 1810/7 Chairman's Report**
- a. GDPR: Standard Privacy Notices prepared and circulated by the Chairman were adopted and it was noted that one is already available on the website.
  - b. Enquiries had been made on behalf of a local resident member of the Blue Badge disabled parking scheme regarding allocation of a designated Disabled parking space on the development at the bottom of Stumps Lane. No action can be taken until completion of the development.
  - c. Garages on Valley Rd: Tenants of the garages had received notice from HBC that a Planning Application would be made in the next few weeks for development of the garages site into 3 affordable homes. This is in accordance with HBC Local Plan Policy for creation of affordable homes in the District.
  - d. Emergency Box update Cllrs McQueen and Robertshaw had assessed the storm damage and were satisfied that the temporary measure of weighting the lid down with stones was sufficient protection in the short term until future storage could be organised.
- Cllr Dickinson to look into possible alternative for safe storage and report back to next meeting.**
- 1810/8 Clerk's Report**
- To receive information on on-going matters, not covered elsewhere on the Agenda
- a. Trees: A local resident on Low Green had reported that the overhanging branches had now been cut back safely. Overgrown branches on trees on East View had also been cut back satisfactorily.
  - b. No cold calling area: current policy and provision of additional signs Ann Kent, Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhood group, could offer no information on the N.C. Zones and had written "At the moment this seems to be a grey area, and it is up to villagers to assist the police". Sgt Andrew Tiffany of NY Police and PCSO Steph Jones were detailed as the Darley local contacts for the NCCZone. Email sent by the Clerk to PCSO Jones 8th October had received no reply yet.
- Clerk to pursue matter with Darley Community Constable Bill Hickson.**
- c. Road signs: A report had been received from a local resident that the signpost at junction of Stumps Lane, Menwith Hill Rd and Cold Cotes Rd had become very loose and twisted in wind; Darley Mill Centre signs now redundant. The Clerk raised the matter with NYCC Highways Area 6, a Highways officer visited and removed the Darley Mill tourist sign at the junction, reported the signpost loose and raised an order to have the post re-set within 30 days. The Darley Mill Centre brown tourist sign on the A59 will also be removed.
- 1810/9 County and Borough Councillors Reports**
- County Cllr Stan Lumley:** had met new staff Melissa Burnham and Sarah Bailey at NYCC Highways Area 6 and found them to be very proactive and productive, clearing the backlog of work in the department very efficiently. Parish Portal: to be made more user friendly in response to matters raised by Parish Councils and residents. The NYCC Highways winter programme is now underway with the first gritting run successfully completed. Highway repairs to A59 at Kex Gill had begun and were in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of an 8 week programme; the road will remain open as single lane traffic throughout the repair period. The A59 re-routing plans are well underway with the new road expected to be ready in 2021. Vehicle activated speed signs: conditions have been relaxed so that Parishes may purchase their own signs if necessary, subject to approval by NYCC.

**Borough Cllr Tom Watson:** Trade Waste regulations have been changed to facilitate handling of recyclable material by traders. Defibrillator fund: 28 applications had been made in Nidd Valley of which 2 were successful, at Birstwith and Low Laithe. Parish street lighting: LED lights are being installed in the Parish, on new columns replacing existing streetlamps.

#### 1810/10 Highways

- a. Delays to the resurfacing repair work on Main St: the Chairman and Cllr Lumley reported that the surface dressing remedial works have been deferred by Highways until the next financial year.
- b. The Chairman had been in correspondence with NYCC Highways Area 6 confirming the PCs previous decisions about the salt bins, which should soon be all in working order and appropriately filled with salt.

#### 1810/11 Footpaths

- a. Cllr Robertshaw had been in recent correspondence with Nicky Bunting, Public Rights of Way Officer and a fallen tree causing obstruction had been cleared.

#### 1810/12 Village Maintenance

- a. A bench near Low Green has been repaired so it is again useable.
- b. It was agreed to purchase 8 or 9 strings of Christmas lights in case needed for replacement during the festive period. Existing Christmas lights will be collected from the Chairman's shed and installed on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The Councillors were asked to attend and oversee the hanging of the lights as high as possible with a view to minimising risk of vandalism. **Chairman to progress lights purchase**

#### 1810/13 Reports / Meetings / Events

- a. Reports from recent meetings/events:
  - i. YLCA Branch Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October (E. Butler): missed
  - ii. Darley Playing Fields Association (D McQueen): unable to attend
  - iii. Darley Memorial Hall (D Dickinson): unable to attend
  - iv. Charities of Isobel Day (N.Nicholas): unable to attend, but had received minutes from the recent meeting giving notice of a Charity Walk taking place on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Next meeting: April 2019.
  - v. Cllrs Butler and McAllister had attended the HBC Planning Seminar and found it to be extremely useful.
- b. The Chairman will attend Wider Nidderdale Strategic Partnership meeting to be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

#### 1810/14 Finance

- a. The budget for October 2018 was approved
- b. Receipts and Payments were noted:
- c. 2019/20 Budget and Precept decisions to be deferred until November meeting. It was agreed that a sum be included in the Budget to allow for small grants if any needed by organisations. Letters to be sent out after next meeting. The possible purchase of a speed matrix sign was mentioned.

#### 1810/15 Planning

- a. **Planning Decisions** noted:
 

18/03369/TPO	Felling of beech tree, Field House, Main St	APPROVED
18/02248/OUT	2 dwellings on field 419721 / 459452	REFUSED
18/02883/FUL	Extensions, Sheepcote Cottage, Sheepcote Lane	WITHDRAWN
18/03594/TPO	Felling of sycamore tree, Walker House, Main St	REFUSED
	(OBJECTIONS submitted: the tree is healthy, not evidently diseased and remains the subject of a Tree Preservation Order).	
18/03049/FUL	Erection of single storey extension, Wollemi, Main St	APPROVED
- b. **Planning Applications considered:**

18/03969/FUL	Garage conversion, Scotbeck House	NO OBJECTIONS
18/03934/FUL	Extension, Meadow View	NO OBJECTIONS
18/03799/FUL	Extension & link, Nine Ties Barn, Moorcock Lane	NO OBJECTIONS
18/03851/FUL	Additional dwelling, Caravan Park, Stumps Lane	NO OBJECTIONS
18/01040/FUL	Erection of 5 houses, Stumps Lane (west)	

Cllr Nicholas to attend HBC Planning Committee Hearing in early November (possibly 6<sup>th</sup>) to represent the views of the Parish Council regarding drainage and traffic issues and the design overpowering existing houses. (Cllr Robertshaw will also be in attendance but as a private interested party)

- c. To note current progress re major proposed developments
 

Opposite Stocks Green	18 houses	Approved	work expected soon
Darley Mill Centre	13 units	Approved	work expected to commence March 2019
Stumps Lane (West)	5 houses	On-going	Planning Committee 6 Nov?

#### 1810/16 Correspondence received by the Clerk

- a. *The Royal British Legion (Nidderdale Branch)* Remembrance Day parade and Service on Sunday 11 November 2018: **Cllr McQueen to attend as Council representative and the purchase of a wreath value £20 was approved. Clerk to forward invitation from RBL to Cllr McQueen.**
- b. *Fracking*: Following correspondence from a Local Resident it was noted that Darley lies on shale so could be involved with fracking. After consideration, the Council agreed that it did not support any national plan to allow the sinking of fracking testing wells as Permitted Development. **Clerk to make comment re permitted development change as indicated by Frack Free United**
- c. *North Yorkshire Local Access Forum*: request was noted for applications to join.
- d. *RAF Menwith Hill*: Chairman and Cllrs invited to Thanksgiving Dinner. **Cllrs to RSVP as soon as possible.**
- e. A survey commissioned by Harrogate Borough Council from Strategic Leisure Ltd (SLL) seeking response from each Parish to identify all of the leisure facilities within the Parish and their condition had been completed by the Chairman.
- f. *Recent changes to local bus timetables* and reduction in service were noted. New timetable has been put on website.
- g. *LCAS: Tree Liabilities* The recent Court of Appeal decision in the case of Cavanagh v Witley Parish Council serves as a reminder that any landowner has to have a risk based, planned and managed approach to the risks that trees on its land bring. The Council may need to consider which trees it owns and establish a checking procedure. **Clerk to forward email to Cllr Nicholas for consideration by other organisations. All Cllrs to report to next meeting**

#### 1810/17 Minor Items for Information and future Agendas

- a. Online banking options
- b. Tree liabilities
- c. Emergency box

#### 1810/18 Parish Clerk

- a. It was noted with regret that the Parish Clerk had decided that she did not wish to continue with the role and her resignation was accepted. She will finish her employment on 30<sup>th</sup> November
- b. Additional hours carried out during September (27.5 hours) were approved  
**Chairman to advise payroll service, money to be paid with next salary in November**
- c. The Council discussed the future of the Parish Clerk role, hours to be allowed, advertising etc. It was suggested that as Dacre Parish Council was also in need of a Clerk, there could be a joint advert, allowing the total job to be advertised for around 10-11 hours per week. It was agreed that this should be tried as it may be more attractive to someone looking for a larger part-time job.  
**Chairman to liaise with Dacre Parish Council**  
**Chairman to put Initial informal advert in next issue of FoD Newsletter and full recruitment process to follow soon after that**

#### 1810/19 Circulation Papers

#### 1810/20 Date of next meetings

26 November 2018 at 7.30p.m; 28 January 2019

*These minutes are published subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council*