

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 June 2020 from 7.30pm

In order to comply with Government advice, this meeting was held by conference call

- 2006/1 Present:** Cllrs S Welch (Chairman), N Nicholas, E Butler, J McAllister, D McQueen, D Dickinson (part), County Cllr Stan Lumley, Borough Cllr Tom Watson and the Clerk M Pearson. One member of the public attended.
- 2006/2 Apologies:** Cllr A Robertshaw due to illness.
- 2006/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations:** Cllr S Welch declared an interest in Planning Application 20/01564/FUL as Chairman of the Menwith Hill British American Committee and took no part in the discussion or vote.
- 2006/4 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the two meetings held on 18 May 2020 were approved.
- 2006/5 Public Statements:** None.
- 2006/6 Coronavirus pandemic**

- a. The decision to use the Council logo on a survey included with the Focus on Darley Newsletter was noted.
- b. It was confirmed that electronic banking has been set up. A document to allow bank signatories to authorise an emergency electronic payment will be drafted for review by the Council at its next meeting; **Clerk to action.**
- c. A new online directory, North Yorkshire Connect Community Directory, provided by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) with information regarding local activities, services, advice and guidance, including support during the Coronavirus pandemic (northyorkshireconnect.org.uk/) was noted. A new NYCC website (northyorks.gov.uk/buy-local) to help residents find local businesses was also noted;
- d. The results of the Community Support scheme survey suggest further ongoing support is required and it was confirmed that the scheme is expected to continue for as long as reasonably needed.

It was noted that a number of organisations within the Parish have lost funding as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and others are facing significant costs in order to be able to restart activities. It was agreed that the funding previously agreed for supporting the Community Support scheme (£500) should be available to help such organisations provided a suitable proposal is made for consideration by the Council.
- e. It was agreed that an update is required to take into account the NHS Track and Trace service within the Community Support scheme risk assessment. It was confirmed that the mechanism for volunteers who have been contacted to alert the Community Support scheme should be clarified; **Clerk to action.**

2006/7 Planning

a. Planning Decisions noted:

20/01438/DVCON Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) and remove/vary condition 26 in line with current policy (affordable housing) of Planning Approval 18/01040/FUL - Erection of 5 new detached dwellings with central access road. (revised scheme). Land Comprising Field At 420945 459286 Stumps Lane Darley
APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

20/01185/FUL Demolition of existing garage. Erection of garage. Barnlea Main Street Darley
APPLICATION PERMITTED

b. Planning Applications considered:

20/01564/FUL Construction of a radome and electrical sub station RAF Menwith Hill Main Street Menwith Hill Camp

On the understanding that the site that will be reinstated as moorland when no longer needed, the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application. NO OBJECTIONS

20/01499/CLEUD Certificate of Lawfulness for the stationing of a static mobile home. The Caravan Mount Bark Farm Darley
NO COMMENTS

20/01899/DVCON Application to vary condition 2 to relocate proposed garage of planning permission 17/02643/FUL - Conversion of existing garage to form annex, erection of detached garage and formation of hardstanding. Graylings Station Road Darley.
NO OBJECTIONS

Provided that the proposed development is for agricultural use only, the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to the revised scheme. If the application is permitted, the Council recommended a condition be included to prevent construction vehicles parking on Walker Lane.

NO OBJECTIONS

c. Planning Appeal:

APP/E2734/W/20/3250998 Silverdale Farm Silverdale Close Darley Erection of 1no dwelling with associated access and landscaping.

The Council confirmed its previous statement regarding the planning application and it was agreed that additional comments should be made noting that the proposed site location has been confirmed to be outside of the village development limits by the adopted Harrogate District Local Plan 2014-2035; **Clerk to action.**

d. Other planning matters:

- (i) *19/02687/FUL Removal of electricity pylon and burying of associated powerline; Erection of bridge; Formation of access track. Silverdale Farm Silverdale Close Darley:* A parishioner provided a statement regarding this application, highlighting the potential impact of the development on wildlife observed on the site (some of which is protected under legislation). The statement also noted that in order to deal with the sloping topology of the site, significant amounts of earth and stone may need to be moved onto the site. The parishioner expressed concern regarding the impact of the development on the amenity of neighbours and asked the Parish Council to reconsider its previous consultation response.

In light of the new information provided, the Parish Council agreed to submit a further response to the consultation objecting to the proposed development. This was on the basis of potential harm to wildlife understood to be on the site and the impact of the development on the amenity of neighbouring properties as a result of construction of the bridge.

COUNCIL OBJECTS

- (ii) Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): It was noted that the Inspector has reviewed HBC's draft CIL charging schedule and recommended some relatively minor changes. CIL is expected to be introduced in the HBC district in October 2020.
- (iii) Cllr Welch confirmed that at Harrogate Borough Council's Planning Committee 25 June 2020, Planning Application 20/00907/OUT (*Outline application for the erection of 9 no. dwellings with access and layout considered (Revised scheme) Land Comprising Field At 420287 459440 Walker Lane Darley*) was unanimously refused.
- (iv) It was noted that construction of the houses on Valley Road, Darley is expected to start in July 2020.

2006/8 County and Borough Councillors' Reports:

County Cllr Lumley confirmed that the new NYCC websites (northyorkshireconnect.org.uk/ and northyorks.gov.uk/buy-local) are highly recommended as sources of useful information for parishioners. Community hubs (including Nidderdale Plus) continue to help the County manage the Coronavirus pandemic and are working well. There will be an expansion of Coronavirus testing (such as that currently carried out from time to time at The Hydro in Harrogate).

NYCC is now carrying out more business by way of virtual meetings and moving away from decisions being taken with delegated authority. It is recognised that local businesses may need significant support from NYCC and HBC following the withdrawal of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Borough Councillor Watson noted that the start of construction on the houses on Valley Road in July meant that further extension of the leases of garages on the site was not possible.

Borough Councillor Watson had recently attended the meeting of the Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund, at which it was confirmed that a number of bids had been approved.

The Harrogate Convention Centre remains configured as a hospital, being used to provide outpatient care by a number of hospital trusts. The HBC Parks and Woodlands team has resumed normal duties and are catching up on maintenance works put on hold since March 2020. A consultation will take place regarding the pedestrianisation of parts of Harrogate town centre.

HBC has implemented a spending review as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. Staff that leave HBC are unlikely to be replaced.

A significant number of people are registered seeking social housing in the Nidderdale area with around a quarter having an existing local connection such as family in the area.

2006/9 Updates for information

- a. *Planned closure of the Grange Medical Centre, Dacre Banks:* It was noted that a recent update from Nidderdale Group Practice (NGP) has confirmed that the dentist is expected to lease the top floor of the Grange Medical Centre building from September 2020 and that a new scheme to allow patients to stay

registered with a practice after moving out of the area should allow NGP to increase its list of patients. During the Coronavirus pandemic, it is possible that NGP may be forced to operate from one site only (currently two sites). However, both of the above factors increase the chance of services being provided from three sites in the long term.

2006/10 Highways and footpaths

- a. *Damage to grass verges, Main Street, Darley, February 2020:* A response received from HBC confirmed that HBC waste and recycling vehicle crews had been spoken to in March and asked not to park or travel on verges. HBC is happy to repair verges if damage has persisted.
- b. No urgent highway and footpath issues were noted.

2006/11 Village Maintenance

- a. It was agreed that the Parish Caretaker should be asked to clear the overgrown footpaths from Green Lane towards the River Nidd and from Daleside Park towards the River Nidd; **Clerk to action**. For safety reasons, the Parish Caretaker should also be asked to undertake verge cutting on Walker Lane, Crake Lane, Sheepcote Lane, Station Rd, Dairy Lane, and to clear the junctions of Low Lane; **Clerk to action**.
- b. No other village maintenance needs were noted.

2006/12 Reports

- a. *Yorkshire Local Councils-Associations (YLCA) Branch Meeting 8 June:* Cllr Butler experienced problems joining the virtual meeting and was unable to attend.
- b. *YLCA Training Session 10 June:* Cllr Welch reported that the training dealt with difficult issues experienced by Councillors and Clerks. It included a reminder that it is good practice for Chairmen to refresh Councillors' awareness of the Code of Conduct and Nolan Principles of Public Life periodically; **Cllr Welch to send a letter to Councillors**.
- c. No other meetings or events were noted.

2006/13 Review of Parish Council Policies: Draft Grievance and Disciplinary policies were agreed and adopted by the Council; **Clerk to publish policies on the Council website**.

2006/14 Finance

- a. Receipts noted: HMRC – repayment of VAT £68.24; Payments noted: M Pearson Clerk Salary June £264; npower cmas lights June £6.00; M Pearson Clerk allowances and admin expenses to June 2020 £146.64; YLCA – Cllr training course £15.
- b. The budget for June 2020 was approved.
- c. It was noted that audit processes in respect of the year ending 31 March 2020 will conclude on 24 July 2020 (the end of the period for public inspection of the accounting records). No further issues were raised.

2006/15 Correspondence received by the Clerk

- a. *British Red Cross – Request for donation:* It was agreed that the Parish Council should use its limited resources to assist local organisations in the short term. A discussion to establish a formal policy concerning charity donations should be held at a future meeting of the Council: **Clerk to advise British Red Cross and add to future agenda**.
- b. *Citizens Advice Craven & Harrogate District - Support during the Coronavirus pandemic:* A reminder that the local Citizens Advice continues to provide help and support during the Coronavirus pandemic (T 01423 503591; <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>) was noted.
- c. YLCA: A Local Government Association consultation regarding a new code of conduct for members was noted. It was agreed that details should be circulated to Councillors and a response discussed at the next Parish Council meeting; **Clerk to action**.
- d. *North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner:* A new Road Safety Fund has been created and bids are invited for projects which will improve road safety for children, young people, cyclists, motorcyclists and older road users. It was agreed that details should be circulated to Councillors and a response discussed at the next Parish Council meeting; **Clerk to action**.

2006/16 Items for Information and next Agenda:

- a. A thank you message from Focus on Darley for grant towards printing costs was noted. It was also noted that the cost of printing the Focus on Darley Coronavirus Updates has been met by the Community Support grant to date.
- b. The election of Cllr Welch to the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee Executive Board was noted; **Clerk to register new interest with HBC**.
- c. It was agreed that a schedule of "matters outstanding" should be circulated to Councillors prior to meetings going forward; **Clerk to action**.

2006/17 **Date of next meetings:** 27 July; 28 September; 26 October; 30 November; 25 January 2021.

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