

# **Newsham Parish Council Meeting 27.09.23**

**Present:** Cllr. L. Taylor, Cllr. C. Brown, Cllr. R. De'Ath

**Apologies:** Cllr. B. Rush

**Declaration of Interest:** None

## **Minutes of the last meeting**

Agreed and signed by Cllr.Taylor, Cllr. De'Ath

## **Matters Arising**

**1.** The Clerk informed the meeting that he has received an email from Cllr M. Alsop advising of his resignation with immediate effect. R.D to inform NYCC immediately.

**2.** The resignation of Cllr Alsop leaves Cllr De`Ath as the sole remaining bank account signatory. It was agreed that Cllrs Brown and Taylor would be added as signatories.

## **3. Planning Applications**

Long Green

Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse (C3) and for Associated Operational Development

Long Green Moor Lane Newsham Richmond North Yorkshire DL11 7EF

Ref. No: ZD23/00398/APDN | Validated: Thu 06 Jul 2023 | Status: Decided

Planning permission for change of use not required

Application for front wall granted. Local stone to be used in keeping with the stone use throughout the village.

Variation of Condition 13 Attached to Planning Permission 20/00938/FULL to Change Boundary Treatment from Stock Fencing to Stone Wall Height 1.2m (Roadside Boundary Only)

Land South of Barningham Road Newsham North Yorkshire DL11 7QU

Ref. No: 22/00284/VAR | Validated: Mon 25 Apr 2022 | Status: Decided

Field West of Wetlands - change of use Full Planning Permission for Change of Use of a Current Grazing Paddock for Use of an Equestrian Menage

Field West Of Wetlands Lane Newsham North Yorkshire

Ref. No: ZD23/00467/FULL | Validated: Tue 22 Aug 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Councillors discussed concerns which have been raised with Bart Milburn regarding the contradictory advice given to residents by different planning officers and the disproportionate amount of time that communication takes.

#### **4. The Financial Statement**

Current Account and Reserve Account balances were shared with councillors Cllr. R. De'Ath has transferred the majority of the money from the Current Account to the Reserve Account to obtain maximum interest.

Recent expenses – Decorative stone for the base of the War Memorial £198.00 inc VAT. It has been laid and is a very significant improvement.

#### **5. 2023 / 2024 Initiatives**

The hexagonal bench on the green will be repaired. The medium-term plan is to source a conventional bench replacement and transfer the existing plaque to it.

#### **6. New Residents Welcome Sheet**

Cllrs agreed that an A4 sheet of simple, helpful facts for new residents would be appropriate and beneficial.

Action- Cllr LT to compile for sign off at meeting on November 29th.

#### **7. The NYCC Code of Standards**

NYCC recently produced a code of standards.

Not all elements are relevant to a small Parish council but Cllr C.B shared a precis version which he compiled for consideration.

Cllrs agreed to adopt the document and it will be stored for reference.

#### **8. Village Track**

The road planings for the interim track repairs need to be obtained and compacting completed urgently before the winter months arrive.

Regarding a long-term solution Cllrs agreed to invite the residents who use and park on the track from High Lane to Charlotte Lodge to a meeting relating to the use of the track and costs of repair.

#### **9. High Lane**

Councillors discussed High Lane and more recent incidents of HGV's travelling down the lane. The Parish Council position is that these vehicles should be fully or at least

partially prohibited and will be making this clear at a Site meeting with NYCC Highways Officers on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

Cllr CB advised he has met with C. Cllr. Angus Thompson and some local residents at the Lane. C. Cllr Thompson agrees that it is not suitable for HGVs and will support our position.

Councillors discussed the potential use of local lanes by traffic on the A66 when work on the dualling of the A66 begins which will potentially exacerbate the problem and this concern will also be communicated to Highways.

#### **10. War Memorial**

Paint is flaking off in one area of the railings LT.

Action Cllr LT to contact Yorblast for rectification.

Councillors agreed that two new solar lights should be purchased.

Cllrs RD & CB to source quality solar lights

#### **11. 80th Anniversary of D- Day Landings**

Cllr RD to submit information to The Pageant Master.

Councillors agreed that further research of those named on the memorial should be conducted – Action Cllr LT.

#### **12. Salt Bins**

Councillors discussed the storage of grit.

It was agreed that councillors will check amount of grit in bins.

#### **13. Telephone Box**

B.T. have advised their intention to remove the payphone at South View due to on-going lack of use (only 2 calls over 52 weeks)

Cllr CB has advised NYCC of our objections based on: -

Mobile coverage in the village can be variable.

Some residents no longer have landlines.

BT intend to replace existing technology with a digital solution by the end of 2025.

This digital solution relies on the internet which can drop out regularly in parts of the village and also will not work in the event of a power cut which can be quite common in rural communities. Consequently, resident safety in an emergency could be compromised if no payphone is available.

#### **14. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.