

North Rigton Parish Council

Meeting held on 1 March 2017 at 7.30 at the Village School

Present: Mary Hopkins (Chairman), Barbara Massey (Vice-Chairman), Amanda Martyn, Tim Bennett, Neil Creaney, and Mike Richards (Clerk).

In attendance PC Marie Scott, Neighbourhood Beat Officer and one parishioner

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Apologies for absence were received from, Steve Young, John Fort (County Councillor), and Christine Ryder (Borough Councillor)
- 2. Agenda order variation and Declaration of Interests.**

Councillors had no declarations of interest to make.

- 3. Approval and signing of minutes, matters arising.**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 4 January were agreed as a true record and councillors approved the minutes to be signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

Item 8.1 – Hall Green Lane _ mud and slurry. NYCC has now responded and the responsible farmer is being contacted to resolve matters. In addition, NYCC's contractor has been instructed to re-dig the relief channels at a 45 degree angle, rather than 90 degrees as currently.

Item 8.3 - Flooding on Brackenwell Lane – the Chairman will again contact NYCC and HBC councillors.

Item 10 – Vehicle parked on Church Hill – the Clerk was pleased to announce that the vehicle has at last been removed. This was however, in no small way due to the actions of a local resident who was able to determine that the vehicle's registration mark did not match its VIN (Vehicle Identification Number). The Clerk passed this information on to the police who were then able to ascertain that the vehicle had been stolen from a location in Bradford and the number plate "cloned". The fact that the cloned number plate entirely matched the description of the vehicle in question misled the police and persuaded them that no further action was necessary.

Thankfully our resident "detective" was not as easily misled!

The vehicle was removed by police on 28 February.

Reports on other matters arising.

- a) Community Speedwatch – sufficient volunteers have now been identified and training will be organised with the police and a date set for the start of the exercise. Volunteers will be notified of the proposed timetable.
- b) Community Room – the Chairman updated councillors on the latest position. The Diocese has now approved the first stage of the project ie installation of the

water supply. The approval for moving pews pews is still to be finally resolved although it is understood that a licence has been granted but not yet issued.

- c) Bench on Crag Lane – the Clerk informed councillors that he had agreed with the Driffield family that they would liaise with the Bradley family to refurbish the existing bench rather than install a new one.
- d) HBC Local Plan – the Clerk informed councillors of the approach from Pannal Residents Association regarding its proposed meeting in June to consider a response to HBC’s latest proposals. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor Creoney agreed to represent the Parish Council at this meeting.

4. Administration

4.1 Resilience Plan

The Clerk had received information from the National Association of Councils (NALC) advising that all Parish Councils are recommended to formulate their own Resilience Plan, setting out what should happen in the event of an emergency arising in the Parish. Discussion followed about what facilities already exist within the Parish eg the recently installed defibrillator, the purchase of an emergency generator and the identification of key medical professionals. (The Chairman will approach these individuals to obtain their agreement for their names to be included on a contacts list, possibly in the Parish News)

Road salt/grit – a resident has volunteered to bag up the salt/grit from the roadside piles (before it is washed away by rainfall!). The Clerk will obtain agreement from NYCC before this is done, however.

The Clerk will however put together a draft resilience plan for the next meeting, based on the template provided.

4.2 Joint meeting with Pannal and Burn Bridge PC (Q&A session with Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner)– Councillor Bennett agreed to attend the meeting on 25 May at 7.00pm at Pannal Village Hall.

4.3 Crime figures – PC Scott presented the latest crime figures for the area. She was pleased to report that there had been no untoward incidents in North Rigton although there had been a number of burglaries and car break-ins in Huby. The Chairman mentioned encountering a suspicious individual purporting to sell pictures. She has his vehicle registration details which she will pass on to PC Scott who will follow up and make appropriate enquiries.

5. Finance

5.1 Approval of expenditure. The only Item for approval was:

£180.00 to Richard Crooks Partnership iro architect fees for community room.
Councillors approved payment.

6. Parish Plan

6.1. Parish Plan refresh – Councillors discussed Councillor Young’s proposed revision.

The Chairman suggested that the document could be reduced to 4 sides (A3 size folded accordingly). It was also felt that the “history” section could be excluded as this is already on the website, and there should be reference to the playing field. It was also considered that there could be input from the Church and the School. Councillors agreed to consider further at the next meeting.

7. Planning

7.1 The Clerk informed Councillors that the application for the proposed building on Briscoe Ridge Road had been refused. He had not had any feedback on the applications for Bracken Farm and Bracken Lodge.

7.2 Kehala Barn application. The Chairman read out the application and explained the background. Councillors discussed the detail of the application and it was considered that a) the proposed development would present undesirable incursion into the Green Belt and b) the conversion of a steel frame agricultural building into a residential dwelling would be out of keeping with other properties in the village.

7.3 Caravan in Field adjacent to A658 – the Clerk will contact HBC Planning.

7.4 Brackenwell Lane – the Clerk will follow up with HBC Planning to obtain clarification on what is actually required.

8. Highways, Footpaths, Verges.

8.1. Hall Green Lane – see above at item 3.

8.2 Water flowing down Church Hill. The Clerk has raised this issue with NYCC Highways and a response is awaited.

NB response received after the meeting – Highways consider the problem is caused by tree roots interfering with the drain. Investigation work will be carried out to develop a solution.

8. Litter Pick – arrangements in hand. The Chairman will purchase additional gloves.

9. Village Garden, Amenities and Activities

9.1 Garden improvements – building the stone wall delayed due to other workload commitments of contractor (as he is doing this FOC for the Parish!). The Village Garden will be turfed in March/April.

- 9.2 Dog waste bins – continue to be emptied by the gardening contractor.
- 9.3 Flower tubs – the tubs adjacent to the Square and Compass and on the Village Green are deteriorating. Councillors agreed not to replace the tubs but to consider planting bulbs instead.
- 9.4 Waste bin for the Garden – the Clerk undertook to provide the Chairman with details from “Broxap” (bin etc suppliers)
- 9.5 The Chairman informed councillors that she had been approached by Huby and Weeton Playgroup who wanted to erect a swing in the Garden in memory of a child who had sadly died. Councillors agreed to the proposal but it was felt that the project may well not go ahead when the Playgroup becomes aware of full costs of an appropriate swing.
- 9.6 Party in the Garden/BBQ – arranged for Saturday 17 June at 2.00pm, commencing in the Church Hill playing field with the annual football match, with entertainment alongside, including a bouncy castle. Around 5.00pm the event will move up to the Garden where the BBQ and bar will be situated. PC Scott suggested that she could arrange for the Police Community Event van to be present, where various activities, such as fingerprinting for the children, could be experienced. The Flower Pot Fiesta will again be held, commencing on 2 June.

10. Any other business

There was no other business

11. Date of future meetings

Wednesday 3 May 2017

This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at the village school, commencing at 7.30pm, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting from 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date