

MINUTES FOR THE REMOTE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8 February 2021 at 7.15pm

In attendance: Councillor E Foden (chairman), Councillors K Clifford, A Collingwood, T Jopling, M McCluskey, A Mortimer, D Simpson, S Tate, N Thompson, A Voke, County Councillor D Hugill. 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Bridget Fortune.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There was a reminder that the public are only able to speak when the meeting is open to them under item 2b and not at any other time during the meeting. Disorderly conduct will not be tolerated. The Council does not video its meetings.

2a. Minutes of the meetings held on 11 January 2021. Councillor Mortimer proposed they be approved, seconded by Councillor Voke, all in favour.

2b. Meeting open to the public. Zoom Meeting ID: 869 2159 8400 Passcode: 359727. There were three members of the public in attendance. None wished to speak. The meeting was closed to the public.

3. Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch. 6 incidents were reported in the last month. Two related to COVID-19, there were two thefts, one residential and one commercial.

4. Matters arising.

a. Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Mortimer confirmed that costs to date to date are £16,071 of which only £116 has been charged to the Parish precept. The second locality grant has been signed off and a further application for £1,600 has been approved. Additional costs to completion are estimated at £5,124 to be funded by £1,600 awarded by Locality, £1,644 unspent balance of HDC grant, £1,801 additional application to Locality and £79 from the Parish precept.

Correspondence has been received from a resident asking for an update on green space allocation, Councillor Mortimer has replied. As part of the Local Plan process there will be an additional hearing on green spaces. The Parish Council will make representations at the hearing. HDC have identified a marginal increase needed to the housing needs assessment so the allocations to date are adequate; a change of strategy is unlikely

The Local Plan contains some additional evidence on the traveller housing needs and site capacities which may be of relevance to future planning applications in the Parish.

There has been further correspondence with Broadacres who asked the Parish to reconsider its decisions from the December meeting. It was agreed that there is no need to do so. The decisions do not tie our hands in terms of numbers of houses for the Paddocks End site which is now the main issue. Broadacres believes that the figures put

forward in the draft NP are not viable. A meeting has been requested to get some more details on their costings and evidence. It is accepted in principle and subject to suitable evidence that there may need to be some trade off on numbers on the Paddocks End site to make the project viable. It was agreed that the ongoing discussions are a positive development and Councillors confirmed that they would like to reach an agreement if possible.

b. Footpaths.

Chappies Field. Councillor Collingwood reported that there have been several messages from residents and a number Councillors have also been approached directly. Parishioners are disappointed that no notice was given, the fence is in wrong place, the path is too narrow and unsafe, and they have also questioned why barbed wire has been used. Councillor Collingwood said that there is a balance between people using the public right of way and the landowner implementing measures to protect his property. There are reports of at least one person damaging their jacket on the barbed wire. The fence was erected on 20 November. The landowners have said that there is an intention to put livestock in the field but the hedges around the field are not conducive to that. It is the same landowner who did not repair the bridge at another point further along the public right of way. In the end that work was carried out by a member of the public in his own time and at his own expense. Andy Brown of NYCC is investigating matters but the landowner has said that he believes that the fence is fine as it is. The landowner is also challenging the route of the public right of way by way of a Land Registry search. NYCC can forcibly remove the fence but is looking for an equitable solution. It was agreed that Councillor Collingwood will go back to NYCC to emphasise all these points and to ask for a timeline. It was agreed that if matters are not resolved before the growing season the path will become completely impassable, it is dangerous now.

River footpath. Emergency work was carried out by Gary Wilson and Jack Charlton following the recent flooding and have made a great job of it. A longer-term solution is needed to improve the river flow, this will require expert advice. Councillor Jopling will develop a proposal to be carried out in the summer.

Councillor Jopling suggest that stones and retaining boards should be put along the path between Sexhow and the Wynd. He has asked for a quote and will ensure that the work does not obscure the manhole cover. It is possible that a blockage in that drain may be causing the flooding that occurs from time to time on the Wynd.

Councillor Clifford said that the main drain runs down the river path then goes under road. The manhole cover gets blown off and sewage comes out during heavy rains. A resident has contacted Northumbrian Water to see if there is anything that can be done. Councillor Mortimer proposed that the decision to carry out emergency work be ratified, seconded by Councillor Tate – all approved.

Footpath at the Spar. Councillor Collingwood confirmed that the Spar have agreed to investigate, and it is hoped to be able to move forward with them soon.

- c. **Village Hall and Play Area.** No meetings have taken place. A copper beech tree has been planted.
- d. **Sports Area.** The quote for the repairs to the equipment has been agreed and the work should be carried out soon. The BMX track needs some repair work. Councillor Jopling volunteered to organise this. The proposed health and safety notices were agreed. There has been a report of drugs use at the sports area; this has been reported to the police who have been asked to carry out extra patrols.
- e. **Village Green.** Various areas of damage have been noted, caused in part by the time of year and in part by the larger than usual numbers of delivery lorries. It was agreed to monitor the damage. More areas of grasscrete could be created but it would be better to avoid this if possible. Some levelling work and grass seed may be needed. Some boys had carried out a litter pick around the green without being asked and the Council formally noted its thanks and appreciation.

5. Planning applications.

The following applications have been received by the Council. Full details of any responses are available on www.hambleton.gov.uk/homepage/16/planning

- a. 20/02735/FUL 18 Hundale Road, Hutton Rudby. Single storey extension to front elevation. The Council recommended approval subject to comments on fire escape and planting. Noted.
- b. 20/02798/FUL and 20/02799/LBC Linden Grange, Hutton Rudby. Replacement of single storey flat extension roof addition with single storey pitched roof structure and glazed infill. The Council recommended approval. Noted.
- c. 21/00043/FUL Skutterskelfe House, Skutterskelfe. Proposed double storey and single storey extensions to existing dwelling. The Council recommended approval. Noted.
- d. 21/00034/FUL Indian Farm, Middleton on Leven. Change of use of land to equestrian for the purposes of an outdoor horse arena and construction of a timber stable block consisting of x3 stables, tack room, storeroom and storage area for private use only. The Council recommended approval subject to conditions on 1. it being for private use only; 2. to require that area is not illuminated and 3. stable block lighting is approved by HDC to minimise adverse impacts on the environment. Noted.
- e. 20/02846/FUL Hunter Hill, Skutterskelfe. Change of use from home office to holiday accommodation. The Council recommended refusal.

- f. 21/00078/MRC Oakwood Farm, Tame Bridge. Application for variation of condition 4 (caravan numbers - to increase the caravan numbers from 2 to 5) to application 16/00522/FUL for Change of use of land to a private gypsy site and new access and the siting of a caravan and tourer (granted on appeal reference APP/G2713/W/16/3165207).

6. Reports from County and District Councillors.

Councillor Hugill confirmed that the Chappies Field issues are with the legal department.

With regards to damage around the green he acknowledged that there is a lack of car parks and it is sometimes possible to increase provision in conjunction with housing developers where appropriate.

Judy Power of the Living Leven Project has offered to come and speak at a meeting.

NYCC is busy with snow and floods, the land is saturated. The Highways department have improved their communications, so it is easier to see where they are working.

Council tax will be decided next week and a small increase is inevitable plus 3% to cover adult social care.

There was a discussion about water on the Stokesley Road due to blocked gutters caused by debris from the building plots. Agreed that Councillor Hugill will make Highways aware of the problem and the Clerk will also write to them. Councillor Tate requested that drains around Skutterskelfe should also be cleared out.

7. Finance.

Employer's summary January 2021. Noted.

3rd quarter accounts. Councillor Thompson was thanked for all his hard work preparing these. Councillor Thompson proposed that they be agreed, seconded by Councillor Foden, all agreed.

8. Co-option of new Councillor - to decide on the process and timetable.

Councillor Foden confirmed that there have been five applications which is brilliant. Due to current restrictions, it will not be possible to hold a physical meeting so the other options are to delay a decision, to do it as a paper exercise or to hold a Zoom meeting. It was agreed to offer the candidates a chance to attend a Zoom meeting but that all will be considered if they do not wish to attend a meeting. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 February at 7.15pm.

9. **Activities list - updates and decisions needed on funding and progressing the relevant items.**

There was a review of the activities list. The following items required an update or action:

- a. **Care for Our Village** – some additional volunteers have come forward, but more volunteers are needed particularly as we move into spring and plant up the planters.
- b. **Environment** - Councillor Simpson hopes to bring a potential climate action plan to the next Council meeting.
- c. **Linen Mill wall and landscaping** – the aspiration is to improve the whole area possibly with a view to creating a picnic area. However, work to the old mill wall needs to be completed first. It is a heritage feature and needs to be done sympathetically. It is likely to be a big project which will require scaffolding and specialist knowledge. Councillor Foden will put together a brief with a view to obtaining quotes. This is a project that the Living Leven project may also be able to help with.
- d. **Speedwatch** – on hold for now due to the time of year, Covid restrictions and a lack of volunteers.
- e. **Trees for Tomorrow** – trees have been planted in Middleton-on-Leven, Skutterskelfe, Deepdale, the cricket club, on the Green, and at the Village Hall. The only one outstanding is the Burial Ground which will be done once drainage has been resolved.
- f. **Burial Ground** – the ditch at the back of the new burial ground is flowing freely. Specialist advice needed on fitting grids to the culverts and ensuring that the drainage complies with burial ground regulations.

10. **Decisions of Hambleton District Planning**

None. Noted.

11. **Accounts**

Screwfix 2 gang 13A DP Outboard socket	£ 9.99
KVA Planning meeting on 3 February 2020 plus travel	£114.80
Groundwork UK end of grant balance	£ 86.40
Clerk's pay January 2021	£587.77

Money received

Northern Powergrid amounts payable under Wayleaves agreement	£ 11.50
Allotments rents	£190.00

12. Correspondence

- a. North Yorkshire Police “Ask the Experts” online event in support of Safer Internet Day 9 February 2021. Noted.
- b. Email from North Yorkshire Youth 8 January 2021 offering to support youth led projects. This is a good initiative but not one that the Council had the resources to support. Agreed to put something on Facebook to see if there are others in the village who might be interested in taking it further. Noted.
- c. North Yorkshire County Council Covid 19 update 8 January 2021. Noted.
- d. White Rose update and training bulletin dated 11, 22 January 2021. Noted.
- e. YLCA training bulletin 15,29 January 2021. Noted.
- f. CPRE notice of an online meeting and proposed changes to the constitution dated 12 January 2021. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not participate. Noted.
- g. Letter from the Chairman of NALC dated 12 January 2021. Noted.
- h. Police notice of scam dated 13 January 2021. Noted.
- i. YLCA confirmation dated 14 January 2021 of local elections going ahead on 6 May 2021. Noted.
- j. Email from resident dated 16 January 2021 regarding speeding in Skutterskelfe. The Clerk responded in writing. Noted.
- k. CPRE dark skies star count 2021 6-14 February 2021. Noted.
- l. Email dated 19 January 2021 regarding Hambleton Heroes, deadline 1 March 2021. Noted.
- m. NALC Building Back Resilient Communities forum 25 March 2021. Noted.
- n. NALC Why representation in local councils matters forum on 23 February 2021. Noted.
- o. HDC weekly briefing 15, 22, 29 January 2021. Noted.
- p. BHIB notice of FCA judgment on refusal of Covid cancellation insurance dated 21 January 2021. Noted.
- q. Community First Yorkshire email regarding Village Halls Week 2021 to take place 25 to 29 January 2021. Noted.
- r. Notice of the Police Commissioner’s accountability meeting on 26 January 2021 at 1.30pm. Noted.
- s. NALC email 25 January 2021 regarding the right to regenerate consultation, responses needed by 25 February 2021. Noted.
- t. Email from NALC dated 27 January 2021 regarding right to hold remote meetings after May 2021. Noted.
- u. NYCC notice of road closure of South Side from 30 January to 3 February 2021. Noted.
- v. YLCA website update 29 January 2021. Noted.
- w. Tees River Trust Living Leven Project development dated 29 January 2021. It was agreed that they should be invited to a future meeting to discuss what is available.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.