

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 July 2019 at Marrick Institute.

Present: Councillors Mr Barrie Braithwaite (Chairman), Mr Mark Hodgson (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr Robert Bradford, Dr Martin Bryce, Mr Keith Stones.

Clerk: Mrs Pauline Cordner

The Clerk reported the sad death of County Councillor John Blackie. He had worked tirelessly for the communities of the Upper Dales for many years and would be sadly missed by many.

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Minutes

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 9 May 2019, previously circulated, be taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Also resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 9 May 2019, previously circulated, be taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Declarations of the Existence and Nature of Interests: None

4. Planning Matters

There were no objections to the application for full planning permission for construction of a timber stable unit at East End Farm, Marrick. The siting and appearance of the proposed unit appeared to have been given careful consideration and was appropriate in the landscape and for the use required.

5. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Richmondshire District Council were inviting comments from electors within the District regarding polling stations currently used for elections, and suggestions for possible alternative venues, comments from any local constituency party or comments regarding access/facilities for the disabled. The consultation period for residents or organisations to support or object to the proposals would last from 26 July to 13 September 2019. All present agreed that Marrick Institute should be retained as the polling station for the Parish. It was the only community building, had always been used for elections, had disabled access & facilities and was well-known to the electors.

6. Highways Matters

The Clerk had again written to Freedom regarding problems on Ellerholme Lane, since previous correspondence appeared to have been ignored. A reply had been received, which the Clerk read out to the meeting. This contained inaccuracies, which would be pointed out, and was considered unsatisfactory. Councillor Bradford agreed that his contact details should be relayed to Freedom, so he could deal with the matter, together with the Clerk.

Problems caused from surfacing work near Chapel Barn, Hurst had been reported initially to Highways in January 2017. The residents had obtained sandbags as a temporary measure to protect their property. Despite further communications, kerbstones had still not been fitted. The Clerk would again remind Highways and request they attend to the matter.

#### 7. Website Accessibility

New regulations regarding accessibility standards for council websites and mobile applications had been introduced and would require an accessibility statement to be applied to the website, to explain how accessible the site was. Since the new duties would not apply until September 2020, further information would be obtained on any new provisions to be introduced and possible cost involved.

#### 8. Financial Officer's/Clerk's Report

Bank balances: Community account £3958.89, Land account £2116.98. Authorisation was given to pay Information Commissioner £40 for renewal of data protection fee, £100 for annual website hosting charge. Defibrillator pads were due for renewal, which the Parish Council had previously agreed to fund. The Clerk had obtained several quotes. It was agreed to purchase 2 at a cost of £41.99 each inc VAT.

The Clerk and Councillor Bradford had attended the police rural mobile surgery with residents on 15 July at the Institute. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Ranger had telephoned the Clerk to report Steps Wood had been surveyed and some remedial work was to be carried out. Following the Clerk's earlier request regarding grants for limekiln repairs, he explained there was a lack of available funding at present.

#### 9. Correspondence

Scott Trial had requested permission to pass over parish land on 12 October. Regarding the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, PKF Littlejohn had received and logged the notification of exempt status and no review would be performed.

UCI Road World Cycling Championship would take place at the end of September and was expected to bring a large number of spectators to the area. Grants were available to local groups to help with celebration events and decorations.

Further items of general correspondence were also noted.

#### 10. Date of next meeting

Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 26 September 2019 at Marrick Institute.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20p.m.