

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26 September 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

Also present: Mr Richard Wood (Resident)

1. Apologies for Absence:

None

2. Minutes

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 18 July 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. Highways Matters

- i) **Flooding problems:** The torrential rain over a month ago had caused widespread damage in the district, with properties flooded, roads impassable, bridges and stone walls destroyed, livestock lost, and becks and water courses blocked with debris and overflowing. Highways had attended to numerous problems in the area, however there were some remaining concerns. At Hurst - flooding of the beck near Green Dragon. Although some work had been done, the culvert was still obstructed and debris had not been removed. The Clerk had reported this and had forwarded photographs to illustrate it, to which no reply had yet been received. In Marrick - water ingress from the road had resulted in flooding at Harland House, despite the owner's attempts to prevent this. It was considered attention should be given to improve the drainage in the area. Councillor Bradford would carry out an inspection to locate the problem areas, prior to contacting Highways.
- ii) **Update on Ellerholme Lane.** Excavation work had been carried out and the problem found. Highways would liaise with Freedom to carry out remedial work.

5. BT Telephone Upgrade, Marrick

The meeting was informed that the copper wires in Marrick were in need of upgrading, which it was hoped would give better broadband speeds. BT had a grant to carry out the work, but outlying areas needed to be given attention, before work could be carried out in the village. It was agreed further information should be obtained from BT about this.

6. Financial Officer's/Clerk's Report

Bank balances: Community account £3818.89. Received: 2nd half of precept £650. Authorisation was given to pay £90.33 for replacement defibrillator pads, £100 towards Institute upkeep, and £42.80 for stationery supplies. The Clerk had responded to the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places and had completed a further questionnaire on the subject.

She reported that planning permission had been granted for the stable unit at East End Farm.

The local government election for the Upper Dales would take place on Thursday 17 October.

7. Retirement of Clerk

Councillors thanked Mrs Cordner for her many years of service, and for continuing to carry out the duties of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council, despite having previously retired from the position. Her retirement, however, was now final. It was envisaged that Mr Richard Wood would be appointed to succeed her, at the next Parish Council meeting.

8. Correspondence

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority had commissioned a Strategic Housing Market Assessment to inform understanding about the supply and demand for housing across the National Park. Yorkshire Local Government Association were organising a number of training events. The monthly police report had been received, and agendas and minutes of various meetings were also noted.

9. Date of next meeting

Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 21 November 2019 at Marrick Institute.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.16p.m.

