

MARRICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2020 at Marrick Institute.

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

Clerk: Mrs Pauline Cordner

Also present: 2 residents

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Minutes

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 21 November 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

The application for listed building consent for re-roofing works at Marrick Priory had been approved conditionally.

The application to retain the current static caravan at the Old School, Hurst, was discussed. It was considered the length of time the caravan had already been sited, was sufficient to make the main property, The Old School, habitable, and therefore the need was no longer justified. Concerns were expressed that any extension could set a precedent.

It was further considered that its position had an adverse impact on a neighbouring property and the surrounding countryside, and this should also be taken into account when reaching a decision.

5. Parish Land

The Chair reported that repairs were needed to the roadside wall at Nungate Top.

6. Highways Matters

Councillor Bradford and Mrs Cordner had met with Steve Barker, Maintenance Manager, NYCC Highways & Transportation, on 10 December, to examine fourteen problem areas, after which a list of these was provided to him. Since no further communication had been received, an email had been sent on 7 January, which received an immediate response, stating the issues would be looked at this week and feedback provided as soon as possible. Councillor Bryce reported the warning cone at Hurst crossroads had been removed. Highways would be notified.

7. Appointment of Clerk

Miss Grace Bryant agreed to take on the duties of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Whilst not officially employed by the Parish Council, she would be compensated for any expenses she incurred.

8. Financial Officer's/Clerk's Report

Bank balances: Community account £4160.76. Mrs Cordner reported that the printer had broken. YDNPA were starting the process of creating a new Local Plan and had launched a consultation process. Anyone with an interest in the future of the National Park could complete the survey online, or by filling in the back pages of the December edition of Dales magazine, or collecting a survey from Bainbridge or Grassington office or Sedbergh library.

The General Election, held in December, had resulted in a win by the Conservative party.

Mr Rishi Sunak had been re-elected for the Richmond constituency with 63.6% of the votes.

9. Correspondence

It was noted that several emails had been received expressing concerns about the proposed implementation of 5G technology in North Yorkshire.

YLCA Richmondshire Branch meeting would be held on 6 February, when the speaker would give information on the powers and resources available to town and parish councils to tackle climate change.

YDNPA had arranged a number of meetings for upland farmers, to provide updates on information on farm grants.

North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner had commenced the annual precept consultation. The Dales monthly police report had also been received.

Richmondshire District Council Leader and Deputy Leader had offered to attend any future parish council meeting. The District Council recognized the importance of good communication and were seeking views on the effectiveness of current practices. These were considered to be satisfactory.

10. Any Other Business None

11. Date of next meeting

Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Thursday 19 March 2020 at Marrick Institute, following the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.26p.m.

