

Report of the Parish Council Meeting – 23rd November 2023

Present: Councillors Mr Mark Hodgson (Chairman), Mr Bob Bradford, Mr Keith Stones, Dr Martin Bryce and Mr Frank Wilkison

Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant

Also Present: Mrs Pauline Cordner and Councillor Yvonne Peacock

10 Minute Question and Answer Session
Nothing brought to attention

1. Apologies for Absence: None
2. Confirm Minutes from Previous Meeting: Resolved that minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th October 2023 can be taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
3. Declaration of Existence & Nature of Interests: None
4. Matters Arising: None.
5. Planning Matters:
 - 5.1: Planning application for full planning permission for construction of a single storey garage at Green Dragon Farm, Hurst is still awaiting a decision but there have been additional drawings added to the application
 - 5.2: Planning application approved for installation of two conservation roof lights at The Old Byre, Marrick.
 - 5.3: Caravan at The Old School, Slack Hills Road was granted temporary planning permission until 3rd February 2021 and this outstanding date has been brought to the Parish Councils attention. The clerk is to notify North Yorkshire Council on this matter.
6. Gritting:
 - 6.1 Brought to the clerk's attention by a resident that there is still no grit heap at the top of Ellerholme Lane. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like we will be able to do anything with this until August next year again. Due to this the clerk is going to record positions of all the grit heaps in the parish to prevent them being removed in the future. Councillor Yvonne Peacock is also going to forward on the criteria for gritting and grit heaps.
7. Highways
 - 7.1 Reels Head review was requested again on the 26th but no response received yet.
 - 7.2 Pot hole on Stelling Road has been filled in.
 - 7.3 Pot hole on Crook Bank Lane have been reported. Still no response but have chased highways again as was reported on the 23rd of September. Yvonne Peacock is to organise a meeting with the highways officer and at least one member of the Parish Council so this site can be reviewed.
 - 7.4 North Yorkshire Council have had a Vehicle Restraint System assessment at the A6108 near Downholme Bridge done on the area and the location does not meet their criteria for VRS introduction. Mainly due to it having a good record in relation to injury collision. Clerk has responded back to the Council on this matter and is awaiting a reply.
8. Parish Precept: North Yorkshire Council has requested confirmation of the Parish Precept by 31st of December. The parish precept is 'the amount a parish requires to precept upon to cover the net cost of their services. Currently proposing the precepts are paid in two equal instalments, first one

by the 30th April and second by the 30th September 2024 except if a precept total is less than £5000 and if so will be paid in full by 30th April. Last year the overall amount raised by local precepting bodies was £707,805million an increase of 8% from the previous year. For Yorkshire the average increase was 9% last year. Total expenditure last year was £2144.42, year before was £1661.39. Precept has been £1500 for the past three years but it was proposed by Councillor Keith Stones to raise to £1700, this was seconded by Councillor Robert Bradford. No other proposals were made so it was agreed to raise the precept for the year 2024 to £1700.

9. Financial Officers/Clerks Report: Community account is currently at £4,67533 and the land account is at £2,636.98. No invoices have been received by the Parish Council since the last meeting. 7th of November we had the King's Speech where the key themes were strengthening society; growing the economy and keeping people sage. North Yorks Local Citizens Advice have also summarised this year and in the 22/23 year 915 individuals were helped with 4,863 problems and 3 of these people were from Marrick Parish. Main concerns over the year are increasing anxiety related to income; energy cost fears and housing concerns. YLCA Membership subscription has been agreed to increase 5% for the coming year, we will receive the invoice for this in April. Pauline Cordner has been working with Barclays to update the Bank Mandate forms following the resignation of Barrie Braithwaite.

10. Correspondence

10.1: North Yorkshire Housing strategy consultation. Survey closes 11th of December.

10.2: Let's talk North Yorkshire Survey on how to distribute the budget closes 18th of December

10.3: Self-build housing register. Proposal to create a joint register where you have to have a connection request to join and a joining fee of £123.

10.4: Reeth and District Gazette requesting help with regards to funding. It was noted by councillors that a donation or a small charge would be deemed acceptable to prevent the Gazette from not being able to produce

10.5: Richmondshire branch minutes – mainly electric charging & village greens were discussed; next meeting February 1st.

11. Any other Business:

None

Date of next meeting confirmed for 18th January 2024.

Grace Bryant
Marrick Parish Clerk