

Report of the Parish Council Meeting – 25th January 2024

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

Clerk: Miss Grace Bryant

Also Present: Mrs Pauline Cordner

10 Minute Question and Answer Session

- Two of the streetlamps in Marrick are not working so the clerk is to contact North Yorkshire County Council

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1. Apologies for Absence: None
 2. Confirm Minutes from Previous Meeting: Resolved that minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd November 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 has been granted on the 5th of December 2023.
 - 5.2: Clerk has notified North Yorkshire Council on the caravan at The Old School, Slack Hills Road. The Planning Enforcement Officer has spoken to the landowner and given them a deadline to remove the caravan or apply to retain it. The clerk is to chase the officer on this as the deadline given was the end of January.
 6. Gritting:
 - 6.1 Clerk has recorded the position of all grit heaps in the parish although the highways officer has explained that there is an ongoing review of all grit heaps.
 - 6.2 Reminded Yvonne Peacock to send the criteria for gritting and grit heaps on to the Parish Council. The Clerk is also going to put to the Council that the gritting criteria should consider the differences in sea level of the request as currently all areas in North Yorkshire are treated the same even though there is higher occurrence of ice in certain locations.
 - 6.3 A quote has been received for grit bins however the clerk is going to request a few more before a decision is made.
 - 6.4 Along with other Clerks from the dales the Clerk has written a litter to Richard Flinton, Karl Battersby and Rishi Sunak regarding the issues that have been raised with the inadequate gritting in the parish.
 7. Highways
 - 7.1 On the 17th of January the clerk and Councillors Bob Bradford, Frank Wilkinson and Mark Hodgson met with the highways officer to discuss problems in the parish. The meeting was deemed productive and moving forward the Clerk is going to use What 3 Words to help describe site locations. The officer is going to review the problems on: Reels Head, Hard Styles, the manhole cover past Barf House, the wall by the T-junction in Marrick; the post and rail replacement required in Hurst, the repair of the road at the bottom of Ellerholme Lane and is also going to discuss the water issue on Ellerholme Lane with the landowners.
 - 7.2 Pothole on Stelling Road has been filled in.
 - 7.3 Pothole on Crook Bank Lane has been filled in and the highways officer has apologised for the length of time taken to repair this.

- 7.4 Parish Workshops. Highways are holding parish workshops to discuss 'hot topics' on parish council and town council meetings. Clerk is booked onto the one on the 6th of February.
8. Hurst Woodland Management Plan: Farmoor Services are putting in a woodland management plan which includes Hurst woodlands. Don't plan any substantial new plantings but are going to do any maintenance thinning and tidying up of tree guards over the next few years. There were no comments from the Parish Council with regards to work that needs doing.
9. Landline and Telecare Devices in Swaledale: Reeth Parish Council have concern over the landline digital switch over by BT so have requested each parish to complete a survey on their medical device needs, mobile signal and landline dependence. Printed copies of the survey were provided for residents and the parish council filled out one as a review of the situation in Marrick Parish.
10. Financial Officers/Clerks Report: Community account is currently at £4515.33 and the land account is at £2636.98. No invoices have been received by the Parish Council since the last meeting. NALC has met with representatives from Barclay's and they have acknowledge the problem with waiting times on the phones and the banking issues faced by local councils. Barclays have confirmed they are committed to providing details and working with councils. Pauline Corder is still working with Barclays to complete mandate forms to get the names corrected on the bank accounts.
11. Correspondence:
- 11.1 North Yorkshire Council Climate Change Newsletter: York and North Yorkshire have been approved allocations from a £7million net zero fund to be split across 23 schemes and are looking for views on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy so there is an open consultation for anyone who wants to share on this. Link to their webinar from the 21st of November has been emailed to the Clerk.
- 11.2 NALC is urging the government to ensure broadband connectivity reaches all rural areas.
- 11.3 Home upgrade grant 2 available for North Yorkshire residents to help make their homes more energy efficient.
- 11.4 Received updated councillor logins for the YLCA website.
- 11.5 YDNPA autumn parish forum notes have been circulated. Main theme was plastic usage in farming looking at silage wrap and discarded lick buckets.
- 11.6 YLCA Richmondshire branch meeting on Thursday 1st February at 7pm, to be held remotely.
- 11.7 Public consultation on the YDNPA management plan has been launched, couple of short videos and a survey to complete by Monday 26th February.
- 11.8 YDNPA are holding meetings for local farmers and landowners for grant updates.
12. Any other Business: None
13. Date of next meeting confirmed for 14th March 2024.

Grace Bryant
Marrick Parish Clerk