

Catterick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th February 2024

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Oselton, Cllr Ryan, Cllr Claypole, Cllr Bhatti and Cllr Les

Clerk

1. Apologises for absence.

Cllrs Young, Wyrill, Maj Dent and PCSO Smith.

2. Open forum.

40/45 members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the planning application for the Motorway Service Area (MSA) at J52.

The Clerk had received 4 requests to speak at the meeting. All the speakers expressed the same concerns and objections to the building of a new MSA.

The loss of habitat and wildlife biodiversity was one of the main points. Land has been sourced by Roadchef at East Cowton to replace the loss of these habitats but this is still not in the immediate vicinity of the village.

Increased pollution including noise, light and vehicle emissions from any new services was also a concern as was the increased risk of flooding due to the extra water run-off from the extensive concrete needed at the development.

The need for this new MSA was also questioned as MOTTO have now put in a planning application to extend the Scotch Corner and Barton services and to upgrade these sites to full MSA status. It was pointed out that other rest areas in the vicinity, (Exelby lorry park and Leeming Rest area) come up on google maps and have all the facilities that are requires at a full MSA.

Increased congestion on the local roads, especially with the new industrial site on the A6055, was also mentioned.

One speaker was concerned about the size of the MSA. She said that the area it is to cover is a third more than the Wetherby MSA and was worried about any possible extensions in the future.

All the residents attending the meeting were worried about the detrimental effects such a big development would have on Catterick Village and the people living there.

One speaker asked when the planning meeting was to be held and if the public would be able to attend. Cllr Les wasn't sure when it was yet but this would be published on the North Yorkshire Council website and the Parish Council will be informed. He also said that the public could attend and if they wanted to speak they would have to submit their statements beforehand.

He again emphasised that it was very important to submit objections to the planning portal but there had to be material reasons for the objection.

He was also asked by a resident what would happen to the land if the planning was not granted. This resident would like to see the land handed over to Natural England to secure the site for the future.. Cllr Les said that the North Yorkshire Council are developing a Local Plan and that shortly there will be a call for sites for development and also for areas to retain for wildlife. The Parish Council could ask for this site to be retained for wildlife.

The Parish Councillor agreed that the MSA was not needed due to loss of habitat, MOTTO submitting plans to upgrade Scotch Corner and Barton, other rest areas in the vicinity and increased noise, light and vehicle emission pollution. The Clerk will send in their objections to these plans to the planning department.

3. Reports

3.1 Police report.

PCSO Smith could not attend the meeting but sent a report.

Report from 07th January 2024 – 02nd February 2024

1 Crime reported - 1 Crimes/violence - Domestic related.

Crimes report for the same period last year = 10

No Anti-Social Behaviour Reports –

Anti-Social Report for the same period last year = 1

1 Road Related Offence .1 Road Traffic Collision

1 Administration Report

All other reports for the same period last year = 13

3 Person/Safety /Warning reports –1 Suspicious Circumstance calls. 2

Concern related call.

All other warnings reported in the same period last year = 18

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Coffee with a Copper

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Tuesday 20th February – 1100-1200

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Between 1000 – 1100hrs

Thursday 14th March 2024

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3.2 North Yorkshire Council

A Lets talk Food Campaign has been launched by North Yorkshire Council, It can be found on the Council website.

The budget for next year is in the process of being sorted out. By reducing the number of Councillors in the new unitary council a £780,000/year saving is being made. Another £5million/year will be saved by altering the management of the Council.

Council Tax will be rising by nearly 5%. 2% for social care and 2.5% for the rest of the services.

The police portion of the council tax is increasing by 3% and the fire portion by 2%.

3.3. Marne Barracks

Major Dent could not attend the meeting but sent a short report.

Ground surveys continue for the new construction project – no demolition or earth works due until early summer.

Normal business as usual for the Regiments, various exercises and deployments happening over the next 6 – 12 months.

4. Minutes

Proposer: Cllr Ryan Seconder: Cllr Oselton

5. Matters arising.

PCSO Smith has looked into the problem mentioned last month at the junction of Low Green with the High St. She said that there have been a few incidents over the years but not enough to start putting traffic calming measures in place.

6. Current Issues.

6.1 Possible funding for replacement of baby swings and safety matting under the zip wire in Kings Cloe play area.

The Clerk has been contacted by Streetscape, the firm that installed the new equipment in Kings Close Play area about 3 years ago to see if any new or replacement equipment was needed as the National Lottery Awards For All funding has been raised from £10,000 to £20,000.

She suggested the baby swings could do with replacing as the inspections carried out report that the timber frame is starting to deteriorate and some of the hangers are cracked and also the safety matting has been reported as needing replacing under the zip wire.

A representative from Streetscape visited the play area and sent a quote for these two pieces of equipment and also two extra pieces - an inclusive spring rocker and a small climbing frame. This would come to £20,000.

The Clerk asked if the Parish Councillors were interested in carrying out this work. No match funding would be required. As there would be no expenditure by the Parish Council they agreed that the Clerk should look into the application for the grant and try and get the funding for this equipment.

6.2 Urban grass cutting by Highways

(Not on the agenda.)

Each year Highways pay the Parish Council to cut certain areas in the village. The Clerk has received a letter asking if we still want to continue to do this. The Payment has increased by about £35 to £535.77

The Councillors agreed to carry on with cutting these areas.

7. Parish Finance

7.1 The periodic accounts.

These were circulated prior to the meeting and approved and accepted by the members.

Proposed: Cllr Ryan Seconded: Cllr Bhatti

8 Correspondence.

The Clerk has received an email from a resident living at the bottom end of Bishop's Way wanting advice about the problem the new houses have with the lack of a proper sewage system. They have been promised over three years ago that this would be sorted out but it has not. He has been trying to contact the developers but with no success.

Cllr Les suggested contacting the planning department which the clerk has done but has received no reply. Cllr Les said to copy him into the email sent about this.

The Cub leader has been in touch with Cllr Claypole about the need for volunteers to help run the beavers and cubs in the village. She said there are a lot of children wanting to attend but getting help is a problem. She asked if this can be in the minutes in the hope that some residents may come forward.

9. Planning Application.

19/00473/FULL Full planning application for MSA J52/

This has been discussed earlier in the meeting.

10. Minor Matters.

The Clerk has now received the signed licence for planting of the daffodil bulbs on the verges at the entrance of the village along with a map of the areas this licence covers. She has sent this to the resident who is organising the planting, which will now have to be in the autumn.

Cllr Claypole mentioned that the Rev, Southern is leaving the Parish at the end of March and wanted to thank her for her work in the Parish over the years.

Meeting closed at 20.35

Date of next meeting Monday March 4th 2024

Signed

Dated