

Catterick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Virtual Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th May 2021

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Young, Cllr Rafferty, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Wyrill, Cllr Claypole

Clerk

In attendance; County councillor Les

Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic Virtual meetings have been temporarily allowed by THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020 No. 392

1. Apologies for absence;

District Cllrs Threlfall and Rowe (District Council AGM) and PCSO Smith

2. Open forum.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

3. Reports

3 1 Police report.

This had previously been sent to the Parish Councillors.

Report from 11/04/21 - 30/04/21

5 Crimes reported -:

Reports of fraud - callers report telephone/text/internet scamming, which were passed to Action Fraud.

– Domestic related

– Theft from a shop, investigation ongoing.

3 Anti-social Behaviour reports - 2 ASB Nuisance reports, 1 report of kids at the Pavilion who were being rowdy, an officer checked the area and found it to be in order. 1 Report of loud music being played in the early hours which was checked and found to be all quiet on arrival.

1 ASB personal reports. 1 Report of a male being verbally abusive to them whilst out walking their dog, the male was not identified.

2 Road Related Offence – 1 Driver issued a ticket for speeding. 1 report of manner of driving, the vehicle details were passed and reported to the company direct.

7 Person/Safety /Warning reports_–

2 Suspicious Report's - The Army had informed NYP of found ammunition on camp, which was disposed of.

A resident reported finding a pellet in his front door, there were no lines of enquiry.

3 Abandoned 999 calls – all were made in error.

1 Concern - 1 report for concern for friend, who was found to under professional care.

1 Civil dispute.

Administration Report – 1 report of a planned lamping event.

Tea with NYP... at Booth Hall : No meetings, until further notice.

Project Servator is now back up and running in Richmondshire.

We will be here, unannounced. We can be at any place, anytime and anywhere.

North Yorkshire Community Messaging

This is a free system that allows people to receive the latest crime notifications and community news in their neighbourhoods. People can register on www.nycm.co.uk

Contact North Yorkshire Police

Please visit our website www.northyorkshire.police.uk for advice regarding Crime Prevention and safety advice.

Emergency - 999

National 24hr non-emergency number 101

- 101 calls cost 15 pence per call from mobile or landline, regardless of length of call

Call 'Crimestoppers' anonymously on 0800 555 111

Contact Details: PCSO 3521 Di Smith

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3.1 County Councillor Les.

He reported that during the last year the County Council have been issuing regular reports and updates for the Covid 19 pandemic. He said that North Yorkshire have had fewer numbers than the rest of the UK and coped well with cooperation between the Council, businesses, and volunteers. The vaccine programme in North Yorkshire is also working well.

Temporary legislation had been passed to allow virtual council meetings to take place. This comes to an end on 7th May and primary legislation is needed to extend this. The Secretary of State has said that there is no time for that at the moment and is wanting evidence to support the case for holding virtual meetings in the future. Cllr Les said that NYCC have put through emergency legislation that allows any decision to be discussed and then decided at a virtual meeting and a responsible officer then carries out this decision.

He has been trying to sort out the litter bins in the laybys by the racecourse. RDC have said that they are not prepared to empty the bins even if NYCC provide them. He is to have a word with District Councillors Threlfall. Cllr Young wondered if there was any need for the laybys now that dog walking was not allowed on the racecourse. Cllr Bannister said that they were needed for the lorries and Cllr Wyrill that the truck parks were very expensive. Cllr Les said that the short-term issue is to get bins installed and then in the long term to decide whether they are needed.

3.2 District Councillors

None of the District Councillors could attend as RDC was also holding their AGM on the same evening.

Cllr Threlfall had asked Cllr Young to let the Parish Council know that RDC have given permission for the Veterans Woodcraft group to replace the roof on the bus shelter. Simon will contact Ms Pierson about this.

The Clerk had received a phone call about a sofa being left at the bus stop. Cllr Claypole said that Ms Pierson put out a message on social media asking for it to be

removed, which it was within 24 hours. The Councillors said that Ms Pierson is doing a good job having raised over £8,000 and in general is keeping the area a lot tidier.

4. Minutes

The minutes at the last meeting held on 12th April 2021 were approved

Proposed: Cllr Bannister Seconded: Cllr. Rafferty

5. Matters arising.

a. Cllrs Campbell and Rafferty and the Clerk met in the village to see if any more street lights were needed. 3 places had been suggested – behind the bus stop, High Green and Beckside. All 3 seemed to have enough – Cllr Claypole said that it is dark near the houses behind the bus stop but Cllr Rafferty said there may be a problem with the light shining into the houses if one was put along here. Cllr Young agreed that there seemed to be sufficient lights along Beckside. Cllr Campbell said that an extra light seems to have been installed near the cemetery entrance and this area now seems alright for lights.

b. Cllr Bannister has been on the help line for the Environment Agency and spoken to a lady who told him that permission is not needed for the removal of Himalayan Balsam. Cllr Wyrill has since been and removed the pile that had been taken out of the beck by the Men Without Sheds Group.

c. Cllr Threlfall has been in touch with Waste and Street Scene at RDC about the possibility of putting in litter bins at the laybys by the racecourse but they have said that they are not putting in any more bins and even if they are paid for by the Parish Council, they are not emptying new ones. They also said that they pass the laybys 4 times a week and check if litter is collecting. The Clerk did wonder why they could not empty the bins when they were passing. As mentioned in Cllr Les's report he is to have a word with Cllr Threlfall.

d. The foodbank at the Church is now up and run running.

e. Cllr Rafferty said that the tree surgeon will be carrying out the tree work next month. A tree near the fish and chip chop is not looking very healthy at the moment and will be checked again.

6. Election of Officers – Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman. Cllr Campbell was nominated and asked if she would continue as Chairman. She agreed to this.

Proposed – Cllr Young

Second – Cllr Rafferty

A vote was taken and this was unanimous in her favour.

The Clerk asked for nominations for vice-chairman.

Cllr Young and Cllr Bannister were proposed and asked if they would stand as vice - chairman. Cllr Bannister said that he was not prepared to stand as vice chairman. Cllr Young said that he would continue.

Proposed- Cllr Campbell

Second - Cllr Rafferty

A vote was taken and this was unanimous in his favour.

7. Current Issues.

7.1 Play park maintenance and annual inspection.

RDC have grants up to £10,000 for Parish Council play parks. The Councillors discussed what was needed in King's Close. The multi play area for the younger childfree has been repaired by RDC but is still not very good. It was decided that this could be replaced. Swings are also needed and the matting by many of the pieces of play equipment is in a poor state of repair. This is also true about the matting in Arena View Play Park around the older equipment. The Councillors decided to meet in the Play park to see what else can be done. The Clerk will get in touch with some suppliers of play park equipment and arrange visits. Cllr Young will get in touch with Cllr Threlfall to clarify how the grant is to be accessed and whether quotes need to be submitted first.

An annual inspection of the play parks needs to be carried out The Clerk had some prices. Sovereign, who installed the new equipment in Arena View do not just carry out an annual inspection they have a package for inspections throughout the year at a cost of £529. GB Sport and leisure was recommended by David Lodge at RDC at a cost of £189 per play park and a firm at Wetherby – MacVenture has quoted £75. They are all qualified inspectors. The Parish Council decided to try this last firm.

7.2 How to hold the June meeting

The temporary legislation to allow the holding of virtual meetings is coming to an end on May 6th. Hopefully meetings in June will be able to be held face to face in the Booth Hall but if this is not the case a decision had to be made on how to hold the meeting.

Cllr Bannister proposed that the Parish Council do the same as the County Council and pass a resolution that virtual meeting can be held and any decisions made there could be carried out by a responsible officer. That would be the Clerk.

This was seconded by Cllr Young and the rest of the Councillors agreed.

8.1 The periodic accounts

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

Proposed: Cllr Bannister Seconded: Cllr Young

9. Correspondence.

A resident has been in touch with the Clerk asking if the Parish Council could cut the grass at the front of one of his neighbours. The home owner is not cutting the grass – The Parish Councillors said that it wasn't their land and wasn't up to the Parish Council to do this.

10. Planning Applications. None

11. Minor Matters.

Cllr Young has been in touch with Marne Barracks about army personnel walking their dogs on the Sport's Field. He has asked them to put a notice in any family emails etc. to inform them that dog exercising on the sport's field is not permitted.

The meeting closed at 20.20

Date of next meeting – Monday 5th June 2021 (to be confirmed)

Signed.....

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