

Catterick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th June 2023

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

Clerk

1. Apologies for absence.

PCSO Smith, Cllrs Young, Wyrill and Les

2. Open forum.

5 members of the public attended the meeting.

Concerns about the Motorway Service Station at J52 were raised and also the increase in traffic in the surrounding areas due to the Outlet centre and garden centre at Scotch Corner and the development of a large number of houses at Brompton Mews at Brough St Giles.

They were worried about the loss of habitat due to the motorway services, especially for population of wild fowl and said that the area in question is also a significant site in the north of England for murmurations of Starlings. They didn't think that the proposal of giving s106 development money to areas further away for habitat development solved the problem- they felt that the money should be used in this area.

Cllr Les could not attend the meeting but the Clerk had contacted him prior to the meeting for any updates. The Clerk read out his reply.

'There's a lot of confusion here. I think the consent has been given, but not published as they are concluding the requirements of the s106 agreements. However I think Moto may be going for a Judicial Review so that would seriously delay any consent being given. However, if Moto don't, and if the s106 agreements are finalised, the planning consent cannot be withdrawn, even though it is now NYC which is the planning authority.'

They also mentioned that the services at Exelby have now put in a planning application for extra facilities for the lorry drivers- the lack of these being one of the reasons that this service station was needed.

They asked why the Parish Council had not objected to the application. The Councillors said that they had not approved of the application.

Three residents wanted to know where the Parish Council meetings were advertised as they did not know that meetings were held every month. They were told that the agendas have been advertised on the notice board by the bus stop for many years and are also now published on the village council website. Whilst the Herald was being published the minutes were also published in that.

They wondered if the agendas could be published on Facebook to allow more people to find out about the meetings. The Council does not have its own Facebook page but the Councillors agreed to putting the agenda on the Catterick Community Facebook page. Cllr Claypole will do this once the Clerk has sent her the agenda.

Graham Bannister, one of the members of the Men Without Sheds group attended the meeting to ask if the Parish Council would help with the purchase of a lawn mower. The group has now taken over the cutting and maintenance of the grassed areas of the churchyard to encourage wildlife in certain areas. The grass near the church needs keeping short but the lawn mower they have been using has now broken. They will also cut grass for residents of the village who are unable to do their own due to ill health.

Mr Bannister said that they are a completely voluntary group and have no funds. He has been looking at different options and want to buy one from Gills at Leeming Bar costing £695. It is a heavy-duty mower with a cutting width of 24". Cllr Campbell thought that it was expensive but Cllr Oselton said that large lawnmowers are around that price.

Mr Bannister said that any help would be appreciated and they would try and get funding from elsewhere to cover the rest.

The Councillors agreed that the work they carry out in the churchyard has greatly improved the area, encouraging wildlife, whilst keeping it tidy. The Parish Council are responsible for the churchyard as it is a closed church yard so it was suggested that the Parish Council buy the mower and it would be the property of the Council but stored in the Church shed. The Clerk will check the insurance cover.

Proposer Cllr Claypole

Seconded Cllr Rigby.

The Clerk will liaise with Mr Bannister about the purchase

3.1 Police report.

Previously circulated to the Councillors.

Report from 29th April 2023 – 3rd June 2023

North Yorkshire Police are promoting our messaging system, please sign up today to:

Community Messaging

North Yorkshire Community Messaging allows members of the public to register to receive alerts, crime notifications and community news from organisations. It is a way of maintaining contact with Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch groups.

Neighbourhood & Rural Watch have their own database within community messaging for their members.

You can sign up to receive alerts as a member of the public here:

<https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/>

7 Crimes reported -1 Crime/ Criminal Damage - Person reports a damaged window, there were no lines of enquiry.**2 Crime/Theft** - 2 reports of Sextortion.

= Burglary at a business premises. Investigation ongoing. **3 Crime/violence** – 1 report of an assault, the investigation is ongoing. 1 Report of harassment. 1 Report of threatening behaviour, the investigation is ongoing.

1 Anti-Social Behaviour Reports – 1 ASB personal – Refers to an ongoing neighbour dispute.

13 Person/Safety /Warning reports –8 Abandoned 999 calls – all were made in error.**1 Domestic incident.1 Suspicious** – Person reports a suspicious male, the male was spoken to by officers and given words of advice. **1 Sudden death**

1 Missing Person – who was later found safe and well. **1 Civil Dispute** – Advice required regarding a disagreement with a neighbour. **2 Administration reports** – 1 Enquiry from another Police Force. 1 Verbal altercation reported, advice was given.

Coffee with a Copper is back

Please come to see me at the Thrift shop in Booth Hall on Tuesdays. Come and have a chat about any issues or advice you need.

Tuesday 13th June – 1100-1200

Tuesday 18th July – 1100-1200

Tuesday 15th August – 11-1200

Times and dates may change due to duty requirements.

Project Servator is 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

diane.smith3521@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

3.2 Marne Barracks

5 Regiment are on standby for resilience tasks for the next 3 months.

A security exercise is to be carried out on the 20th June between 10.00 and 14.00.

This will involve the army and all the blue light services and the County Council.

There will be a lot more sirens from ambulances etc accessing the camp during the exercise.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2023 were approved

Proposer: Cllr Oselton Seconder: Cllr Bhatti

5. Matters arising.

No matters arising.

6. Current Issues.

6.1 Website -making it more accessible

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council Website is Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)2.1 level AA compliant. The standard needed for a Parish Council Website but to make it even more accessible Purple Creative Studios, the firm that designed the website for the Council, has suggested adding a tab to the site so that partially sighted and those with problems such as dyslexia could access it more easily by altering the size and spacing of the fonts and altering contrasts, colour and using a dyslexia font.

Purple Creative Studios have said it would cost about £350 to add the tab but it is a one-off cost, unlike some other accessibility tools that charge an annual fee.

The Clerk asked the Parish Councillors if they would be interested in having this upgrade to the site. They agreed that this would be a good idea to allow more access to the site.

Proposed Cllr Ryan Seconded Cllr Oselton

6.2 Best Kept Village Competition.

The Clerk has now received details about entering the Best Kept Village Competition. (First mentioned at the meeting in April). The judging is to take place sometime during the first two weeks of July. Colin Browne is already doing extra work to make sure the village looks at its best but it is hoped that residents could also do their bit by tidying up in front of their property. It was suggested that an evening should be organised for residents to meet up and help to tidy then village. It was decided to meet at the Oak Tree on Friday June 30th at 6.30pm. Cllr Claypole will advertise this on the Catterick Community Facebook page.

6.3 Adoption of the North York's Council Code of Conduct for Councillors.

The Parish Council adopted the Richmondshire District Council Code of Conduct for Councillors in 2012. North Yorkshire Council have now sent their Code of Conduct to the Clerk and have recommended that Parish Councils adopt this. The Clerk has previously sent this out to the Parish Councillors for them to have a look at. They agree to adopt this new code of conduct.
Proposed Cllr Claypole Seconded Cllr Riley

7. Parish Finance

7.1 The periodic accounts.

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

Proposed: Cllr Claypole Seconded: Cllr Riley

7.2 Annual Governance Statement

This had been previously circulated by the Clerk and checked by the Parish Councillors and was past as correct. It was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk
Proposed Cllr Oselton Seconded Cllr Riley

7.3 Accounting Statement

This had been previously circulated by the Clerk and checked by the Parish Councillors and was past as correct. It was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk
Proposed Cllr Claypole Seconded Cllr Riley

The Clerk will now send off the Annual Return to the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP and publish the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of the unaudited Annual Return on the Parish Council website and the Parish Council Notice Board.

8. Correspondence.

A resident from Brough Meadows has been in touch with the Clerk about the narrow snicket that runs between the back of her property in Brough Meadows and the back of some properties in Rowan Court. 2 trees have seeded themselves here and are getting tall. She has been in touch with North Yorkshire Council who passed her on to the Parish Council. The Clerk asked the Councillors if they knew who did own this small stretch of land as a as far as she is aware it is not the Parish Councils responsibility. Cllr Oselton said that he thought it had just been left there by the developers. The Parish Councillors agreed that it was not the Parish Council land. The Clerk has been in touch with Highways but as yet has had no response.

Mr Thornton from the Catterick Village Sports Association has been in touch to ask if the Parish Council will support the Village in Bloom again this year. Last year the Parish Council gave £500 towards the pots and baskets. The Councillors agreed that the display is always very good and agreed to the same amount this year.

Proposed Cllr Claypole Seconded Cllr Riley

9. Planning Application.

None

10. Minor Matters.

During the Coronation Celebrations the electric that was used for the hot water and music came from Stephen Addison’s property. The Parish Council wanted to give him some money for this but he would not accept any but said that we could give a donation to the church. It was agreed to give £50.

Due to a change in circumstances, Cllr O’Connor has had to resign from the Council. The Clerk will inform the North Yorkshire Council and the position will be advertised. Cllr Riley said that she has received a number of positive comments from people about the Coronation Celebrations.

Meeting closed at 20.30

Date of next meeting Monday 3rd July 2023

Signed.....

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