

Catterick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 4th December 2023

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Young Cllr Bhatti, Cllr Bhatti, Cllr Oselton, Cllr Les

Clerk

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Ryan and Claypole

2. Youth Club update.

Naomi Fletcher (Youth Club worker), Edwina Anderson (North Yorkshire Youth) and a youth club volunteer attended the meeting to give an update on the youth club. After an initial good start last October, the numbers attending declined so it was decided to open up the youth club to years 5 and above. Since then, the numbers attending have been very good. 15- 20, most weeks. Last week there were 27 children. Naomi said that although the older ones do not attend they are hanging around the pavilion and will come in an out to buy things from the tuck shop and have a chat.

They are putting in grant application for equipment such as an air hockey table, replacement table tennis table and extra craft materials. They also want to buy an air fryer as the oven in the kitchen does not work very well and they are struggling to make food for snack time.

They have a regular volunteer and others interested in helping. They are looking to get a pool of volunteers.

They are looking at opening a Monzo business account so that money for equipment and every day sundries such as tuck shop food can be bought directly from this.

The running costs for a year – Youth worker salary and pavilion hire come to approximately £1213.

Cllr Young said how well the Youth club is going and thought it a great project for the village. He suggested that the Parish Council continue to pay the running costs for the club but increase this from the £1200 to £1500 to cover any increase in Youth Club worker salary. (This would go to the Youth Club account)) and also to give £500 to help with purchasing items for the club. (This would go into the Monzo account)

The Parish Council would want to see where this money had been spent.

Proposer Cllr Young

Seconded Cllr Bhatti

The rest of the Councillors agreed to this.

3. Open forum.

Two members of the public attended.

Mr Bannister, who helps to run the Men Without Sheds Group has been to look at the cemetery where the missiles were being thrown into a garden in Pallett Hill earlier in summer – breaking the hot tub roof. (This has now stopped). He suggested that the bank by the wall should be raised and prickly bushes planted to stop the children getting to the wall. The Council thanked him for the suggestion and said they would take a look next year.

Mr Bannister also organises the Hello Catterick mornings in the Booth Hall. He said that the funding that the North Yorkshire Council gave for the hire of the Booth Hall will run out in February and wondered if the Parish Council could help. The Councillors said that they will discuss this in the New Year.

A resident that has previously contacted the Parish Council about planting bulbs in the verge at the entrance to the village accepted the Parish Council's invite to attend the meeting to discuss where exactly she was thinking to put the bulbs. She brought in some photographs to show the areas.

She would like to put them on the verge at both entrances to the village and also along the verge by the side of Marne Barracks and the banks near the RAF war memorial. Both Cllr Young and Oselton thought it was a very good idea to plant the bulbs. Cllr Campbell was concerned that the daffodils may obscure the name of the village on the village signs. The resident said that she could put smaller bulbs near the signs. Cllr Campbell also mentioned that she thought there were already bulbs on the banks near the war memorial. Funding for the bulbs would come from the Bus Stop Swap Shop and volunteers would plant the bulbs. She thought about asking the cubs and scouts to help.

She also mentioned about putting wildflower seed in on the verge just as you turn off the relief road. The Clerk pointed out that this area is usually covered in tall weeds and was not sure if the seeds would grow here.

The Parish Council agreed to contact Highways about a licence and they will let her know the outcome of this.

3. Reports

3.1 Police report.

No report was received this month.

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/>

Coffee with a Copper

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 19th December – 1100-1200

Tuesday 23rd January – 1100-1200

Tuesday 20th February – 1100-1200

Also

Come and see me on a Thursday at the Community Café at Booth Hall

Between 1000 – 1100hrs

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 North Yorkshire Council

Cllr Les mentioned two consultations that are ongoing – Nature recovery strategy consultation and Household waste/recycling centre consultation. Both can be found on the North Yorkshire Council website.

The Council are starting to work on the Local Plan – this will take up to 5 years to complete.

He has helped the Catterick Sports Association with money from the Locality Budget Fund with a grant to help restore the Pavilion floor.

3.3. Marne Barracks

Major Andy Dent, the Quarter Master at Marne Barracks attended the meeting and gave a report on the building work that is to be carried out at Marne Barracks.

Morgan Sindall has been given the contract for the demolition and building work.

Contractors are on site now for surveying work – this will take until the end of January. Demolition will not begin until mid to late summer and work will continue until the end of 2026. 2 accommodation blocks, new REME workshops, offices and storerooms and a strength and conditioning centre are to be built.

The work is to accommodate 21 Engineers when they move to Marne Barracks from Ripon.

The contractors and Marne Barracks have proposed making a separate entrance for all the contract vehicles that will be coming into the barracks. This would go directly onto the service road where the small sub-station and tarmaced area is. They are in touch with Highways England about this

Funding has also been obtained for a water softening treatment plant.

4. Minutes

Proposer: Cllr Young Seconder: Cllr Oselton

5. Matters arising.

None

6. Current Issues.

6.1 Playpark Annual Inspection renewal

The clerk has received an email from the company that carries out the annual playpark inspections for the Parish Council asking if they want to book in the

inspection for the same time next year. The cost has increased by £16. The Parish Councillors agreed to this.

7. Parish Finance

7.1 The periodic accounts.

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

Proposed: Cllr Young Seconded: Cllr Wyrill

7.2 Budget and precept for 2024-2025

The Clerk has sent out the revised budget for 2024-25 to the Councillors/ She has received the tax base figure from North Yorkshire Council. This has altered very little.

Then Councillors agreed to keep the Parish Council portion of the Council Tax the same as last year £36.32. This means the total precept that the Parish Council asks for goes up very slightly to £34,520 A small rise of £65

8 Correspondence.

The Clerk has had emails from the Citizens Advice and the Community libraries thanking the Parish Council for the donations agreed last month. A resident has also emailed the clerk thanking the Parish Council for replacing the bench at the Brough Meadow/Swale Lane corner.

The Clerk has received a request from the Great North Air Ambulance for a donation. The Parish Council have been giving £300 to this charity. Cllr Oselton suggested this was increased to £500 as they are such a vital service.

Proposed – Cllr Oselton Seconded Cllr Young. All agreed.

9. Planning Application.

ZD23/00621/FULL Full Planning Permission for Demolition of Existing Garage and Proposed Single Storey Side Extension (Pitched Roof) and Single Storey Rear Extension (Flat Roof)

LOCATION: 21 Sydalls Way Catterick Village Richmond

No objections

10. Minor Matters.

Cllr Young said the Christmas Lights switch on was a success again. He thanked Colin Browne for donating the tree, Falls Timber for donating some materials, the Veterans Woodcraft Group for making the Santas Post Box and the Coop for donating the mulled wine and mince pies and for the two volunteers from the coop who helped on the night and also Cllr Claypole for the mulled cider.

The Clerk thanked Cllr Young for the work he had done setting it all up.

The stone bridge over the beck opposite the Oak Tree pub has been badly damaged by a vehicle. The Clerk has contacted Highways who sent someone out from the bridge department to take a look at it. They have said that it is safe but the parapet will need replacing in the future. It could take 6 months before the work is carried out.

Meeting closed at 20.15

Date of next meeting Monday January 8th 2024

Signed

Dated