

# Catterick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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

Clerk

In attendance; County councillor Les, District Councillors Threlfall, Rowe and Spencer

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;**

None

## **2. Open forum.**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

## **3. Reports**

### **3. 1 Police report.**

The Clerk did not receive a report from PCSO Smith this month.

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](http://www.nycm.co.uk)

Contact North Yorkshire Police

Please visit our website [www.northyorkshire.police.uk](http://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](mailto:diane.smith3521@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

### **3.2 County Councillor Les.**

The Covid numbers in Richmondshire are the highest in North Yorkshire. It is double those in some parts of the county. The police enforcement of the Covid rules has been the highest over the last weekend. The police are now giving out £800 fines for offenses.

Half a million vaccines have been given in this area.

The Council is now working towards a safe return for all pupils to school – Cllr Les said that the schools have been working well and praised the Michael Syddall school for its work.

NYCC is putting the Council Tax up by 1.99% and the Adult and Social Care levy by 1.5%. Both the Police and Fire are increasing their portion by 1.99%.

The County Council have spent an extra £76 million pounds over the Covid pandemic. 75% of this has been given back by the government and £8 million has come from reserves. Cllr Les said that the Council needs to increase Council Tax to cover the gap.

The Council have put aside £1million for a Climate Change fund.

The Locality Budget Fund will run for another 2 years.

The Community Halls are struggling due to the pandemic and are being helped out. £1000 has been given to the Booth Hall.

There is to be an 8 week consultation period about Local Government Re-organisation. Cllr Bannister asked what representation the areas would have under any new organisation. Cllr Les said that under the County Council 's proposals there would be one County Councillor and no District Councillors. The Council would be called North Yorkshire Council and the District and County Council would disappear. The only jobs at risk would be the Chief Executives as all the other posts would still need covering.

### **3.3 District Councillor Threlfall.**

He said that the District portion of the Council Tax would be increased by 2.27%.

RDC Covid support grants have been given to both the Booth Hall and the Pavilion.

The Clerk had asked Cllr Threlfall to try and find out if the salt/grit bins by Mill Bungalows was the responsibility of RDC as the bungalows belong to them. The Clerk has had a request for this to be filled up. He said that the road was District's responsibility and so they were also responsible for the grit bin. He would sort this out for next winter.

There now seems to be someone new interested in developing the Catterick Bridge Hotel.

Cllr Threlfall said that he believed that the rural areas such as North Yorkshire needed as big a voice as possible to challenge large urban areas such as Manchester for funding.

### **3.3 District Cllr Spencer**

The integrated hospital on the Garrison is to go ahead and the Friary in Richmond is to remain- mainly been used for the elderly. It is to be known as the frailty hub.

### **3.4 District Councillor Rowe**

RDC are trying to encourage vulnerable adults to use the Life Line scheme. It allows the user to get help by pressing a single button on a fob worn round their neck and also have regular warden visits to check up on them.

Cllr Rowe would prefer the Councils to stay as they are but if a unitary council is needed then he would prefer the East/West split that the District Councils have put forward.

Cllr Campbell asked how people without access to a computer can fill in the census. She was told that a paper copy can be requested.

#### **4. Minutes**

The minutes at the last meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 were approved

Proposed: Cllr Young Seconded: Cllr. Bannister

#### **5. Matters arising.**

Cllr Bannister said that since the last meeting he has found out that a license is needed to remove the Himalayan Balsam from the Beck and another licence for where it is to be tipped. He is now trying to sort this out. Cllr Spencer said that he had been in touch with Gary Hudson from Open Spaces at RDC – he was going to send some information about this but has not yet done so. Cllr Les suggested the Environment Agency may be worth contacting.

#### **6. Current Issues.**

##### **6.1 Need for a food Bank**

This was mentioned at last month's meeting and since then Cllr Bannister has been trying to find out if there is a need for one and the best way this could be done. The Bus Stop Swap Shop is already being used for this – He said that it was ideal as people could go without anyone else knowing if they were picking up or leaving items. Many people don't want others to know they are having to use a food bank. Margaret Tickner has supplied a plastic, vermin proof box for food to be put in. Cllr Bannister said that he has been in touch with the school to see how many are on free school meals as this would give some indication of the need and the church are doing soup on Saturdays. The numbers taking this is increasing. Someone from Wider Communities at NYCC has been in touch with the Clerk about food banks. To use the one at the Influence Church in Richmond the you need to have a referral but the Colburn one anyone can go to. She also said that when she checked with the Richmond Food Bank, they said that there were quite a few people from Catterick using it.

Cllr Bannister said that the location of the food bank is a problem. The Church were thinking of starting a 'Pantry' by putting a box of food in the Church porch. He suggested that the Parish Council could help at both this site and the Bus stop by providing large plastic boxes for food storage. Cllr Campbell was worried that if food was just left like this people not in need would also take it. Cllr Banister said that this would always happen but at least some of the needy people would be helped.

Cllr Wyrill asked if there are any rules and regulations governing food banks. Cllr Les said that he didn't think there were. He suggested that he arranged a meeting with Citizens Advise and Stronger Communities to discuss the food bank.

The Clerk has received an email from Miss Pierson who organises the swap shop saying that the Veteran woodwork group have secured the materials for the repair to the roof from Jewsons free of charge and so would have money they had raised for this left to buy shelves and possibly a cupboard to put food in.

It was suggested as an interim measure to see what need there was that the Parish Council could ring fence £50 for the purchase of boxes.

Proposed by Cllr Banister and Seconded by Cllr Young. The rest of the Councillors agreed. Cllr Claypole said that she would advertise this on the social media sites and asked if Cllr Rafferty could put an article in the Herald.

Cllr Bannister also suggested a leaflet drop would be useful.

## **6.2 Electric Points for cars.**

Cllr Claypole wanted to know if any provision was being made for electric charging points in the village as petrol/diesel cars will no longer be manufactured from 2030. She said that many houses in the village, such as those along the High St and around the Greens would be unable to charge their cars from their homes because of the location. At previous meetings Cllr Rowe had mentioned that RDC were going to spend £240,000 to set up charging points across the district but none had been earmarked for Catterick Village. He has asked why this is the case as it is such a large village. They told him that a RDC carpark needs to be available for their installation. Cllr Rowe suggested that it may be worth lobbying RDC about this. He will give the Clerk the contact of the Climate Change Officer.

## **7.1 The periodic accounts**

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

Proposed: Cllr Bannister      Seconded: Cllr Claypole

## **8. Correspondence.**

Mr Goodman has been in touch about a tree opposite his house that needed pruning and was missed when the tree surgeon carried out the rest of the tree work earlier this year. Cllr Rafferty has been in touch with the tree surgeon and he will come and have a look to see what needs doing and to take out a dead tree on the opposite side of the Beck

## **9. Planning Applications.**

Ref :19/00473/FULL An amendment to the Motorway Service Station application has been received. Cllr Threlfall said that the amendments are small such as retaining the sand banks and increasing the planting within the scheme. Alterations to the entrance has also been carried out so that the Junction 52 roundabout does not become congested.

The Councillors did not have any objections to this but were still concerned about the amount of flooding that occurs in the field. They were worried that the formation of a lake and building part of the service station on stilts would not be enough to overcome this problem. The Clerk will send their concerns to planning.

## **10. Minor Matters.**

The Clerk has received an enquiry as to whether they could give up the plot they had purchased back in 2000 as they would no longer be using it. The Clerk said that there would be no problem in doing this but asked the Councillors if an administration fee should be charged- it is not a request that has been carried out before. Cllr Claypole asked how long the request would take to complete. The Clerk said that it would take about an hour of her time to check details were correct and correspond with the person, plus the cost of postage. It was suggested that an hours salary plus postage should be charged. A sum of £11 was agreed.

Cllr Young has been trying to tighten the zip wire in King's Close play area. He has bought the correct socket to move the bolt for tightening it but he cannot move it even with an extension bar. He is worried that if he puts any more force on it the bolt will break and cause more problems. Cllr Bannister suggested that the Clerk get in touch with David Lodge from RDC Open Spaces. He inspects the play area and will repair equipment if requested. The Clerk will do this.

The meeting closed at 20.25

Date of next meeting – Monday April 12th 2021. (A week later because of Easter Monday)

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