

Catterick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 6th June 2022

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Young, Cllr Oselton, Cllr Wyrill, Cllr O'Connor
Clerk

In attendance; County Councillor Les, District Councillor Threlfall and Rowe

1. Apologies for absence;

Cllrs Claypole and Clarkson, PCSO Diane Smith and Maj. Mark Graham

2. Open forum.

a) 5 members of the public attended the meeting to draw attention to a planning application (Ref 22/00256/FULL) for an extension to 1 St Anne's Crescent. The application is for an increase from a 3-bedroom bungalow to a 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom house. The height of the property will be increased from 4.2m to 6.25m. The residents living at nos. 7 and 9 Sydalls Way are directly behind this property and are worried about the over shadowing that such an increase in height would cause. A daylight/sunlight survey has been carried out for the adjoining properties in St Anne's Cresc which said that the increase in height would have little impact, but no consideration has been given to the effect it may have on those properties directly behind the bungalow. The residents said that this 2m increase in height would block the sunlight completely or create a long shadow in all but the summer months. The residents also feel that the change from a bungalow, which are in short supply in the village, to a house would be detrimental as these smaller properties are needed for people needing to downsize.

The Parish Councillors agreed that a light survey should be carried out on the effect the extension would have on the properties behind it and also that it would be better to keep these smaller properties available in the village for those needing to move to a more manageable home.

The Clerk will write to the planning department about these objections from the residents.

b) A resident from Brough Meadows is having problems with a neighbours Leylandii hedge. He cuts the hedge apart from the section that adjoins her garden. It is now so tall that it is starting to overhang her conservatory. She has asked him to cut it but this has not been done. The Parish Councillors told her that she has the right to cut it back if it overhangs her property but she is an elderly lady and cannot manage this herself. Cllr Les asked the District Councillors if RDC have a Community Safety Officer that could be contacted. Cllrs Threlfall and Rowe said they would look into this.

c) A resident that attended the meeting a few months ago, worried about the safety of the junction at the Catterick Bridge Hotel wondered if the speed limits which are 40mph reducing to 30 mph just before the bridge could be reduced further to 30 and 20mph. She would also like to see a 20mph speed limit on the estate roads.

3. Edwina Anderson – Youth Club

Ms Anderson from Yorkshire Youth attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of starting up the Youth Club again. She previously ran the club. She wondered if detached Youth Work may work better in the village as it was hard to get the youngsters to attend in the past. The Youth worker would go around the village talking to groups of youngsters, taking equipment such as sports equipment with them and try to engage them to join in with the activity. The Councillors thought this may be worth a try and suggested a pilot scheme could start after the summer holidays. Cllr Young said he would take Ms Anderson around the village to show her where the meeting points for the youngsters were. She also suggested that an open-air hub may be useful – similar to a band stand style for a meeting place. The Parish Councillors did not know where this could be sited.

Cllr O'Connor suggested she attended the Church Fete on 9th July to advertise what she is proposing.

4. Reports

4.1 Police report.

PCSO Smith sent out the report which the Clerk forwarded to the Parish Councillors. Report from 04/04/22 – 05/06/22

5 Crimes reported -3 Violence – 1 Report of stalking and harassment. 1 Report of an assault on a child, the investigation is ongoing. 1 Report of violence which was Domestic related. **1 Crime – Fraud** – Person reports a fraud call from the Inland Revenue, which was reported to Action Fraud. **1 Criminal Damage** – Report of damage to a vehicle, there were no lines of enquiry.

3 Anti-Social Behaviour Reports – 1 Report of abusive texts received from a third party, words of advice given. 1 report of having issues with a neighbour, advice given. 1 Report of abusive behaviour from an adult to a child, all parties spoken to.

5 Road Related Reports -3 reports of a possible drink driver, no further sightings were made on 2 occasions, on 1 occasion the vehicle was outside the home address. 1 report of an issue regarding off-road motorcyclists committing offences, advice was given. 1 vehicle seized by officers for no tax.

26 Person/Safety /Warning reports_5 Abandoned 999 calls - all were made in error. 4 Domestic Incidents. 1 Report of a missing person – person found safe and well.

6 Suspicious reports – 3 reports of possible suspicious vehicles, all checked and were all in order. 1 parent reports suspicious messages on a child's mobile phone, advice was given. 1 person reports suspicious activity on their mobile phone, advice given. 1 report of a suspicious vehicle, caller wanted the information logging, no further sightings reported.

8 Concern reports - 1 resident called regarding concern for a group of youths who turned out to be a group of adults and were all in order. 2 reports for the concerns of separate females, who were both found safe and well. 1 welfare check was requested for a male who was found to be safe and well. 1 caller reports concern for a male who was found near the river, the male received medical attention. 3 calls were received for the concern of separate males regarding their welfare, they were all found safe and well.

1 Civil report - A resident reports an issue with workmen, advice was given.

1 Alarm activation - Alarm activated at Pallet Hill, officer checked and it was all in order.

2 Administration reports - 1 Report concerning an elderly female, advice was given. 1 report for a pre-planned event at Michael Syddall.

Message from our Financial Abuse Team

Warning as North Yorkshire residents falling victim to 'Courier Fraud' scam

North Yorkshire police are warning residents to be extra vigilant after a number of reports have been received in the past week where the victim has been called on the telephone by someone claiming to be an officer from the Metropolitan Police in London. The victim is informed that someone has attempted to use their card to purchase a laptop or similar and as a result their bank account is under threat. The victim is instructed to attend their bank and withdraw all their money in order for a police officer to attend their home address (the courier) who will take their money for 'safe keeping'.

The victim may be further convinced the call is genuine as the fraudsters will tell the victim to call 999 to check they are genuine but do not clear the line so the victim who thinks they have dialled 999 and speaking to the police when in reality they are in fact still speaking to the fraudsters.

The victim is told to attend the bank and withdraw their money. The victim is told they may be challenged at the bank as to why they are withdrawing their money and they are told what to say, for example paying for building work, buying a car etc. The fraudster will claim the bank are involved and there is an undercover police operation in the bank and to say anything will compromise the police operation. The victim is made to think that their cooperation is needed for this police operation. Often the victim will be called by the fraudster prior to attending the bank and be told to keep their phone on whilst they are in the bank. The victim withdraws their money, often tens of thousands of pounds which they take home. The fraudster posing as a police officer will attend the home and take the money often using a password agreed between the fraudster and the victim.

Royal mail scam

Fraudsters are using fake DPD messages to lure victims into a phishing scam. The messages state that the recipient has missed two attempted deliveries of a parcel, and provides instructions on how to arrange another delivery. The links in the messages lead to fraudulent websites that request a payment (£2 - £3) to rearrange the delivery.

If the victim makes this payment, they'll receive a phone call within a short period from someone purporting to be from their bank to inform them about suspicious transactions on their account. They may also receive text messages, purporting to be from their bank, confirming these transactions. The victim is informed that their bank account may be compromised and is instructed to transfer their money to what they believe is an alternative secure account in order to prevent further losses.

Remember – the bank or police will **NEVER** ask you to move money to a safe account

WhatsApp scam

Beware of messages on WhatsApp purporting to be from son/daughter stating they have lost their phone, this is their new number and they have an urgent bill that needs paying. This is a scam. If you receive such a message, contact your son or daughter on their original number and you will see they know nothing about the message you have just received.

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

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

4.2 County Councillor Les.

A new Chief Fire Officer has been appointed. There is a Fire and Rescue Plan Consultation but any changes proposed would affect the areas of York, Harrogate and Scarborough. More retained fire fighters need recruiting in this area. Posts combining the work of a retained fireman, Community Police Officer and a First Responder are being considered.

4.3 Cllr Threlfall

29 District properties have been fitted with solar panels in a pilot scheme to see what benefits they have.

4.4 District Councillor Rowe

RDC have now appointed a contractor to install the Electric Vehicle Charging points.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2022 were approved

Proposed: Cllr Young Seconded: Cllr Oselton

6. Matters arising.

None.

7. Current Issues.

7.1 Cradle Swings in Kings Close

David Lodge has been in touch with the Clerk about one of the timber support legs of the swings. He has said that there is some wood rot but the other legs are fine and the swings are safe enough at the moment. He suggested that Westwood timber would be a good firm to contact for the repairs. The Clerk went to have a look at the swings but she didn't think there was much of a problem. She asked Cllr Young to check for her.

7.2 Catterick in Bloom

Mr Thornton, the Honorary President of the Catterick Village Sports Association has contacted the Clerk asking for a donation for the plants in the planters that they organise every year. He said it was 20 years ago for the Queen's Golden Jubilee that the baskets were started. This year they have bought new planters for the railings by the crossing and the cost of compost and plants had increased.

The Parish Councillors agreed how good the baskets and planters make the village look. Cllr Campbell suggested that this year the Parish Council could give £500 to help cover the costs of the new planters and increased costs.

Proposed Cllr O'Connor

Seconded Cllr Wyrill

The rest of the Councillors agreed.

7.3 Clerks Salary.

The Clerk left the room whilst the Councillors discussed her salary. Her last pay rise was in Nov 2019. At the moment she receives £10.50/hr. for 8 hours work. The Councillors agreed to increase this to £12.00 /hr.

8. Accounts

8.1 The periodic accounts.

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

Proposed: Cllr Young

Seconded: Cllr Wyrill

8.2. Annual Governance Statement

This had been previously circulated by the Clerk and checked by the Parish Councillors and was past as correct.

8.3 Accounting Statement

This had been previously circulated by the Clerk and checked by the Parish Councillors and was past as correct.

The Clerk will now send off the Annual Return to the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP 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 on Low Green has asked if the grass verge outside his property no 37 to the entrance of Chapmans Court could be cut more regularly. The Councillors said that normally the cutting is adequate but would keep this monitored.

9. Planning Applications.

Ref 22/00256/FULL planning application and extension to 1 St Anne's Crescent, This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

10. Minor Matters.

None

The meeting closed at 20.40

Date of next meeting July 4th 2022

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