

BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2017 IN THE
OLD SCHOOL BOLTON PERCY AT 8.00PM

Present: Cllrs Stewart Steele, David Robinson, John Taylor, Richard Isherwood, Martin Lister, Kevin Robertson, District Cllr Richard Musgrave.

Apologies: None

Declaration of Interest: None

Minutes of last meeting having previously been circulated were signed as correct by Cllr Steele, proposed Cllr Isherwood, seconded Cllr Taylor.

CLERKS COMMENTS.

- a) **Telephone Kiosk Bolton Percy Update.** Clerk gave a resume of the process so far, for adopting this kiosk. As from 15th December 2016, SDC have to be involved in this process. They are now dealing with BT, but as SDC have other work to complete they have requested an extension to having paperwork submitted to BT. Cllrs requested Clerk to contact BT direct to discuss our adoption. Clerk to action.
- b) **Proposed Community Emergency Plan.** Clerk emailed the draft plan received from NYCC to residents who had provided their email address, but no response had been received. Cllrs decided to go ahead with an emergency plan for Bolton Percy and will ask the Senior Emergency Planning Officer to attend a Parish Council meeting with a plan which is suited to the village. Clerk to action.
- c) **Wharfe Catchment Document.** The Parish Council sent a letter to MP Nigel Adams with their concern about the report received from Environment Agency, which detailed EA's response to flooding in the Wharfe Catchment. This didn't seem to understand the problems Bolton Percy incur during wet weather, which was not a "one off event" and asking for his help. No response has been received to date. Whilst on the subject, discussion took place on the problems which have been discussed in the past with storage of water in the surrounding fields/Ings. Concern was raised regarding the none access to the sluice gate near the Wharfe. Decision was taken to await a response from Nigel Adams before further action taken.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **High Speed Broadband – Steeton.** Cllr Lister has been in touch with SFNY, on behalf of Steeton residents, requesting to be included in BT's Phase 3 which will be finalised in late Spring 2017 and rolled out by 2019, as it has been confirmed Steeton is not included in the present Phase 2 scheme. Clerk has been in touch with Howard Ferguson (Nigel Adams PA) on behalf of the Parish Council, to ask for his support in getting Steeton included in Phase 3. (He helped Bolton Percy getting Superfast Broadband recently). Mr Ferguson replied, suggesting Steeton residents look into a satellite system in the meantime, and suggested various options. Cllr Lister looked into this system but found it is not suitable due to "line of sight" not being available from Steeton village. Cllr Lister to respond stating this problem and also making him aware that properties in Steeton are not allowed satellite boxes to be fitted to their properties. More information at the February PC meeting.
2. **Concern about Planning Applications –** Letter to MP Nigel Adams. The councillors are concerned about the workings of SDC Planning Department, and have sent a letter of their concerns to Nigel Adams for his support and help. Concerns are the amount of time Parish councillors spend examining and discussing planning applications over the years, to seem to be completely dismissed by Planning Officers in the decisions of planning applications. Also incorrect reports written by planning officers on the facilities in the villages. These are obviously written without any site visits. Other Parish Councils in the SDC district also

seem to be having the same problems. SDC have stated recently they no longer have a 5 year supply of new building plots, so proposed developments in "Secondary" villages are more likely to be approved. This is cited in Officer's reports for justification for approval. It is felt that SDC should look further in the projected housing needs for the Selby district. As a small Parish of three communities the councillors feel that SDC are not interested, but as councillors trying to protect and enhance the villages more representation should be considered. We await the response from both Nigel Adams and SDC.

- 3. Long Term Future of Parish Councils.** Cllr Taylor asked for this to be added to the agenda, as he felt small councils such as our's may not have any future. Councillors discussed this in great detail and outcome was that individual Parish Council's are invaluable for residents to raise their concerns, and councillors to know what is required to keep the individuality of villages. It was accepted that more cooperation and discussion with adjacent councils could have their voices heard in larger projects in the area. (This has been proved to work with the Yorkshire Water Working Group). Councillors decided to contact all other small parishes in the Selby District for their thoughts. Clerk to action.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS

- 4.** None

PLANNING

- 5. Hornington Manor, Bolton Percy.** 2016/1262/DOC. Discharge of condition 2. Retrospective change of use of barn and workshop for use to toilet facilities for celebratory events.
Acceptable.

FINANCE

- 6. Clerks Salary – Paid.** Councillors brought up the subject of Clerks annual salary. It was decided (in the absence of the Clerk) to increase the salary by £20/month. All agreed.
- 7. Precept 2017/18.** This document had to be completed and returned to SDC. Clerk had produced projected costs for the coming year, which amounted to approx. £4,600. Therefore it was decided unanimously to leave the Precept at £5,000/per year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chq signed for Autela Payroll Services – Admin charge. £22.50

PUBLIC FORUM

A resident asked if any planning applications had been received for any work to be carried out at Oliver House due to the amount of hard core laid near the property. Clerk confirmed no plans had been received to date.

Mr Rogerson attended the meeting to discuss the subject of The Rampart (which was mentioned above) and also request any information on who carried out the work near Dadswell Cottages. Clerk to look into this.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 in the Old School, Bolton Percy at 8.00pm