

**BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2019 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, BOLTON PERCY
AT 8.00PM**

Present: Councillors Stewart Steele, Cllr David Robinson, Cllr John Taylor, Cllr Richard Isherwood, Cllr Martin Lister and Cllr Kevin Robertson.

Apologies: Cllrs Martin Lister, County Cllr Richard Musgrave

Declaration of Interest: Cllr John Taylor – Item 6 Planning

Minutes of last meeting having previously been circulated were signed by Cllr Steele, proposed Cllr Robinson, Cllr Isherwood.

Members of Public - 3

Clerks Comments

- a) **CIL Monies – Colton Notice Board.** The PC have received a quote for supplying a new oak notice board from a local Joinery Company - £800 + VAT. Councillors felt this was rather expensive for the size required. Clerk contacted another company (Parish Council Notice Board Company) who have quoted an aluminium board for less than £700.00. Clerk to contact company to get more information.
- b) **Defibrillator Update – First aid Course.** The Parish Council have now received confirmation from Rev Mumford (subject to site inspection) he is happy for a defibrillator to be fitted to the outside of the Parish Room. Clerk to contact suppliers of defibrillators and also an electrician to check out the electrics at the Parish Room before we go any further with the purchase. Colton. Cllr Steele is going to investigate the defibrillator in the Sun Inn, (unable to do this at the moment as the Sun Inn is closed).
Free First Aid Course. The date of this course has been confirmed as Saturday 16th February between 10.00am and 12.30pm. Clerk to email all residents in all villages who have submitted their email address, and further copies will be put on the various Notice Boards. Numbers are limited to 20 in the first place, anyone interested please contact Clerk - joycecollier@btinternet.com to book your place.
- c) **Environment Agency.** EA have confirmed that new flap valve needs calibration work carrying out and this will be done in the very near future. EA are to be contacted reference telemetry equipment on the beck/Foss. Yorkshire Water also about updating the switch gear in the Pumping Station, as it makes sense since new pumps were fitted at the end of last year. Clerk to action.
- d) **Water Butts – Bilbrough.** Clerk has been in touch with Bilbrough Parish Council asking if they are interested in taking the remaining water butts for their village. To date we have had no response.
- e) **Parking – School Lane.** Complaints have been received regarding a resident parking cars between the bollards on the DGH side, causing problems with vehicles damaging the grass verge on the opposite side of the road. Highways have been informed whom are going to contact the resident concerned.
Whilst discussing this lane, it was brought to the attention of the council problems with the new footpath put in outside the Low Farm development. It was thought to be dangerous when entering the village in the dark, it not being visible causing cars to drive over it. Highways to be asked to attend a site visit.
- f) **Low Farm Road, Bolton Percy.** The PC have had a request from a resident of this road to get clarification on access rights. Is this a public road, open access for the public to walk and why Highways haven't adopted the road due to the recent planning applications. All councillors discussed this request but felt as this was an unadopted road they could not answer the question. Thoughts were that the responsibility of the upkeep was between

all households who had entrances off this road to get together and take responsibility for its upkeep.

- g) **Broadband – Steeton.** Due to the absence of Cllr Lister this item will be put on the February agenda.

Correspondence

1. **North Yorks Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.** Julie Mulligan is asking how much residents are prepared to pay on their council tax for these two services. Councillors thought this wasn't for the Parish Council to get involved in and it was down to each individual householder to respond.
2. **Community Energy Training Course.** This course is being held in Rosemary House in Tadcaster on Thursday 24th January from 1.30 to 5.00pm. More information can be gained from www.yorkshireenergydoctor.org.uk
3. **East Leeds Airport Consultation.** Information has been received from this organisation to inform all Parish Council's who are affected by aircraft which pass over their parish. This has been instructed by CAA. East Leeds Airport are requesting a procedure to enable pilots to land at the airport using aircraft instruments rather than by purely visual means. There is a document on [www.http://leedseastairport.co.uk/pilot](http://www.leedseastairport.co.uk/pilot) information and clicking "Airspace Change". Cllr Steele agreed to contact Church Fenton Parish Council for their views being the nearest village to the airport.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS

4. **No meetings**

PLANNING

5. **The Shires, Bolton Percy. 2018/1242/HPA** Proposed erection of first floor extension to rear and external alterations to existing dwelling. **GRANTED**
6. **Saxondale Lodge, Bolton Percy.** Due to the concern by some residents of the village regarding the siting of a caravan on this land, which to date has not had any planning permission. Clerk had contacted the Planning Officer with regard to this. The Parish Council Chairman read out the response from SDC Planning Department regarding the current position on this application. This query was prompted by the fact that the planning applicant is now living in a caravan on the site.

SDC is expecting to receive amended plans for the proposed development in line with its requirements

It seems that SDC is unwilling to instigate an enforcement notice regarding the caravan as this would effectively make the applicant "homeless". SDC also stated that the applicant would be able to occupy a caravan anyway when building work starts..

Although Cllr Taylor, as next door neighbour to the site, had declared an "interest" on this agenda item, the Chairman allowed him to provide some factual clarification of the situation.

Cllr Taylor stated that he had mentioned to SDC that he holds a covenant on this site. This fact is known locally by some residents and land owners. The covenant is recorded on the deeds to the land and so are known to the planning applicant. Basically the covenant stipulates that only a single dwelling and garage can be placed on the site.

It would seem that the current shed and caravan on the site are in conflict with this covenant as indeed would be the siting of a caravan on the site at any future time.

The covenant was willingly entered into by the site purchaser and is an instrument to ensure that any development does not have any detrimental effect on the local area.

Cllr Taylor stated that he is fully supportive of the development of this site and has no wish to do anything that stops appropriate development. However, he is concerned that he is

vulnerable to legal challenges, and possible potential financial damages if he fails to enforce the terms of the covenant. It could be seen that this failure to act is failure to protect the site from creating a negative impact on both neighbouring houses and neighbouring land owners.

The councillors after noting these comments agreed to ensure that SDC Planning Department is fully aware of the full situation and indeed the need for urgent action by the applicant to bring this matter to a quick solution. SDC to be contacted to make them aware of this situation.

FINANCE

7. Clerks Salary – Paid

8. Annual Review Clerks Salary. Cllrs voted to increase this by 3%

9. W T Mennell – Invoice for Pump Service. £145.67 + VAT. Bank transfer to be made

10. Autela Payroll. Admin Fee - £46.80 Bank transfer to be made

11. Precept for 2019/20. After discussions by all cllrs and the advice by internal accountant it was decided to increase the Precept from SDC by 5%, bringing the annual amount claimed £5250.00 Clerk to contact SDC regarding CIL monies usage for the pump.

It was also decided to cancel all future payments made by Pump Alley residents over the past few years to the Pump Account as from February 2019. This amount will be paid from the Precept the Parish Council receive on an annual basis, approx £500 into the Pump account.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

House Names in Bolton Percy. It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that some properties in the village do not have house names in a prominent position. The Post Office and Delivery Companies are finding it very hard to locate certain properties. Could you please make sure your name is clearly seen from the road.

Councillors decided to look into the cost of purchasing a Drone to examine the correct operation of the Wharf flap valve/gate during flooding because this cannot be accessed by the Drainage Board. EA or ourselves when flooded. Correct operation of this flap valve/gate is essential if the village is to avoid prolonged periods of flooding.

The Clerk was asked to contact Howard Ferguson regarding poor Broadband quality/speed in Bolton Percy and about the new upgrades which are being offered. Can he give some up to date information on who we approach to find out more information.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

A resident of the village brought up, yet again, problems with dog fouling around the village, this is despite having dog bins in various locations. A new one has been ordered to be situated near the village green.

CAN ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2019 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, BOLTON PERCY AT 8.00PM