

**BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON  
PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY  
11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 IN THE OLD SCHOOL BOLTON PERCY  
AT 8.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Stewart Steele, David Robinson, Mike Nicholls, Martin Lister

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Andrew Tucker and Kevin Robertson

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AFTER BEING CIRCULATED TO ALL COUNCILLORS**

**WERE SIGNED AS CORRECT BY** Cllr Steele and proposed/Cllr Robinson

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT:** 4

**1. CLERKS REPORT – ACTION FROM LAST MEETING**

- a) **Pumping Station – Colton Update.** Due to the absence of Cllr Robertson, Cllr Steele gave a report. The main street was closed to through traffic again on the 4<sup>th</sup> January after being re-opened over the Christmas & New Year break in works. There has been a slight problem as the surface water pipes needing to be replaced. Work to replace the foul sewer should take until beginning of February. The surface water drain under the grass verge may also need to be replaced.
- b) **Defibrillator cabinet Colton Update.** Cllr Robinson reported that the cabinet can be fitted to the phone box and arrangements made for the local electrician to fit the unit. The Clerk will register the unit with the Ambulance Service. At this point volunteers from the village will be required to maintain the unit on a weekly basis. A note will be delivered to all properties in Colton informing them of this and also re-action to a First Aid Course which will be organized in Spring if enough people are interested.
- c) **Pump Alley Update.**  
**Sandbags** – 130 sandbags have been delivered to Bolton Percy. These are for the use of villagers if a flood situation arises  
**Community Emergency Plan.** Cllr Nicholls has been talking to NYCC who require the PC to produce a new Emergency Plan for the villages. He confirmed that this would be carried out after we have received an example of how NYCC want this designing. James Walmsley has carried out debris protection fencing work near the village pump at the request of the councillors.  
**Report from meeting with NYCC.** It was confirmed by Cllr Nicholls that NYCC would supply Bolton Percy with a extra Pump, to be kept on site on a trailer to enable it to be moved to other areas in the village if required.  
Cllr Nicholls has suggested we have a Sub Committee of volunteers to help raise funds. More investigation is required on how this could be set up.
- d) **Overflying Aircraft**  
Discussion took place regarding next course of action to take. As opinions from other Parish Councils varied it was decided

it was decided to send a letter to all local airports involved asking if they would look into the routes the training aircraft use over our villages

and perhaps request help in diverting planes and respect local residents Inconvenience and noise elimination.

## **2. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a) St Pauls Church Colton**

The Parish Council have had a letter on behalf of the residents of Colton to look into asking for funds to update the church and make it into a Community Centre.

They submitted a report estimating the costs for electrics, maintenance of the building both inside and out, Add a kitchen etc and general maintenance.

Councillors were informed that there appears an 1894 Local Government Act that prevents Parish Councils from making donations for Church buildings etc. There

Is also a question of religion. Not all residents are involved in churches whatever the religion, and as Precept money would be involved this request was rejected.

## **3, PLANNING**

### **a) Planning Consultant Report – Low Farm/Land South of Chapel View.** Due to the Land South of Chapel View being on the agenda for the Planning Committee meeting

In January there wasn't enough time to get a report from a Planning Consultant, especially as the SDC Planning Officer had recommended refusal. The second planning application for Low Farm will be on the February Planning Committee meeting agenda so a Planning Consultant was asked to quote for this. When the quotation was received councillors decided it was far too expensive for just one property, Clerk was asked to get a second opinion. This will be discussed at the February Parish Council meeting.

## **4. FINANCE**

### **a) Precept Decision for 2022/23.** A decision had to be made at this meeting as to whether the Parish Precept be increased or left the same as last year. After discussions between all councillors present and advice from the auditor it was decided to increase by £750.00 bringing the total cost to £6260.

### **b) Autela Invoice £50.40 Admin Charge** Agreed to be paid

### **c) E-On/Npower Invoice – £2.49** Electric supply to Colton Phone Box – Agreed to be paid

### **d) Script 7 Web Hosting £29.81** Agreed to be paid

## **5. PARISHIONERS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

A resident reported major problems with dog excrement on grass verges near the Old School and towards the telephone box on Main Street. The dog warden will be contacted and asked to supply more dog notices warning irresponsible dog owners fines can be implemented.

Another resident sent their concern via email regarding the state of the grass verge on School Lane – both sides of the road to the new houses and especially up to Low Farm Close ditches are becoming hazardous. With car tyres encroaching onto the grass verge and perilously close to the ditch edge. It is of course the drivers fault but could result in an accident with cars going into the ditch. A thought is that bollards could be put up similar to the ones already in place.

Another request was made for better street signage to help the many delivery drivers we now have in the village. Clerk to look into this.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2022.