

BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2023 IN

THE OLD SCHOOL, BOLTON PERCY AT 8PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Stewart Steele (chairman), Andrew Tucker, Mike Nicholls

APOLOGIES: David Robinson, Kevin Robertson

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: having been previously circulated to all councillors were signed as correct by Cllr. Steele, proposed by Cllr. Tucker, seconded Cllr. Nicholls.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None.

Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting, councillors had a discussion with Alison Dawson about the post of Parish Clerk and were pleased to offer her the post, which she accepted.

1. CLERK'S REPORT – ACTION FROM LAST MEETING

- (a) NYCC/Environment Agency Update. Pump Update – Cllr. Nicholls updated the meeting of the current situation: North Yorkshire County Council have authorised and funded a second pump which will be provisioned approximately May 2023. This is a permanent arrangement to provide back up to the current pump.
Action: Cllr. Nicholls to investigate obtaining insurance for the second pump and a servicing contract.

Cllr. Nicholls reported that a second flood sluice gate at Cock Beck is now in place and potentially this had reduced the length of stay on the roads of the flood waters. There is a suggestion that a possible third pump may be funded as part of the local flood prevention plan. A further meeting is scheduled in February 2023 with Robin Derry, senior management team with the Environment Agency. Cllrs. to attend.

Please note that concerns have been raised by residents of Station Road about their safety in emergency situations when the highway is flooded to current levels. No parishioners present but see item 5 – PARISHIONERS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- (b) Yorkshire Water Update – regarding keeping members of the public informed via regular communication from Yorkshire Water (YW) on progress to date and actions scheduled to improve the infrastructure. Cllr Steele reported that he had made email contact with all the surrounding villages with a view to setting up regular email updates to the Parish Councils from YW, but no response had yet been received from the villages.
Action: Cllr. Nicholls agreed to pursue this once more and include contact with parish clerks.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Letter to SDC regarding Braegate Products – letter sent previously to Planning Department. Planning Enforcement and Environmental Health regarding complaints raised by residents in the locality with regard to Braegate transportation:- light and noise emissions due to perceived increase in lorry numbers and night time transport. The chairman reported a response from Claire Rogers, Environmental Health Department. Light and noise emissions can be investigated by the department. She has suggested that each incident should be logged and submitted to SDC who would then follow procedure to investigate.
- (b) Introduction to PARISH UK NETWORK – Councillors briefly discussed this invitation from Parish UK to join a network directory. A decision was made not to pursue this.
- (c) NYCC – Draft Parish Charter Consultation – Chairperson presented a communication from North Yorkshire County Council outlining the development of a Parish Charter, defining the relationship between the new North Yorkshire Council and the parish sector. Parishes are invited to an initial consultation on the Draft Parish Charter and invited to submit a response between 18 January 2023 and 12 April 2023. The invitation was noted by all councillors present and is for possible future discussion. There are Parish Liaison Drop-in Sessions planned which are open for the public and Parish Councils to attend if wished. Selby District Council date is 27/2/23, 2 – 5pm at Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT.
- (d) NYCC – Urban Highway Grass Cutting – Highway Asset Management has contacted the parish council with regards their grass cutting policy of visibility areas in our parish. Discussed and agreed that the County Council continue to undertake and fund 5 cuts of the visibility grass for 2023/24.
Action: No action required.
- (e) Defib Store
No actions necessary.
- (f) NYCC – Passenger Transport – Renewal of Contracts
Renewal of contracts for local bus services primarily in the East Coast and Selby Areas from April 2023 – Chairperson advised that there are no changes to the operators or services.
- (g) SDC – Colton Dog Waste Bin
Councillors discussed a proposal from SDC regarding installation of a dog waste bin in Colton village centre. Agreed that an alternative position may be preferable.
Action: chairperson to email SDC to propose a new position to install the waste bin.

3. PLANNING:

- (a) 2022/1092/CPE Refused
Proposal: Lawful development certificate for existing use of land and buildings for the processing of vegetables including warehousing, offices and parking.
Location: Ibbotsons, Mill Lane, Braegate Lane (now Braegate Ltd)

4. FINANCE:

- Defibrillator Battery replacement £329.46
Payment approved.

5. PARISHIONERS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Clerk had received concerns to bring to the parish council meeting for discussion. Residents of Station Road, Bolton Percy have ongoing concerns for their safety in an emergency situation during the localised flooding from the River Foss/Wharfe. Both sides of Oxton Road, at the cricket club corner and towards Hornington Cottages, are completely impassable for vehicular access when the flood water is up. These levels are usually reached within 24 hrs. These sections of road were impassable from 12/2/23 – 17/2/23. 8 properties are affected. There are elderly persons involved who have medical conditions and who have required emergency admission to hospital at times. Residents have to cross flooded fields in dangerous and challenging conditions to get to work, school and buy essential items. A complaint has been submitted to the local MP Nigel Adams to try and get this matter resolved. Evidence of flooding has been sent.

Immediate reported outcome: meeting arranged 2/3/2023. Attendees – Nigel Adams and senior management team of the Environment Agency.

Councillors briefly discussed and cross referenced to Item 1 on the Agenda.

Action: Councillors to continue to liaise with EA. Ongoing.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th March 2023

Meeting closed at 9.26pm.