

BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 8:00pm

Old School Room, Bolton Percy

1. **Present:** Cllrs Steele (chair), Robertson, Tucker, Nicholls
2. **To receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given.**
Apologies from Cllr. Robinson – holiday commitments
3. **To receive declarations of interest:** None
4. **To confirm the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting 5/9/23 as a true and accurate record**
The Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record
5. **Members of the Public:** One
6. **CLERK'S REPORT – Outlining actions/outcomes following the meeting held on 5/9/23.**
 - a) **UPDATE - North Yorkshire Police 'Information Surgery' event** with PCSO Hannah Price.
This was a successful event with 4 councillors, clerk and 12 local residents attending.
Thanks to Tricia and Jim Davis for helping to jointly facilitate this event with the clerk and for the Postmaster for sharing the space that morning.
Below were issues brought for discussion by residents, and advice given by PCSO Price:
 - i) **tractors exceeding the 20mph speed limit on Oak Avenue** causing a hazard to pedestrians and residents wishing to turn from their driveway into the road.
Advice: Parish Council to contact the farm manager of the farm(s) involved.
Councillors resolved that clerk should contact the local estate manager for Sam Smiths farms requesting that agricultural workers driving on that road abide by the speed limit.
 - ii) **general traffic in the village exceeding the 20mph speed limit.**
Advice: the police do not have the capacity to police the local speed limit. These issues can be reported by residents via www.roadwise.co.uk. **For Information only.**
 - iii) **Persistent partial pavement parking of cars along School Lane and other areas of the village:** causing safety difficulties for those with a disability and parents using pushchairs as use of the road is required.
Advice: for residents to please be considerate to their fellow residents and neighbours.
Information Noted.
 - iv) **Poaching** – a slight increase in incidents is reported. The force has a Rural Task force team and Rural volunteers patrolling the local areas.
Advice: to call 999 if believed that poaching is happening; call 101 to report suspicious activity.
Information Noted.
 - b) Posters re Littering have been displayed in Bolton Percy by the clerk as agreed.
 - c) Open Space Funding - Clerk responded to Ryan King, Snr Planning Officer, to advise that there is no open space in the village of Colton.

7. NYCC/ENVIRONMENT AGENCY UPDATE

Hannah Cook, Flood Risk Project Manager North Yorkshire Council – provision of second pump.
Cllr. Nicholls reported that he has been reassured that the procurement team are working on provision of the second pump and to get it delivered as soon as possible. **Information Noted.**

8. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT – North Yorkshire Council re Property Level Resilience

- a) **Property Level Resilience Meeting** – to be facilitated by Hannah Cook, NYC.
Clerk reported that the preferred date for the meeting is 7/11/23. Discussed and agreed by council, for a 7pm start, prior to the monthly council meeting. **Resolved** for clerk to send a letter of invitation to residents whose homes are affected by flood water. However please note, the meeting is open to all residents who wish to attend.

b) **Special Flood Meeting– to be part of the above meeting.**

Cllr. Nicholls suggested a special flood meeting be part of the PRL meeting (see above). The aim of the meeting is to provide a brief update on the Tadcaster Flood alleviation scheme and general questions relative to the Environment Agency (EA). The meeting is open to all residents.

Discussed and resolved for Cllr Nicholls to arrange for the EA to attend.

c) **Pump Servicing- This is funded by residents whose homes are affected by flooding.**

Resolved by council for Cllr Nicholls to collect information on getting the current pump serviced.

9. **FINANCE –**

(a) to review and approve items of expenditure

Clerks expenses	£27.75
Autela Payroll Services	£64.81

(b) Cllr Nicholls advised that Matt Brown has been booked to clear the beck and around the pump and fuel tank.
Quote £550.00

The above payments were approved

(c) Alternative Bank Accounts

New 35 Day Notice Liquidity Manager Savings Account, paying interest, opened with Nat West, as instructed by council. Bank account status discussed.

Resolved for clerk to close/transfer Business Reserve Account 2 funds to the Liquidity Manager Account.

(d) Clerk advised council of receipt of 2nd instalment of North Yorkshire Council Precept:- £3,450.

10. **PLANNING: to consider planning decision notification(s)**

Please note that any applications received following the issue of this agenda will be considered as an Appendix.

- a) 2022/0605/COU Land At, Low Farm, Low Farm Road
Proposal: 31/5/22
Change of use of land and buildings from equestrian to the storage of materials and timber in connection with forestry business (Retrospective)
Permission GRANTED.
- b) ZG2023/0807/FUL Station Farm, Station Road, Bolton Percy
Proposal: Erection of a general-purpose agricultural storage building
Permission GRANTED
- c) ZG2023/0668/TCA Within the conservation area at Church Of All Saints, Main Street, Bolton Percy.
Proposal: Application for consent to remove epicormic growth to clear road and footpath to 3no (T18, T19 and T20) Lime trees.
Application PERMITTED.

PLANNING: to consider planning application consultation notification(s)

- d) Appendix
ZG2023/0947/TCA Spinney House, Pump Alley, Bolton Percy,
Application for consent to crown reduce by 80% to 1 No Chestnut in the conservation area

11. **CORRESPONDENCE: to consider correspondence received.**

None

12. **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- a) Footpath Maintenance from corner of Main Street to the Cricket Ground, Bolton Percy
Clerk reported that NYC Highways have confirmed that maintenance is their responsibility. Highways Department case reference number is: 101010166142. Awaiting feedback from a planned inspection.
Resolved for clerk to forward the email to Cllr Nicholls to be shared with chair of Bolton Percy Cricket Club.

- b) Farm Traffic on country roads. Health and Safety.

Rule 225 Highway Code – use of flashing beacons

Flashing beacons appear to only be obligatory on agricultural vehicles using unrestricted dual carriageways. Therefore, they are not obligatory on country roads but may be considered good practice.

Legally, agricultural vehicles over 3.5m width should have an escort provided by the farmer.

<https://www.nfuonline.com/updates-and-information/stay-safe-and-stay-legal-this-harvest/#Wide%20load%20movements>

A local resident of Bolton Percy reported a near-miss incident on Oxton Lane, returning from Tadcaster. She was forced off the road to avoid a combine harvester. Fortunately, she sustained no injuries but was badly shaken. A suggestion has been made by council that the resident follows this up with possible involved parties as the time window for reporting incidents to the police is 10 days.

- c) Reporting traffic incidents to the police.

Any road incidents should be reported to NYP to be acted on. If you have dashcam, report on:

<https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/police-forces/north-yorkshire-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/op-snap/> **within 10 days.**

Or <https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/ro/report/> with no dashcam.

Information Noted.

- d) **Maintenance of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Track from Oxton Road to the nature reserve:**

Clerk is able to report that the track has been cut back and is much improved.

Resolved for clerk to contact David Powell at YWT to convey thanks.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Bolton Percy road repair work and recent road closures in the week 21/9/23 – 27/9/23**

It was reported that residents at the Ramparts and beyond in the Bolton Lodge area, were not notified in writing of this work. Some residents were considerably affected by not being aware of the closure and not being able to access a road out of the village. Although there were signs around the village indicating the work dates, with a contact number on each sign, it may not have been clear when the area was to be part of that schedule.

Resolution: clerk to contact North Yorkshire Council Highways department to request that their local area mapping is kept updated. It was suggested that concerned residents may also wish to contact the phone number on the road work signs.

- b) **Second cut of the year for verges in the village of Bolton Percy -request by resident**

Request noted but council agreed that historically only one cut a year is funded. Account records confirm this. Vegetation will naturally be dying back very soon. No further action.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th Nov

Meeting closed at 21:31.