

BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL

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An Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Old School Room, Bolton Percy on:

Thursday 11th July 2024 at 8pm

MINUTES (confirmed)

1. PRESENT: Chairperson Cllr. S. Steele, Vice-Chair Cllr. D. Robinson, Cllr. M. Nicholls, Cllr. K. Robertson, Cllr. A. Tucker.

2. APOLOGIES: None, all councillors present.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Steele.

Proposed by Cllr Tucker

Seconded by Cllr Robertson

5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 2

6. CLERK'S REPORT – ACTION TAKEN FROM LAST MEETING

I) Letter to Highway regarding several issues – Clerk contacted Highways dept via online service, and posted a paper copy to NYC regarding:

a) Poor standard of road repairs including the missing section of repair at the end of Pump Alley

b) Non removal of signage.

c) Concerns from parishioner re speed of traffic approaching the village from Oxton Lane (Tadcaster) and Old Lane (Appleton Roebuck).

d) Request to improve “slow” signs on the road to help counteract speed.

e) Maintenance of foliage at sides of footpath leading down to the stream near Pump Alley.

As yet no reply to emails.

II) East Leeds Airport: Clerk has emailed Cllr Andrew Lee on behalf of the Parish Council asking for his support in securing a reply from Mr M Grainger Head of Planning at NYC to the letter sent in Oct 2023 from Mr Vandy of Veritas Planning who, with Mr Rogerson is representing the Parish Council on a number of ongoing issues regarding East Leeds Airport. As yet no reply * Please see below (8:11)

Cllr Robinson, has written a letter (see minutes of June Meeting) expressing a number of concerns, namely planning issues at the Airport and the treatment of a fellow councillor from Church Fenton. It was agreed that this letter should be sent from all of the local Parish Councils who were affected by the growth of the Airport. Clerk to locate all the contact details and Cllr Steele as chairperson would speak to other chairpersons to seek their support. Cllr Robinson volunteered to take the letter around the Parish Councils to add signatures where appropriate and consenting.

III) Dangerous plants: Cllr Tucker, the parishioner who raised concerns about plants and Mr J Reid, Horticulturalist, walked around the village of BP including the area which floods adjacent to The Crown, and Oak/Chestnut Ave including the railway bridge where there are a number of wild plants. There is no evidence of Japanese Knotweed, or Giant Hogweed. There is a high level of Himalayan Balsam, which is invasive but not dangerous to property.

It was noted that as a village we can prevent the spread by cutting down the plant before it seeds and spreads. The optimum time for control is when the Himalayan balsam is just starting to develop flowering buds. Cutting can be

done in May before the flowering stage in June. Plants must be cut at ground level, below the lowest node. Any cuts above the lowest node will lead to regrowth and re-flowering. It has been suggested that next year the village, if possible, should arrange a day when all that are able and available get together to try and eradicate or lessen the growth of the plant. Clerk to follow up at the Feb/March 2025 meeting.

On the walk it was observed that a number of shrubs are growing through tarmac on the bridge and Cllr Tucker has reported this to LNER

IV) End of Year financial forms are now with the external auditor. Cllr Robertson has put the information on the website, Cllr Steele has displayed information in Steeton/Colton, clerk has displayed information at BP.

7. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN/FLOODING – Update from Cllr Nichols – postponed from June meeting.

No new information to report re CEP. Cllr Nichols has been trying get an update on a new pump for the village. A reply said that they were having trouble procuring the pump and that the person to speak to was away on leave. Cllr Nicholls to follow this up on her return.

8. CORRESPONDENCE - including letters and email

I) Letter from NYC: Stacey Preece, Project Engineer, requesting “What3words” information to order signage for the flood gauges on Oxtan Lane.

Clerk contacted the Lead Reps for Station Road, as they had been responsible for locating “What3word” for the specific areas of the gauges in the past and had the relevant information. They replied with the correct 3 words. This information was then sent on to Ms Preece.

II) East Leeds Airport (ELA)/Church Fenton *(See 6:II) Mr S Rogerson, representative for Parish Council and Cllr Robinson to update

Mr. S Rogerson addressed the Cllrs with an update on ELA regarding flight paths and the number and regularity of flights. Mr Rogerson had attended a meeting with Nikki Evans (Airport Manager) and Head of Training at ELA to follow up previous concerns about the number of aeroplanes and the disruption they cause and also to see if their suggestions had been taken into account. The aim was to secure a more managed approach, and preferably a reduction in the number of aircraft overflying the villages

Outcomes:

I) ELA are keen to listen to local villagers and happy to come up with constructive alternative solutions to ease the situation.

II) It was agreed that in early June there would be a trial of a new training flight routing. The trajectory of flight paths has been adjusted to take into account the requests from villagers to lessen flights over houses and minimise the impact on our villages in terms of noise, frequency and volume .

III) In the new trial, flight circuits are longer and wider; this benefits the village as there will be overall less circuits which results in less noise and less disruption. As 75% of the flights are training flights this should have a noticeable impact.

IV) Safety concerns are at the core of LEA`s principle. Their priority is to keep all villagers safe. It was agreed to avoid flying over built up areas wherever possible

V) There will be a review at in late summer/early autumn to find out if these changes have improved the situation.

To support the review the Parish Council are requesting feedback from Parishioners of their experience of the new flight trial. Have they noticed any change? Is there an improvement such as less planes, less disruption, less noise, or not? Clerk will collate all the comments to be used when the new arrangement has been reviewed. Clerk to place a notice in the Parish Magazine and on Facebook in the BP group page.

III) Request for Grass Cutting of verges around the villages of BP, Colton and Steeton. This has been completed by Colin Weighell, (Hedgecutting Contractor) around the village of Bolton Percy.

9. PLANNING: to consider planning policies, decision notifications, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. Please note that any applications received following the issue of this agenda will be considered as an Appendix.

Planning Decision: GRANTED

REF: ZG2024/0411/HPA

Location: 2 Chapel View, Marsh Lane, BP

Erection of brick-built extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory.

Planning Decision: REFUSED

REF ZG2024/0435/FUL

Location: Land off The Old Street, Bilborough

Proposal: Demolition of piggery and replacement with a new dwelling with associate driveway, landscaping and boundary treatments.

10. FINANCE: To review and approve items/matters of expenditure

I) Precept Payment: Councillors will assess the number of households nearer to the December deadline, in the meantime updated banking details to be sent to accounting dept. at NYC deadline date of 31.7.24 by clerk.

II) Payment of internal auditor - invoice paid of £100, which will be donated to a favourite charity.

III) Payment of time capsule: Invoice of £96.84 paid to PCC for Capsule only. It was noted that the PCC are not allowed to place a plaque on the burial site, it has to be a stone marker. At present PCC do not know the cost of this. (PCC may be able to fund extra cost of this if above the amount previously agreed)

11. PARISHIONERS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CLlr Steele asked clerk to order new adult and child Defib pads for Colton as they will soon be out of date. Clerk to action.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – no meeting in August. Next meeting THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 2024

Joann Blades, Clerk to the Parish Council

July 18th 2024

Reminder that all previous minutes, agendas and parish information can be found on our website. The website address can be found at the top of these minutes – Thank you