

# Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 13 December 2023  
Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Nigel Denison (Chairman), Cllr Pam Jackson-Vickers, Cllr Andy Gale. Cllr Mark Darwin, Cllr Matt Boyle, Roger Clements (Clerk) and 2 members of the public (MoP).

1. Apologies for Absence
  - 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Peter Mitchell and Deirdre Brown.
2. Declarations of Interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
  - 2.1. No declarations were made.
3. Chairman's report:
  - 3.1. He offered the Council's thanks to the volunteers who had collected, erected and decorated the Christmas tree on Main Street and to the carol singers and providers of drinks and mince pies at the 'Switch On' on Saturday 2 December.
  - 3.2. A NYC Plan was in preparation into which our own Neighbourhood Plan would eventually form a part. Both plans would take some time to reach completion.
  - 3.3. He and the Clerk had met with the Sports Association and the Recreation Trust to discuss how a recreation area could be constructed alongside the sports ground (17.4 below refers).
  - 3.4. Chairman had visited a public exhibition at Sessay to view details of the solar farm proposal on fields adjacent to Pilmoor Grange (17.1 & 17.2 below refers). Subsequently, the developer has agreed to mount a similar exhibition in Helperby in January and NYC has been asked to extend the consultation period for the Planning Application (17.2) to the end of January.
4. Public Forum
  - 4.1. Background information was provided on item 17.3.
  - 4.2. A series of comments was made concerning items 17.1 and 17.2 which the Council noted.
5. News from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) - Cllr Baker sent her apologies and submitted an email:
  - 5.1. Various pieces of news were distributed to councillors and the Clerk will feature an extract in a Facebook post.
6. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 Nov 23 were accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
7. New Correspondence
  - 7.1. No new correspondence was received.
8. Clerk's report:
  - 8.1. NYC has confirmed that it had no plan to undertake further lopping or felling of trees along the frontage of the Raskelf Road development, except where necessary to produce the necessary clear sight lines at the site entrance.
9. **Financial matters**
10. Clerk's financial report:
  - 10.1. Council was in receipt of £4,376.76 Community Infrastructure Levy money which will be allocated to infrastructure projects yet to be decided.
  - 10.2. Clerk had agreed with Church Lane Practice an equitable sharing of costs for the resupply of batteries and pads for the Main Street defibrillator.
  - 10.3. The government had confirmed that local councils can continue to raise precepts of their choosing without triggering a referendum.
11. Grant request from St Peter's PCC – the PCC requested a grant to support the cost of mowing, strimming, path cleaning and general maintenance of the graveyard. It was **resolved** to make a grant to the St Peter's PCC of £900.

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12. Grant request from Helperby Village Hall Trustees – the trustees requested a grant to provide a projector for the benefit of users of the hall. It was **resolved** to make a grant of £250 to Helperby Village Hall.
13. Renewal of Council advert in The Magazine – it was **resolved** to re-new the advert.
14. Accounts received were approved for payment:

14.1.	The Magazine	Advert	£40.00
14.2.	NYC	Salt Bins refill	£180.00
14.3.	Helperby Estate	Land rent	£10.00
14.4.	S Laux refund	Xmas tree/baubles	£151.97

### 15. Matters for Consideration

- 15.1. None were proposed.

### 16. Information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

- 16.1. Cobbles project – the Council is considering remedial action in the area by the Council Notice boards including the rutted area outside Cross Green Villa, and at The Old Shop, Main Street.
- 16.2. Neighbourhood plan – no update available.

### 17. Planning Matters

- 17.1. Planning Application ZB23/02405/SCR, for an EIA Screening Opinion in accordance with Regulations 2 and 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England) Regulations 2017 relating to a proposed solar farm at OS Field 5220, south of Pilmoor Grange, Pilmoor, Brafferton – the Council had no opinion on this application.
- 17.2. Planning Application ZB23/02461/FUL, proposed installation of solar farm comprising ground mounted solar PV panels and associated infrastructure at OS Field 5220, south of Pilmoor Grange, Pilmoor, Brafferton – the Council has asked for an extension to the period for consultation until the end of January to allow the applicant to mount a public exhibition and questions session (probably on 9 Jan` 23). This will allow the council the opportunity to debate the application at its next meeting on 17 Jan 23.
- 17.3. Planning Application ZB23/02278/FUL, replace lounge doors, remove fireplace, install fence and gate at St Cuthberts, Main Street, Helperby – the Council had no objections to this application.
- 17.4. Planning Application ZB23/02384/FUL, proposed creation of a locally equipped play area at the Sports Ground, Back Lane, Helperby - The Council agreed that the creation of a recreation area within the village would greatly improve the facilities for children. There is no other space identified as suitable for such an area and to have it located beside the Sports Ground is likely to bring more families into contact with the village football and cricket teams. It was thought that a boundary risk assessment was likely to be needed to assess the risk from cricket balls falling into the recreation area. The Council applauds the Helperby Brafferton Recreation Trust for its successful fund raising, which has brought the project to the point where this planning application can be submitted. Chairman confirmed that the Council had yet to discuss financial support to the project. It was **resolved** to support this application.
- 17.5. Planning Appeal APP/02750/W/23/3332738 (Ref Planning Application 22/02422/FUL and 23/00058/REFUSE), construction of 4 dwellings adjacent telephone exchange, Back Lane, Helperby – decision awaited from the Secretary of State’s Inspector.

### 18. To receive the following Planning Decisions/information

- 18.1. Planning Appeal APP/G2713/W/3330399 (Ref Planning Application 22/02294/OUT and 23/00051/REFUSE), outline application for the construction of 4 x dwellings with all

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matters reserved except access on OS Field 7346, Boroughbridge Road, Brafferton – decision awaited from the Secretary of State’s Inspector.

- 18.2. Planning Application ZB23/02085/FUL – variation to Condition 2 on approved 28-dwelling development on Boroughbridge Road, Brafferton - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council.
- 18.3. Planning Application ZB23/01779/FUL, retrospective application for works to dwellinghouse and driveway plus construction of kennels/stables ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse – application withdrawn.
- 18.4. Planning Application ZB23/00771/OUT, outline planning application for 1 x dwelling with all matters reserved except access on land at Brafferton Manor, Brafferton – awaiting decision from North Yorkshire Council.

### **19. Closing Matters**

20. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:
  - 20.1. Proposed solar farm south of Pilmoor Grange.
  - 20.2. Q and A session on the solar farm planned for 9 Jan 24.
21. The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 17 Jan 24.