

Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 21 February 2024
Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Nigel Denison (Chairman), Cllr Peter Mitchell, Cllr Andy Gale, Cllr Matt Boyle, Cllr Mark Darwin, Cllr Deirdre Brown, Roger Clements (Clerk) and 1 member of the public (MoP).

1. Apologies for Absence
 - 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Pam Jackson-Vickers.
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. Attended Area 2 Highways (Thirsk) Parish Workshop for PCs. Received information on rationalisation of buildings and services throughout NYC region and centralisation of specialist Traffic Planning centre in Northallerton. He also confirmed that our 2 x reports on traffic and access issues through Brafferton and Helperby had been handed to the Customer Communications Officer.
4. Public Participation – a MoP asked whether there was further information on the solar farm proposal at Pilmoor. Chairman advised that further comments had been added to the NYC planning website but no additional information had been received by the Council. Further general questions asked were addressed at item 16.
5. News from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) – our Divisional councillor was unable to attend and would sending a summary by email.
6. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 Jan 24 and the Lands & Maintenance committee on 31 Jan 24 were accepted as true records and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
7. New Correspondence
 - 7.1. None was received.
8. Clerk's report
 - 8.1. Details of the Council's planned works to trees had been discussed with the contractor and was expected to take place in the next few days.
 - 8.2. Clerk had attended a webinar concerning possible use of the Affinity Lottery. It had shown the lottery to not be a suitable vehicle for Council fundraising.
 - 8.3. The next strip of allotment re-fencing will be installed on 24 Feb and a skip will be in position from 26 Feb for Back Lane allotment holders to clear debris from their plots.
 - 8.4. The Cobbles Care pamphlets were printed ready for distribution.
9. **Financial matters**
10. Clerk's financial report
 - 10.1. No purchases were made in January.
 - 10.2. The new Savings account was now open and CIL money will be transferred into this account.
11. Parish Online
 - 11.1. Clerk confirmed that the Council had a member's licence with the Ordnance Survey (OS) Public Sector Geospacial Agreement to use the OS Data Hub (for mapping access). Using the OS mapping data was very specialised and local government generally uses Parish Online software to access the maps. It was **resolved** to subscribe to Parish Online.
12. Maintenance contracts for urban grass cutting and trimming of the Pinfold hedge and Hornby footpath – reviewed and approved for 2024 season.
13. Payment Card Purchases (PCP) were noted and accounts received were approved for payment:
 - 13.1. S Laux Fencing materials £144.67 (PCP)
 - 13.2. T Bowman Hedge maintenance £167.50

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14. Matters for Consideration

None proposed.

15. Ongoing issues and further action where necessary

- 15.1. Cobbles project – three small projects had been assessed with the Council's contractor and a timescale will be announced in due course.

16. Planning Matters

- 16.1. Public Consultation for 8 dwellings to the south of Raskelf Road, Helperby – Council decided to await the planning application but had reservations over yet more development.
- 16.2. Planning Application ZB24/00167/MRC, variation of conditions attached to Planning Consent 19/00941/FUL - Change of use of land for the siting of 12 timber holiday cabins at Brafferton Manor Farm, Brafferton Manor Station, Brafferton – the Council had no objections to this application.
- 16.3. Planning Application ZB24/00065, construction of 2 dwellings on land at St Peter's Close, Brafferton – the Council Objected to this application. The Council had concerns over another increase of traffic entering/leaving the Boroughbridge Road near a known hazardous bend. It also believed these dwellings to be another attempt to add properties beyond the Built Form of Brafferton, which runs counter to the NYC Local Plan regarding development in this Service Village.
- 16.4. Planning Application ZB24/00258/MRC to vary conditions 2,3,4 and 5 of reserved matters approval 22/00912/REM following outline approval 20/02428/OUT - the Council had no objections to this application.

17. Planning Decisions/information

- 17.1. Planning Application ZB24/00151/CAT – Works to a tree at Buttery's, Tofts Lane, Helperby – withdrawn
- 17.2. Planning Application ZB24/00093/FUL, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a garden room at the gatehouse, Pilmoor - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.3. Planning Application ZB23/02559/CAT, works to trees at St Peter's Church, Brafferton – approved by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.4. 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 - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.5. Planning Application ZB23/02384/FUL, proposed creation of a locally equipped play area at the Sports Ground, Back Lane, Helperby - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.6. Planning Application ZB23/02278/FUL, replace lounge doors, remove fireplace, install fence and gate at St Cuthberts, Main Street, Helperby - approved by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.7. Planning Application ZB23/02085/FUL – variation to Condition 2 on approved 28-dwelling development on Boroughbridge Road, Brafferton - approved by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.8. 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
- 17.9. **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 - awaiting decision by Government Inspector
- 17.10. **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 – awaiting decision by Government Inspector

18. Closing Matters

- 18.1. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting - D Day event/Spring event.
19. The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 20 Mar 24