

Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 20 March 2024
Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Mitchell (Chairman), Cllr Mark Darwin, Cllr Pam Jackson-Vickers, Roger Clements (Clerk), Cllr Alyson Baker (NYC) and 3 members of the public (MoP).

1. Apologies for Absence
 - 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Nigel Denison, Cllr Andy Gale, Cllr Matt Boyle and Cllr Deirdre Brown. In the absence of the Council's Chairman, Cllr Mitchell took the Chair.
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
4. Public Participation
 - 4.1. A MoP asked whether the Council would re-consider its response to the planning application at 17.5. Council Standing Order 11.1 states that 'Decisions of the Council will not be revised within 4 months except where a special item is placed on the agenda bearing the name of two Councillors and is considered and approved by the Council.' No action was taken.
5. News from North Yorkshire Council (NYC)
 - 5.1. Cllr Alyson Baker asked the Council to publicise information on:
 - 5.1.1. Her surgery at Easingwold on 5 April.
 - 5.1.2. The financial constraints which limit NYC – N.B. half its budget is spent on Care.
 - 5.1.3. Acceptable voter identification in use for polling stations.
 - 5.1.4. A reminder that re-cycle bins licenses were now available for purchase for the period March to December 24, and advised that the Christmas tree collection in the New Year 25 had been cancelled.
 - 5.1.5. Home/School transport and free School Meals application details were available on the NYC website.
 - 5.1.6. All local councils were reminded that the NYC Locality Budget and Rural England's Shared Prosperity Fund offered opportunities for grants.
6. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 Feb 24 was accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
7. New Correspondence
 - 7.1. See item 17.8 – decision reached to dismiss the appeal.
 - 7.2. New planning application received. ZB24/00340/LBC, proposed solar panels to roof and insulation retrofit to loft room at the Old Fountain Stores, Main Street, Helperby. The new projector, recently bought by HVH trustees, was used to give all present a view of the proposal.
8. Clerk's report
 - 8.1. A major clearance of debris from the Back Lane allotments had been completed.
 - 8.2. Following a major foul water leak and subsequent repair work in Dunroyal the reinstatement work had been completed to a poor standard. Council complained to Yorkshire Water and the work was redone to a better standard.
 - 8.3. Drains in Main Street near the Old Brewery and those where flooding had occurred on the Raskelf Road had been jetted and should now have improved flow.
 - 8.4. The Council's Cobbles Care pamphlet had been distributed to households overlooking cobbles on Council land.
 - 8.5. Recent government legislation to amend the Local Government Act 1894 has the effect of confirming that parish councils can use their discretionary powers to fund church repairs or maintenance of open churchyards.

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9. Financial matters

10. Clerk's financial report

- 10.1. Allotment and other rental payment requests have been sent out and payments are being received.
- 10.2. Planned works to fell 2 trees which threatened the Raskelf Road and to lift the beech tree canopy at the Pinfold, Brafferton had been completed.

11. Expenditure on skip hire at Back Lane allotments

- 11.1. At its Feb 24 meeting the Council decided to position a skip at the Back Lane allotments to remove debris. The skip was put in place on 26 Feb and within 2 hours was filled and it was clear that an additional skip was required. Cllrs were canvassed and agreed that a second skip should be ordered. Clerk requested retrospective Council approval for the additional cost and it was **resolved** to approve this expenditure.

12. Council's preferred contractors

- 12.1. Clerk reported the difficulty in identifying contractors able to carry out works to cobbles at the standard required by the council's specifications. It was therefore difficult to obtain 3 quotations as required by the Council's Financial Standing Orders. It was **resolved** to produce a list of approved contractors with J Revely & Sons the first to join the list.

13. Received accounts listed below were **approved** for payment:

13.1.	A W Scarborough	flailing	£351.00
13.2.	J Revely & Sons	tree works	£4,764.00
13.3.	Moveley Skip x 2 Hire	skip hire	£776.00

14. Matters for Consideration

14.1. Additional road signage at Bridge Street

- 14.1.1. A message had been received from a Bridge Street resident describing the increasing frequency of 'lost' traffic entering the street, turning in the limited space available and then departing - several resident's cars had been damaged by turning traffic. It was acknowledged that the small 'No Through Road' sign was poorly positioned. Clerk to contact NYC Highways to investigate improved signage.

14.2. Unclassified footpath between Swale Green and Dunroyal

- 14.2.1. Following an incident, the status of the path was discussed. The insurer had been contacted for advice and, as the path has no formal status, users walked it at their own risk.

14.3. Spring Event

- 14.3.1. The Spring Event will take place on the Sports Field on Sunday 5 April. It will centre round a family 'bring your own picnic and take home your rubbish' activity and will feature touch rugby from 1230 and a Tug-of-War. Bars and a Cake Stall are confirmed and additional stalls are expected. Cllr Boyle is the event organiser and had submitted a request for funding. It was **resolved** to grant £50 for advertising plus £150 for additional expenses.

- 14.3.2. Cllr Darwin noted that Councillors were being asked to put money into a new spring event - copying the format of the 2023 Coronation Picnic - which had emerged with very limited discussion by the Council. He requested an agenda item to discuss event planning in 2025.

15. Information on the following ongoing issues and further action where necessary

- 15.1. Cobbles project – nothing to report.

16. Planning Matters

- 16.1. None received by publication of the agenda but see 7.2.

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17. Planning Decisions/information

- 17.1. 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 - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.2. Planning Application ZB24/00065/FUL, construction of 2 dwellings on land at St Peter's Close, Brafferton - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.3. 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 for dwellings on Field 0046 - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.4. Planning Application ZB24/00093/FUL, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a garden room at the Gatehouse, Pilmoor - granted by North Yorkshire Council
- 17.5. 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
- 17.6. 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
- 17.7. 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
- 17.8. **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 - dismissed by Government Inspector
- 17.9. **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 matters reserved except access on OS Field 7346, Boroughbridge Road, Brafferton – dismissed by Government Inspector

18. Closing Matters

19. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting
 - 19.1. Spring event 2025.
20. The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 17 Apr 24.