

Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 17 July 2024

Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Nigel Denison (Chairman), Cllr Peter Mitchell, Cllr Mark Darwin, Cllr Andy Gale, Cllr Angela Horner (from item 3) and Roger Clements (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence
 - 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Deirdre Brown and Matt Boyle.
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.

Chairman proposed a Procedural motion to advance item 13.1 to follow item 2 which was **resolved**. Angela Horner had come forward for co-option to the Council and was the only candidate to fill the existing vacancy. Angela made a statement, signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a Member of the Council.

3. Chairman's report
 - 3.1. Sink hole outside the Old Post House had been reported to NYC & Yorks Water; both denied ownership. The hole is a hazard to all road users and pedestrians; additional pressure to be applied by Chairman to persuade one or the other organisation to take responsibility.
 - 3.2. Gully clearance – Raskelf Road as far as the new development has been visited by the jetter truck and water flow appears improved.
 - 3.3. Britta Bake stall on cobbles for the Council to consider. The Parish Council does not impose conditions on people using the cobbled areas and hopes each user will act with due regard to others.
4. Public Participation
 - 4.1. Cllr Horner observed that dogs and their associated barking were drawing attention and complaints from residents living near Brafferton Manor. It was unclear whether this was an issue for the Council to consider but it would monitor, and seek to clarify, the situation.
 - 4.2. Cllr Mitchell showed photos of a potential grid surface which might be suitable for the lych gate track – the information would be passed to the Lands & Maintenance committee.
5. News from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) – Cllr Baker could not attend but had sent a summary which the Chairman reported:
 - 5.1. Locality budgets grants (ours allocated by our Divisional councillor) are now 'live'. The Council noted that grants from £300 are available and suitable project(s) will be sought (possibly going towards cobbling work at item 14.1).
 - 5.2. Sutton Bank annual maintenance from 10 to 17 Sep 24 will cause a road closure of the A170 (full details at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-north-yorkshire/maintenance-start-a170-sutton-bank> .
 - 5.3. Let's Talk Rubbish! A re-cycling consultation is running until 16 Sep 24 on plans to change the blue box into a bin. This will mean NYC do not have to have different vehicles to collect but each property will have 3 wheely bins (4 if garden waste is added). Parishioners are encouraged to complete the survey at www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk
 - 5.4. Reading scheme – the Children's Reading Challenge is intended to get creative juices flowing. With the summer school holidays fast approaching, North Yorkshire's libraries are braced for an influx of pupils taking part in this year's creative-themed reading initiative. The annual Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged four to 11 to read six library books over the summer holidays. This year's theme is Marvellous Makers, aiming to fire up a child's imagination through the power of reading and creative expression.
6. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 June 24 were accepted as a true record which the Chairman signed accordingly.

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7. Clerk's report
 - 7.1. Confirmation was awaited from Moverley Skip Hire on whether they would be able to position a skip on allotment RR18 on Raskelf Road (afternote: skip position agreed and expected in place from 22 July).
8. **Financial matters**
9. Clerk's financial report
 - 9.1. The annual NYC grass cutting contribution had not yet arrived.
 - 9.2. A VAT recovery claim had been submitted and HMRC had transferred £1,583.28 to the Council's bank account.
 - 9.3. A quotation of £1,100 (+VAT) had been received for tree felling/removal on Swale Green. The tree felling had been approved at the last meeting; Chairman proposed that the Council accept this quotation – **resolved**.
10. The Financial Working Group confirmed the Council's bank reconciliation to be in order.
11. Grant requests from Boroughbridge & Easingwold libraries. Cllrs were minded to support both libraries and Chairman asked for a figure to be agreed – it was **resolved** to grant £100 to each library.
12. Payment Card Purchases (PCP) and note or approve accounts received – none were presented.
13. **Matters for Consideration**
 - 13.1. Co-option of a new member to fill the Council vacancy – this item was moved forward to follow item 2.
 - 13.2. To consider the environmental impact of council activity – no proposal was made and the subject is placed in abeyance.
14. **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary**
 - 14.1. Cobbles project – the cobbles on Drury Lane, linking Main Street to the concrete path is likely to be the next project once the next tranche of Community Infrastructure Levy money is received.
15. **To consider the following Planning Matters**
 - 15.1. Planning Application ZB24/01122/LBC, proposed listed building consent to demolish and replace lean-to greenhouse on a listed wall at 4 Brafferton Hall Gardens at 8 Bridge Street, Brafferton – the Council supported this application.
16. **To receive the following Planning Decisions/information**
 - 16.1. Planning Application ZB24/00913/FUL, proposed residential scheme for 8 units on land to the south of Raskelf Road, adjacent to Balk Avenue, Helperby - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
 - 16.2. Planning Application ZB24/01075/FUL, demolition of existing bay window, construction of new wall and window, installation of casement uPVC windows to front elevation. Remove existing window and door to rear elevation and install flush casement uPVC window and aluminium bifold door at 3 Brafferton Hall Gardens, Brafferton - **permitted** by North Yorkshire Council
 - 16.3. Planning Application ZB24/00964/FUL, proposed accessible single storey rear extension and an extension of an existing rear raised terrace at The Old Brewery, Main Street, Helperby - **permitted** by North Yorkshire Council
 - 16.4. Planning Application ZB24/00065/FUL, construction of 2 dwellings on land at St Peter's Close, Brafferton - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
 - 16.5. Planning Application ZB23/02461/FUL, proposed installation of solar farm comprising ground mounted solar PV panels and associated infrastructure at OS Field 5220,

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south of Pilmoor Grange, Pilmoor, Brafferton - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council and this Council is seeking details of any Community Benefit which may result if the proposal is permitted.

16.6. 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.

16.7. 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. Closing Matters

18. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:

18.1. To consider strategy for Community Benefit associated with Solar Farm application.

18.2. To consider input into Welcome Information pack for newcomers in *The Magazine*.

19. The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed as Wednesday 21 Aug 24.