

Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Nigel Denison (Chairman), Cllr Matt Boyle, Cllr Deirdre Brown, Cllr Peter Mitchell, Cllr Mark Darwin, Roger Clements (Clerk), Cllr Alyson Baker (North Yorkshire Council) and 3 members of the public (MoP).

1. Apologies for Absence
 - 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Andy Gale.
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 reported:
 - 3.1. He and the Clerk had attended webinar training on council meeting management and Cllr Darwin had completed another on responding to planning applications.
 - 3.2. The D Day service had been well attended and had involved children from St Peter's school.
 - 3.3. He thanked Cllr Boyle for helping to keep the Hornby footpath and the bridleway to the Swale Bridge clear for pedestrians.
 - 3.4. He provided an update on progress towards repairing the sink hole in the gully near the Old Post House. Clerk to attempt to involve Yorks Water in repairs to the drain which appears to have collapsed.
 - 3.5. He summarised a walk-round meeting with an Officer from Area 2, Highways where all current highways and access issues were viewed. Available NYC funds are limited and recolouring of Main Street footways will not occur at present. However: some dropped kerbs will be introduced, road white lining is to be refreshed and circled 30 road markings will be introduced at each village entrance. In addition, some bollards will be replaced at the double bend on the Boroughbridge Road and a new Double Bend sign will be added, the barrier at Back Lane adjacent to the telephone exchange will be replaced by one which allows pushchairs and wheelchairs to pass through - no timescale for each job was given. The extent of highway through Bridge Street would be resolved to properly represent reality.
4. Public Participation – MoPs reported:
 - 4.1. Potholes at the junction of Hall Lane and School Terrace.
 - 4.2. Blocked drains along Raskelf Road were discussed (and these would be reported again).
 - 4.3. Some village verges had been damaged and the Clerk will try to have remedial work carried out.
5. News from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) – Cllr Baker reported that: NYC budgets were now 'live' and bids could be made for grants; a consultation was about to be launched on re-cycling collection which will invite comments regarding a planned reorganisation of recycling including a new bin for glass and cans and she closed with a reminder that she will be holding a surgery on 15 July at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold from 10am.
6. The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 8 May 24 were accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
7. Clerk reported that actions from the May meeting were all complete.
8. **Financial matters**
9. Clerk reported that the CIL account interest had been transferred to the Reserves account and this season's payment from NYC for visibility splays grass cutting had been invoiced with payment of £423.79 expected by the end of the month.
10. Grant request from Boroughbridge library
 - 10.1. Cllrs were minded to approve small grants to the volunteer-run libraries at Boroughbridge and Easingwold and grant application forms will be sent to both libraries.
11. Listed accounts received were **approved** for payment:

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11.1. YLCA Denison/Clerk trg £70.20

12. Matters for Consideration

- 12.1. Council vacancy – notification of possible election was awaited from NYC Democratic Services (afternote: no election was called and the Council will start the process to co-opt a new member).
- 12.2. Regeneration of Neighbourhood Watch (NW) – Cllr Boyle explained the current situation where subjects of interest were disseminated via Facebook and the village magazine but there remained no appetite for the reactivation of NW in its old form.
- 12.3. Environmental focus on council activity – Cllr Boyle agreed to produce a short paper on areas for the council to consider at the next meeting.
- 12.4. Works to trees following tree survey in May 24 – Clerk summarised works to trees recommended by the Council's recent tree safety survey. Two trees will be felled and the 2 Horse Chestnuts in Main Street will have their canopies lifted and have some lateral pruning. Clerk to ask R Revely to fell the 2 trees and to seek tenders for the work to the 2 horse chestnuts in Main Street.
- 12.5. Council participation in production of village directory – The November village magazine will include a village directory and cllrs agreed to assist in distributed free copies of this magazine to all properties.

13. Ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

- 13.1. Cobbles project – no actions planned.

14. Planning Matters

- 14.1. Cllr Brown introduced a Procedural Motion to advance item 14.1 to follow Item 5 – **resolved**. Planning Application ZB24/00913/FUL, proposed residential scheme for 8 units on land to the south of Raskelf Road, adjacent to Balk Avenue, Helperby.
 - 14.1.1. Each MoP opposed the application citing loss of amenity, concerns about access onto a dangerous road and the potential for this development to provide an opportunity for further development beyond the 'farm access' track through this site.
 - 14.1.2. Each cllr voted to **oppose** the proposal and Chairman summarised their concerns:
 - 14.1.2.1. This is more 'Windfall Development' in a village for which the Local Plan (Feb 22) shows no planned development.
 - 14.1.2.2. This comes on top of already extensive development either underway or applied for.
 - 14.1.2.3. Rate of recent house building is rapidly degrading the character of our Conservation Area and is already going beyond the built form along both Boroughbridge Road and Raskelf Road.
 - 14.1.2.4. Although the village is designated as a 'service village' it has few services and more inhabitants will mean more car journeys and an accompanying increase in CO₂ emissions.
 - 14.1.2.5. The entrance road to the site runs directly into farmland. This suggests that large farm vehicles could be hazardous to pedestrians and children in the development and it also implies further planning applications may be expected using this 'farm access' to provide 'existing access'.
 - 14.1.2.6. The Raskelf Road is prone to flooding in this area.
- 14.2. 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 – the Council **supported** this application.

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15. Planning Decisions/information

- 15.1. 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 - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
- 15.2. Planning Application ZB24/00723/FUL, construction of single storey extension at 6 Bridge Street, Brafferton – **granted** by North Yorkshire Council
- 15.3. Planning Application ZB24/00065/FUL, construction of 2 dwellings on land at St Peter’s Close, Brafferton - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
- 15.4. 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
- 15.5. 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
- 15.6. 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

16. Closing Matters

17. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting
 - 17.1. To consider the environmental impact of Council activities.
 - 17.2. To consider grant requests from local libraries.
 - 17.3. To consider co-option of additional councillor.
18. The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed as Wednesday 17 Jul 24.