

Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 18 September 2024
Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Mitchell (Chairman), Cllr Mark Darwin, Cllr Angela Horner and Roger Clements (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence
 - 1.1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Matt Boyle, Nigel Denison, Deirdre Brown and Andy Gale. In the absence of Cllr Denison, 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. Public Participation – no members of the public were present.
4. Chairman's report
 - 4.1. The Council noted with sadness the recent death of David Lea of the Golden Lion public house and expressed its condolences to Ronnie and family.
 - 4.2. A response was still awaited from Lighthouse Development Consulting regarding any Community Benefit accruing from the Pilmoor solar farm (see item 12).
 - 4.3. For general information: it is understood that Quickline Communications Ltd will be providing a free broadband link at the church and the village hall.
5. News from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) – no report was available.
6. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 August 24 was accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
7. Clerk's report
 - 7.1. Clerk and Chairman attended a Boundary Committee briefing which confirmed that the forthcoming boundary changes would not affect parish boundaries.
 - 7.2. Traffic data tubes had been requested from NYC and were expected to be in place across the Boroughbridge Road (adjacent to St Peter's Close entrance) in a week or two and will cost £110.00 (plus VAT).
 - 7.3. The Council's response to a proposed additional 27-dwelling development on the Boroughbridge Road indicated that the Council did not support additional house building and it would not make further comment until a planning application was submitted.
 - 7.4. Quickline Communications Ltd contractors were meeting issues in connecting their broadband fibre cabling along Main Street. The Council had advised Quickline that, if cobbles would need lifting, the Council had specific relaying criteria that must be adhered to.
 - 7.5. Cllrs were reminded of the Easingwold & Villages Community Partnership Group forum on 7 October at The Hawkhill.
 - 7.6. Area 2, Highways workshops - Cllrs Darwin and Horner available for the workshop on 4 Nov – Clerk to liaise.

Financial Matters

8. Clerk's financial report – NYC had reported that two Community Infrastructure Levy payments were to be paid to the Council in October.
9. Grant application from the NY Citizens Advice & Law Centre – a grant of £100 was **approved**.
10. Grant application from the H&B Community Association – a grant of £400 was **approved**.
11. Accounts received were **approved** for payment:
 - 11.1. Moverley Demolitions Ltd Skip hire £384.00
 - 11.2. Cllr Horner Training Course £70.20
 - 11.3. Clerk Training Course £35.00
 - 11.4. Gallagher Insurance Insurance premium £1,090.47

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Matters for Consideration

12. Criteria for any Community Benefit funding - with no published criteria for such funding and therefore no way of judging what benefit might be received from the Pilmoor Solar Farm (ZB223/02461/FUL) the Council agreed a general set of principles for managing any monies received:
 - 12.1. Spending will only be used on projects within the parish.
 - 12.2. The Council will consider investment of the capital sum if it is of a significant size and thus allows projects to be supported over a period of several years.
 - 12.3. Depending on the amount available, the money may be allocated in tranches for future periods.
 - 12.4. Only bids from organised bodies will be entertained.
 - 12.5. A grant application form will be designed with possible guidance from NYC.
 - 12.6. Projects will be required to be a capital nature offering long term value to the local community.
 - 12.7. Bids must be submitted prior to a project's start date.
 - 12.8. Other sources of income should be in place prior to bidding for Council grants
 - 12.9. Applicants must show the capacity and ability to complete the project and produce plans and relevant quotations.
 - 12.10. The Council will maintain a monitoring role over project progress including expenditure over agreed stages.
13. Christian Faith Society land ownership
 - 13.1. Chairman sought the Council's support for opening negotiations with the Christian Faith Society to transfer any interest it may have in the lychgate area, Pinfold, Swale Green and any cobbled areas in Brafferton – **resolved**.
14. Purchase of a Christmas tree and associated decorations. Chairman proposed that a Christmas tree and additional illumination/decorations be purchased for the Advent period as last year – **resolved**.

Ongoing Issues

15. Cobbles project – works in Drury Lane are planned and negotiations are underway with adjacent householders.

Planning Matters

16. Planning application ZB24/01778/FUL, single storey Orangery & two storey extension at Pheasants Walk, Stinton Lane, Helperby – the Council had no objections to this application.

Planning Decisions/information

17. 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
18. Planning Application ZB24/00065/FUL, construction of 2 dwellings on land at St Peter's Close, Brafferton - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council
19. 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 - **granted** by North Yorkshire Council
20. 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
21. 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

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Closing Matters

- 22. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:
 - 22.1. Possible additional streetlight on School Terrace.
 - 22.2. Grass cutting plan for Swale Green in 2025.
- 23. The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed as Wednesday 16 Oct 24 and the next Lands & Maintenance committee meeting as Wednesday 2 Oct 24 (afternote: committee meeting postponed to 6 Nov 24).