

Brafferton & Helperby Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 11 December 2024
Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Nigel Denison (Chairman), Cllr Mark Darwin, Cllr Andy Gale, Cllr Angela Horner and Roger Clements (Clerk) plus one MoP.

1. Apologies for Absence
 - 1.1. Cllr Peter Mitchell, Cllr Deirdre Brown and Cllr Alyson Baker (North Yorkshire Council) sent their apologies.
2. Declarations of Interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
 - 2.1. Cllrs Darwin ref 13.4 (did not vote).
3. Public Participation
 - 3.1. AH noted that dog fouling was increasing, in particular along the Swale Bridge bridleway and Back Lane. Additional signage and Facebook posts would be employed to counter.
 - 3.2. MD parked vehicles frequently obstructed the footpath on Raskelf road west of the Oak Tree. 'Polite' signage to be investigated.
4. Chairman reported:
 - 4.1. Some complaints had been received regarding motorcycle events on field near Thornton Bridge – advice from NYC Planning Enforcement deemed them compliant with the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).
 - 4.2. A meeting had taken place with the village Recreation Trust regarding its Planning Application for a recreation area adjacent to the Sports Field. A strategy was discussed to satisfy an objection by Sport England concerning potential football 'ball strike' issues - it has a concern for pedestrians using the footpath from Back Lane which emerges beside the football pitch. Chairman sought the Council's approval to continue this contact with the Recreation Trust and Sports Association – **approved**.
 - 4.3. An answer was still awaited from the solar farm developer (Lighthouse Development Consulting) on a Community Benefit payment.
 - 4.4. Had met with the Easingwold & District Community Care Association (EDCCA) which aimed to give local town & village councils a greater voice through an improved interface with NYC. He had accepted its invitation to join the association.
 - 4.5. Welcomed the new Bus Service 28 linking Flawith with Easingwold via Helperby and invited comments from villagers.
5. News from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) – Cllr Baker sent an emailed list from which the Clerk would make selections for distribution.
6. The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 Nov 24 was accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.
7. Clerk reported that Raskelf Road parking issues would need more evidence if a case was to be reported to NYC.

8. Financial Matters

9. Clerk's financial reported:
 - 9.1. NYC had confirmed it's funding for grass cutting at junction visual splays would be £424 in 2025.
 - 9.2. The Council's Precept submission for FY 25/26 had been acknowledged by NYC.
10. Payment Card Purchases (PCP) and note or approve accounts received:
 - 10.1. No payment card purchases had been made and the following payments (all previously authorised) were noted:
 - 10.2. R Revely tree felling £1,320.00
 - 10.3. NYC grit box replenishment £180.00
 - 10.4. Dawnay Farm Christmas tree £108.00

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11. Matters for Consideration

- 11.1. Street lighting Raskelf Road and Main Street - NYC had been asked to confirm that the traditional lamps would be retained and each would be painted black.
- 11.2. Urban grass cutting 2025 – Clerk to begin arrangements for next year’s cutting.
- 11.3. Council vacancy - Matt Boyle had resigned from the Council and the Chairman put on record his thanks to Matt for his work as councillor and, in particular, for organising the May Fun Days and Neighbourhood Watch, on both of which he wished to retain a role. NYC Electoral Services will advise after 23 Dec 24 whether an election is to be called. If not, then the Council will start the process to co-opt a new councillor.
- 11.4. Footpath linking Back Lane to Sports Field main entrance – Chairman to approach NYC, Highways to request funding for this path from Community Infrastructure Levy money held by NYC. The Council will also attempt to have the roadside gully cleared to prevent the current flooding whenever there is heavy rain.

12. Ongoing Issues

- 12.1. Cobbles project – the cobbling and concrete work in Drury Lane to commence in Spring '25.
- 12.2. Works to the cobbles outside Brafferton House – any works which may be considered would clearly involve the highway and land not in Council ownership so would be inappropriate for local action. A case for the works would be presented to NYC.

13. Planning Matters

- 13.1. Planning Application ZB24/02089/OUT, outline application to consider access for the construction of 2 x self-build dwellings on land adjacent Telephone Exchange, Back Lane, Helperby – Council objected to the application as the planned access position would bring additional traffic onto Back Lane where it narrows to single track.
- 13.2. Planning Application ZB24/02254/CAT, to fell a tree in a Conservation Area at the Sallings, Tofts Lane, Helperby – the Council has no objections to the proposal.
- 13.3. Planning Application ZB24/02255/CAT, to fell a tree in a Conservation Area at Dunroyal End, Dunroyal, Helperby – withdrawn.
- 13.4. Planning Application ZB24/02113/FUL, proposed small porch extension, side extension and single storey rear extension at 10 High Farm Cottages, Raskelf Road, Helperby - the Council has no objections to the proposal but observed that the proposed side extension does remove the symmetry of the 3 x dwelling block which could be construed as having an adverse effect on the block’s aesthetic quality.
- 13.5. Planning Application ZB24/02314/CAT, works to tree at 5 The Orchards, Brafferton – the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14. Planning Decisions/information

- 14.1. Planning Application ZB24/02123/TPO, works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order in Main Street, Helperby - awaiting decision by North Yorkshire Council.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. 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

15. Closing Matters

16. Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

- 16.1. Painting of Main Street lamps.

17. The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed as Wednesday 15 Jan 25.