

Catterick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting Monday 12th April 2021

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Rafferty

Clerk

In attendance; County councillor Les, District Councillors Rowe and Threlfall,

Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic Virtual meetings have been temporarily allowed by THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020 No. 392

1. Apologises for absence;

None

2. Edwina Anderson Youth Club update

Unfortunately, Ms Anderson could not make the meeting.

3. Open forum.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

4. Reports

4. 1 Police report.

This had previously been sent to the Parish Councillors.

Report from 31/01/21 – 11/04/21

11 Crimes reported -:

7 Reports of fraud - callers report telephone/text/internet scamming, which were passed to Action Fraud.

1 Violence – male arrested for assault, he received a Community Resolution.

1 Theft – Theft from a shop.

2 Criminal Damage – 1 being domestic related. 1 report of damaged caused to goal posts, all involved have been dealt with by Community Resolution.

12 Anti-social Behaviour Reports: - 9 environment reports of possible COVID Breach. ASB personal reports.

1 Road Related Offence – Vehicle was reported as abandoned which was reported to the council for removal.

Highway Disruption – Report of a vehicle blocking a drive – there were no further reports.

16 Person/Safety /Warning reports_–

8 Suspicious Report's - 1: 3 occupants observed by a passer-by who were in a vehicle reported with dogs, the vehicle was seized due to having no insurance. 2: Report of a suspicious vehicle, observations were passed to another force area. 3: Report of males knocking on doors for work, area search was made with no sightings. 4: Report of a suspicious male from David Ricketts Estate Agent, which was found to be in order. 5: Report of a suspicious vehicle which had no further sightings. 6: Report of a female recording persons walking their dog, no further information was passed. 7: Person reports a male seen on home/door CCTV, officer checked the property which was found to be in order. 8: Person reports of possible poachers, an area search was made with no sightings.

2 Domestic Incidents.

3 Abandoned 999 calls – all were made in error.

1 Concern - 1 report for concern for friend, who was found to be safe and well.

1 Weapon – live bullets handed into the Police Station to dispose of.

1 Animal/wildlife - Report of a dog left in a parked car, the owner was found and advice given.

Administration Report – 1 report of a planned lamping event.

Tea with NYP... at Booth Hall : No meetings, until further notice.

Project Servator is now back up and running in Richmondshire.

We will be here, unannounced. We can be at any place, anytime and anywhere.

North Yorkshire Community Messaging

This is a free system that allows people to receive the latest crime notifications and community news in their neighbourhoods. People can register on www.nycm.co.uk

Contact North Yorkshire Police

Please visit our website www.northyorkshire.police.uk for advice regarding Crime Prevention and safety advice.

Emergency - 999

National 24hr non-emergency number 101

- 101 calls cost 15 pence per call from mobile or landline, regardless of length of call

Call 'Crimestoppers' anonymously on 0800 555 111

Contact Details: PCSO 3521 Di Smith diane.smith3521@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

4.2 County Councillor Les.

The Police messaging service is now been run by a different body but if you were already using the service your details will just be moved across.

A planning application has been submitted to permanently move the bridleway that runs along the side of the A1M from Tunstall road towards Brough Park. It has been diverted to avoid the flood plane that has been created for the Catterick Village flood defences. This diversion is already being used temporarily. Cllr Les wanted to know if the Parish Council had any objections to this. They said that they had no problem with the diversion.

4.3 District Councillor Rowe

The Local Plan is going out for discussion soon.

The Climate Change Partnership is wanting feedback from Parish Councils and asked the Councillors to get in touch with him if they have any points to raise.

He is meeting up with Rishi Sunak – he will be discussing a number of points including the Bridge House Hotel, in the hope of getting some money from the Levelling up Fund.

4.4 District Councillor Threlfall

RDC have agreed that the Veterans Woodwork Group can repair the bus shelter roof.

RDC are allocating funding to upgrade their playparks. They are also discussing a scheme to allocate money to Town and Parish Councils for their play parks. Grants up to £10,000 per park would be available if the scheme is passed.

Cllr Bannister mentioned the fencing between the 18-acre field and the houses on Brough Meadow. Last year stock from this field got into the gardens. Cllrs Bannister and Young made temporary repairs but it is up to the farmer to keep his stock in. Cllr Threlfall was going to try and get someone at RDC to talk to the farmer about this. The fences still haven't been mended. Cllr Threlfall said he would look into it again.

5. Minutes

The minutes at the last meeting held on 1st March 2021 were approved

Proposed: Cllr Bannister Seconded: Cllr. Rafferty

6. Matters arising.

- a.** The Clerk contacted the Climate Change Officer at RDC about the siting of car electric charging points. She said that the sites had already been decided on but if any of them were found to be unsuitable then sites on other RDC land may be chosen.
- b.** Cllr Bannister asked Cllr Rowe if he could contact Gary Hudson about the licence needed for removing the Himalayan Balsam as he is still waiting for a response.
- c.** Cllr Bannister is still waiting for a response from the Church about whether the food bank can be started in the church (as mentioned last month) and also about whether alterations to increase bio- diversity in the churchyard, mentioned in at December's meeting, will be allowed.

7. Current Issues.

7.1 Holding Future meetings face to face.

Last year, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, temporary legislation was passed to allow Parish Council meetings to be held virtually. This legislation is not being extended and comes to an end on May 7th. Village Halls are still not allowed to open up for meetings held by Parish Councils until May 17th at the earliest and possibly not until June. The AGM and Parish Annual Meeting needs to be held in May. Last year this was allowed to be cancelled but not this year. The Clerk wanted to know what the Parish Councillors wanted to do about the May meeting. The first Monday of the month is a bank holiday and so would not be held then. Cllr Rowe said that he would contact the Democratic Services at RDC to see what advice they have for holding meetings. The Parish Councillors decided to delay deciding on when to hold the AGM and Parish Meeting until more information is obtained. The Clerk will contact the Councillors once she has more information.

7.2 Tree work required.

Problems with a number of trees have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. Councillors Rafferty and Young have taken a look at these trees.

- a.** A cherry tree situated on the stream side at the rear of 7 Low Green is causing loss of light to the property and debris in the garden. The tree is in a healthy condition and in full bloom. Cllr Rafferty explained to the home owner that the tree was healthy and it was the wrong time of year to prune back the branches. He told the resident that the Parish Council would discuss the situation and get back to him re some possible work later in the year.
- b.** Cllr Rafferty has received an email about a tree (possibly silver birch) at the rear of the bus shelter Low Green on the Becks side of the stream - dead branches were falling from the tree and was a possible danger to the public. Cllr Rafferty said there is some dead wood in the tree. Cllr Campbell said the tree surgeon should be asked to inspect it.
- c.** An ash tree next to narrow road bridge Low Green is in a poor condition with a large amount of ivy covering trunk and branches. Cllr Rafferty suggested the tree surgeon should inspect this as well.

7.3 Web site – future support package.

The web site is now live. Purple Studios have 2 web support packages. One is an ad hoc one where £70 /hour is charged when and if help is needed and the second is a retained package at £60 /hour that would be paid every month. This would also include making sure that the site was better promoted on different social media etc. The Clerk did not think that the Council website needed this as it wasn't a business and thought it would be best to pay the fee whenever it was needed rather than paying every month. The rest of the Parish Councillors agreed to this.

8.1 The periodic accounts

These were circulated prior to the meeting and were approved and accepted by the members.

Proposed: Cllr Bannister Seconded: Cllr Rafferty

9. Correspondence.

A resident has been in touch with the Clerk about the mess left in the lay-bys by the race course. They have been picking up litter around the area and these are a terrible mess. A lot of rubbish is being left by the lorry drivers parking here over night. They wondered if 'No overnight parking' signs could be erected. These signs had been removed a few years ago to stop lorries parking in the village overnight. There are no litter bins in the laybys and the Councillors wondered if this would help to alleviate the problem a little. Cllr Threlfall said these would cost £260 each and RDC would empty them. Cllr Bannister proposed that we purchase one for each layby. Cllr Rafferty seconded this.

A resident has contacted the Clerk about the Himalayan Balsam on the riverside walk and wondered if this could be removed along with that on the Beck. The Councillors said that this would be up to the land owner and not the Parish Council and they also felt that this would be a more dangerous job near the Swale than on the Beck.

10. Planning Applications.

Diversion of public Bridleway by the side of the A1 from Tunstall Rd. to Brough Park. Discussed earlier in Cllr Les's report.

11. Minor Matters.

a. The Church is wanting to put up a notice board in front of the wall between the church and vicarage wall. It is on Highways' land and they have said that this would be possible but Ian Beighton from Highways said it would be subjected to a licensing arrangement in order to ensure that the appropriate public liability insurance and maintenance arrangements were in place and that this is usually agreed with the Parish Council. The Clerk asked for clarification about this from Highways- he did say that it was not mandatory that the Parish Council was the licensee and that any organisation can be the licensee provided they have the correct insurance in place. The Clerk will check with the Rev. Lindsay to make sure that it would be covered by the church's public liability insurance.

b. Cllr Bannister said that a lot of the safety matting in the play parks is now becoming a trip hazard as it is lifting and suggested if any money is available then this should be rectified.

c. The printer belonging to the Parish Council has broken and the Clerk emailed the Parish Councillors for authorisation to buy a new one. This was given via email and phone. One has since been purchased.

The meeting closed at 20.25

Date of next meeting – to be confirmed.

Signed.....

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