

Catterick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th October 2020

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Rafferty Cllr Claypole , Cllr Wyrill, Cllr Young
Clerk

In attendance; County councillor Les, District Councillors Threlfall & Rowe.

Due to the current Covid -19 pandemic Virtual meetings have been temporarily allowed by the 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. Apologies for absence; Cllrs Oselton,

2. Open forum. 1 member of the public attended the meeting.

3. 1 Report from the police. A report was sent by PCSO Smith.
This had previously been sent to the Parish Councillors.

Update from North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Police Team

5 Crimes reported between 07/09/20 – 03/10/20

1 report of fraud, caller reports telephone/text scamming, which was passed to Action Fraud.

3 x thefts – 1 caller reports a mobile phone stolen. 1 report of theft from a shop. 1 report of theft of money regarding Cyber Crime.

1 report of violence – 1 male was arrested, the investigation is still ongoing.

5 Person/Safety /Warning reports-

1 Suspicious – 1 resident reports a suspicious male – officers have since spoken to the male in question. No further action was needed. 2 Domestic incidents. 1 Report made regarding an alarm going off, it was found to be faulty. 1 Report of a Hoax call, which was made in error.

1 Anti- Social Behaviour

A resident reports a noise complaint, advice was given.

2 Road Related Reports - Driver reports a vehicle bumping whilst driving, there was no damage, the driver decided not to take it any further. Officer issues a Traffic Offence Report for faulty tyres.

1 Highway Disruption - Caller reports vehicles blocking the road, officers checked and found no vehicles obstructing.

Tea with NYP... at Booth Hall : Please, come and have a chat with me in private:

No meetings until further notice.

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 11

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

3.2 District Cllr Threlfall. The Local Plan working Group is now working again. Both Cllr Threlfall and Rowe are on this group.

He has contacted Open Spaces at RDC about the trees at the back of Noels Court that needed attention (mentioned last month). This work should now be carried out.

The bus shelter along Beck Side is the responsibility of RDC not the Parish Council. The District Council are now in the process of deciding whether to repair it or remove it. Cllr Claypole asked if they could consider the use the shelter has been put to as the village Swap Shop and how successful this has been before deciding whether to remove the shelter. Cllr Threlfall said he would pass this point on to RDC.

3.3 District Cllr Rowe. There are proposals to spend £240,000 across Richmondshire to set up electric car charging points.. This would be in the main population area such as Richmond, Leyburn and the Garrison. Cllr Bannister wondered why Catterick Village, as the second most populous area wasn't being considered. This proposal is still under discussion.

3.4 County Councillor Les. The Covid figure for North Yorkshire as a whole is below the national average but two areas, Craven and Richmondshire, mainly the Garrison, are above the average. Progress is being made in the Unitary Authority Proposals– any new Council would have to take on the Local Plan of the different areas until the time that this was due to end. The single authority would have a dedicated team to help with setting up Neighbourhood plans.

4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th September 2020 were approved

Proposed: Cllr Rafferty Seconded: Cllr. Bannister

5. Matters arising. a) Memorial Benches – Following on from the request last month for a memorial bench in the cemetery and the problem that there is a finite number of spaces that can be allowed for benches in the village, Cllr Bannister has drawn up a draft policy for the siting of memorial benches in public open spaces. He had previously sent a copy to the Councillors. The policy include such things as, where they can be sited, the number in any particular area, type of bench, and responsibility for maintenance. The Councillors thought the policy covered everything but did need cutting down. Cllr Bannister will do this and bring it back to next month's meeting.

b) Trees around the village. Cllr Rafferty walked around the village with tree surgeon Sean Stockdale to see which trees needed cutting back or removing. He has previously circulated the list. It includes a dead silver birch and cherry tree on Low Green to be removed and branches to be removed from another Cherry tree. On High Green a dead hawthorn needs removing and an alder needs branches removing. Another alder with multiple stems is causing pressure on the wall by the new build. This needs cutting back to the wall. Mr Stockdale has asked if the chippings from this could be left behind the mound to rot as the access to the tree by the side of the mound is difficult and a large volume of chippings would be produce. The Cllrs did not think this a good idea. Cllr Young suggested putting the chippings along the footpath. The rest of the Council thought this would be acceptable. Cllr Rafferty will have a word with Mr Stockdale. In Arena View Play Park a dead silver birch needs removing, another one needs dead branches removing and the willow trees around the boundary need the overhanging branches cutting back.

c) Stiles along Oran Lane. Cllr Campbell said that she has not been able to contact the landowner yet about removing the cross rail. The Clerk has had a further email from the resident asking if the stile could be removed and bridleway gates could be put in. Cllr Campbell said that she would ask the landowner about this. If he agrees to this the Clerk will contact the Public Rights of Way department at NYCC and see if there is any recommendations for type of gate used.

d) Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic and the rise in numbers it was decided to hold this month's meeting as a virtual meeting. The Clerk contacted the Parish Councillors by email to see if they agreed to her purchasing Zoom for the year as it seemed unlikely that face to face meetings would be held in the near future.. They agreed to this by email.

6. Current Issues.

6.1. Arena View play park. and maintenance and inspections of this and King's Close Play Park.

Cllr Bannister met up with David Lodge, the grounds maintenance supervisor at RDC. He carries out the bi-monthly inspections of the play areas. They went around both play parks and showed him what to look at and check. This will enable Cllr Bannister to carry out the weekly check needed for the new play equipment in Arena View.

The most urgent repairs needed are the removal of the multiplay centre in Kings Close as this is starting to become dangerous, and repair to the rotting wood of the stepping stones and balance beam in Arena View. Mr Lodge gave Cllr Bannister a name of a wood merchant (West Wood Timber) that they use for repairs. Cllr Bannister said he will contact the merchant for advise and prices. Cllr Young said that Falls Timber at Bedale were also very good.

One of the gates in King's Close has lost the rubber stop and this causes a risk of fingers being trapped. The Clerk will contact Mr Lodge and ask if he can repair this and send the bill to the Parish Council.

A decision needs to be made as to what the multiplay centre in King's Close is replaced by.

When in Arena View play park, Mr Lodge inspected the new equipment and he found quite a lot of large cracks in the timber . He is worries that this would allow water in and damage to the equipment. He also said that the chains on the basket swing were not fitted correctly. He said that a post installation inspection should have been carried out. The Clerk said that one was not carried out as they were charging over £400.

The Clerk will contact Sovereign Play and arrange for them to come and see the problems and ask if any reports were made after the installation.

6.2. Rats in the Beck. Cllr Bannister has been looking into this problem. They need removing but most of the solutions to this are not tenable. For example if traps were used the area needs fencing off and it would be expensive, humane traps need checking twice a day and where would the rats be released, poison cannot be used in public spaces and near the beck. They can only be shot on private property. Two possibilities are to disturb the nests and to stop them returning by removing the food source. The ducks are being fed a lot and have bred very well this year. If this food source was removed or reduced hopefully the rat population would reduce. It was suggested that signs are put up around the beck informing residents that there is a rat problem and would they reduce the amount they are feeding the ducks so that it is not left around for the rats. Cllrs Bannister and Rafferty will sort this out. Removing as much vegetation as possible will also help to reduce possible nest sites.

6.3 Bus Shelter roof and the Swap shop. This was dealt with during Cllr Threlfall's report.

6.4 Replacement laptop. The Clerk has been in touch with the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting about the Council laptop. It is 7 years old and is getting very slow, sometimes needing to be restarted a number of times and now will not recognise any printer. They all agreed that it needed replacing. She has been in touch with a computer firm recommended by Cllr Wyrill and they have said that they could put in a new hard drive at a cost of £150 -£170. She asked the Council if they wanted her to do this or to get a new laptop. Cllr Campbell said that it would be better to get a new one as this would last a lot longer and Cllr Claypole said that it would be better to get one that would cope with the extra work if the Parish Council decided to go ahead and do a website. The rest of the Councillors agreed that it would be better to get a new computer.

6.5. Parish Council website. The Clerk said that although it is not a legal requirement for a Parish Council of the size of Catterick Village to have a website she thought it was best practise to have one and the Council should consider setting one up. She posts agenda, minutes and yearly accounts on the RDC website but it would be better if these were directly posted onto the Council's own site. Other things such as, contacts and council policies could also be put on.

She explained that by September 2020 all Public body websites had to comply with Website Content Accessibility Guidelines. (WCAG). This ensures the website is accessible by everyone no matter their disability. The Society of Local Council Clerks have joined up with a website development agency called Aubergine. She had previously sent them information on this. The Parish Councillors agreed that a website is needed. The Clerk will get information from other website development firms to compare details of what is being offered and the prices.

7.1 The periodic accounts circulated prior to the meeting were approved and accepted by the members.

Proposed: Cllr Bannister Seconded: Cllr Claypole

8. Correspondence. A resident has contacted the clerk about the parking by the Angel near the corner with the High Street. They are concerned about impaired viability. The Clerk has contacted parking enforcement at Scarborough but has had no reply.

The same resident had also contacted the clerk about her concerns over the bullocks that were in the fields by Chapman's Court. She wondered if bulls and bullocks were allowed in fields with a public bridleway/footpath. Cllr Wyrill said that black and white bulls (dairy breeds) were not allowed but beef breeds were. He said not to walk through the middle of cows, especially if they have calves as they are more protective than. If you have a dog keep it on a lead but if the stock starts to chase you then lead the dog as they can run faster and generally it is the dog the stock is interested in.

The Clerk has received an email from a resident concerned with the increased noise from the upgraded A1. She said that a few of her neighbours had notification from Highways about compensation in 2018 but have heard nothing since. Cllr Les said that a noise survey is done before and after any road alteration also it is checked repeatedly after the project has been completed. He asked the Clerk to send him the email.

Cllr Bannister has been contacted by Mark Robson the Community Development Manager at RDC about the Local Plan. Following on from a Local Plan Review workshop that Cllr Bannister attended he wanted to know why Catterick Village was not mentioned in any of the review. Mr Robson said that a statement of need is required. To do this a survey of the village residents has to be carried out.

9. Planning Applications . Ref NY/2017/0326/ENV Environmental impact on increasing the time and area of quarry work at Pallett Hill Quarry . NO objections were raised.

10. Minor Matters. None

Date of next meeting – Monday November 2nd 2020 The meeting closed at 21.20

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