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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 21 October 2021 at 7.00pm at the Community Sports Hall, Honeypot Road, Brompton-on-Swale

Present:

Councillors A Guest (Chairman), B Woodley, D Sharp, D Dempsey, A Lerigo, R Allinson. District Councillor Ian Threlfall, County Cllr Carl Les and Shireen Rudge (Clerk)

- 1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** District Councillor L Rowe is at a RDC meeting
- 2. **Declaration of Interest:** An interest was declared in Item 9.2 by Councillor Woodley

3. Public Participation:

3.1 (Item 11.11 on the agenda) A resident of Bridge Farm Barns discussed the planning application at Bridge Farm He was concerned the development was almost complete although permission had yet to be granted by RDC. Other concerns include the actual measurement of the stable being larger than the plans submitted to RDC.

He also mentioned the recent erection of a 9-foot-high fence around the field belonging/adjacent to Bridge Farm and was concerned no planning application had been applied for even after a visit from the Planning Department. This fence runs alongside the coast-to-coast walk, by the side of the River Swale. The fence line along Gatherley Road blocks a previously measured by laser 'line of sight' taken from Catterick Bridge to the end of No 4 Bridge Farm Barns. As a planning application has not been submitted it is not possible for interested parties, residents or statutory bodies to lodge comments, concerns or objections.

The Chairman said the principles of planning must be followed and planning rules must be obeyed to have any weight. He confirmed the Parish Council have objected to the planning application. Once the planning application for the fence is submitted and received by the Parish Council, Councillors will be able to submit their views.

3.2 (Item 10.1 on the agenda) A resident of Augustus Gardens discussed his concerns over the Planning Application for 127 new Persimmon homes to be built on land to the North of Caxton Close. He is especially concerned at the new plans which are so far from what was originally agreed in plans submitted a number of years ago. The resident has a number of concerns – 1) no school included in these plans 2) concerns for neighbouring properties in the low-lying areas towards the eastern end of the estate where the ground drops away towards the drainage stream. This area is already prone to flooding 3) concerns for wildlife and their habitat in this area, including woodpeckers, owls, deer. The original plan included a wildlife corridor which ran down the eastern end of the field; should this not be maintained? 4) nothing in the plans about making the homes energy efficient with enhanced insulation, solar panels etc. The resident asks if the new development could resemble the original plan that was put out when the development was first thought of.

3.3 A resident is concerned the footpath across the field from the greenhouses at the rear of Curteis Drive which runs along the riverside has been scuffed at either ends following the recent ploughing of the field. The footpaths have been obliterated making a pathway difficult to walk on. It was resolved to contact the NYCC Footpaths Officer to discuss the issue.

Action – the Clerk

4. **To confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 2 September 2021.**
Resolved: To accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record.
5. **Matters Arising**
- 5.1 **Red Telephone Kiosk (Minutes 2 Sept, item 5.1)** Cllr Woodley has the measurements and wood to make the shelving. Brackets are still required. The back board may need to be repainted.
Action – Cllr Woodley
- 5.2 **Augustus Gardens transfer Plan (Minutes 2 Sept, item 5.2)** The Clerk has sent an email to Ben Stephenson of Persimmon Homes. No response had been received.
- 5.3 **Village Society – Boundary Fencing and Soft Landscaping (Minutes 2 Sept item 5.3)** No further update. Councillors agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
- 5.4 **Cemetery Shed (Minutes 2 Sept, item 5.4)** No further update.
- 5.5 **Reinforcing the Riverside (Minutes 2 Sept, Item 5.5)** Cllr Les has offered £3000 from his Locality Budget towards the riverside project (improve/protect a local amenity).
Action – The Chairman
- 5.6 **Dog Waste Bin – Stephenson Road (Minutes 2 Sept, Item 5.7)** Cllr Threlfall is in the process of locating the dog waste bin.
Action – Cllr Threlfall
- 5.7 **Litter issues and Bulb Planting (Minutes 2 Sept, Item 5.8)** The grass cutting contractor has confirmed that bulb planning will not be a problem. The daffodils will be cut off later in the spring. Cllr Allinson asked if the licence from Area 1 could be signed off. Councillors **agreed**.
Action – Cllr Allinson
- 5.8 **Parish Councillor ‘Job Description’ (Minutes 2 Sept, Item 5.9)** No further progress
Action – The Chairman and The Clerk
- 5.9 **Bank Account – Additional Signatory (Minutes 2 Sept, Item 5.10)** No further progress
Action – The Clerk
- 5.10 **Parish Council Debit Card/Credit Card (Minutes 2 Sept, Item 5.11)** No further progress
Action – The Clerk
- 5.11 **Guard Rail, Public Right of Way Steps – Grange Road (Minutes 2 Sept, Item 5.12).** The contractor was informed his quote was successful. He will make and install the guard rail as soon as possible.
- 5.12 **Allotments site (Minutes 2 Sept, item 5.13)** The Chairman has spoken to the local school regarding the possible use of the land for horticultural purposes. The Chairman sent information which will be presented at the Governors meeting.
Action – The Chairman
- 5.13 **Residents work on Riverside (Minutes 2 Sept, Item 5.14) – Resolved**
- 5.14 **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (Minutes 2 Sept, Item 5.15) –** The Clerk confirmed the Jubilee had yet to be discussed. The Chairman asked for a commitment from Parish Councillors to assist.
- 5.15 **Groundworks Bathroom World/Wackadayz Car Park (Mins 2 Sept, Item 12.1)** Cllr Lerigo informed Councillors North Yorkshire Timber was using the car park for employees’ vehicles. This removed the need for vehicles to park outside NYT on the road which Councillors acknowledged which ensured the road was much safer and less congested. Councillors were concerned the pile of soil at the entrance to the site would kill the trees. **It was agreed** the Clerk would write to NYT asking for the spoil to be removed from site to ensure the health of the trees on the site.
Action – The Clerk

- 5.16 Play Park Equipment (Mins 2 Sept, Item 12.3)** Cllr Lerigo emailed Cllr Threlfall with photographs and details of the equipment the children of the village would like in the village play parks. Cllr Threlfall explained there was a limited amount of funds available. Cllr Threlfall asked the Parish Council if they would consider taking over the play parks in Brompton-on-Swale which would allow the Parish Council to apply for other grants. Councillors asked about additional costs including insurance and inspections. **It was agreed** to explore the possibility of Brompton-on-Swale Parish Council 'taking over' the playparks in the village

6. Reports

6.1 Report from RDC – Cllr Threlfall

Community Investment Fund continues next year. Business week starts on 22 November for businesses looking for assistance. The Corporate Board has agreed that fees and charges will not rise by more than 2%.

RDC are hoping to apply for the Levelling Up Fund to assist with the regeneration of the Town Centre at Catterick Garrison.

Cllr Threlfall mentioned the new recycling bin in the village. He asked if this was in the correct location. It was agreed to leave it in the current location and monitor it's use.

6.2 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les

Cllr Les mentioned the Levelling Up Fund – District Councils will design a scheme and work with the County Councils to present it.

Recruitment of Staff by District Councils has been difficult. County Councils will recruit officers in the run up to the Single Unitary Council.

Covid rates are currently increasing with numbers above the national average.

The Election for a new FPCC is on 25 November. The candidates' will be announced on 25 October.

Cllr Les has spoken to the Rights of way officer regarding a split route for the Coast to Coast which would bring walkers to the Brompton side of the river. It seems this is extremely unlikely to be accepted.

A grit bin fund has been set up. There is currently a shortage of bins. However, Councillors have previously agreed to purchase a new bin for the far end of Stephenson Road.

Local Government Reorganisation – The Secretary of State has asked the District and County Councils to work together for a smooth transition to the Single Unitary Authority. An Informal Implementation Board has been set up to work together on issues. One of the issues is the number of Councillors and the Boundaries they will represent. This is not a full boundaries review.

6.3 Report from The Village Society

Work on the new boiler is now complete. Various organisations have returned to use the facilities. Next meeting is 31 October.

7. Current Issues

- 7.1** The cemetery wall is in need of urgent repairs (due to collapse on the internal side) and some maintenance. The cemetery contractor has given a verbal quotation. Additional quotations will be sought.

Action – The Clerk

8. Parish Finances

- 8.1 To receive and note payments previously authorised and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting). It was resolved** to accept the payments and receipts.

- 8.2 To receive a Bank Reconciliation and Budget Comparison for the year to date (circulated prior to the meeting).**

No questions were raised.

It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliation and budget comparison.

8.3 To accept and approve the following new payments

8.3.1 Councillor Training (YLCA) 'Off to a Flying Start' cost £30 per session x 2 = £60.00

8.3.2 Approve Clerks Overtime from 31 August to 17 October 2021 – 18.25 hours

It was resolved to accept the new payments

9. Correspondence

9.1 Email received from RDC regarding additional litter bins was read to Councillors. **It was resolved** to respond with interest for an additional litter bin near the bus stop in Stephenson Road at a cost of approx. £250.00.

Action – The Clerk

9.2 Letter received from Citizens Advice regarding a donation. **It was resolved** to make a donation of £100.00

Action – The Clerk

9.3 Emails received from RDC regarding the Precept and Precept Meeting. **It was noted** the date for RDC to receive the precept from the parish was 7 January at the latest. The Clerk will attend the online precept meeting.

Action – The Clerk

10. To consider and decide upon the following Planning Applications

10.1	21/00797/FULL	FPP for the Construction of 127 Dwellings and Associated Infrastructure at Land to the North of Caxton Close, BOS	PC have requested an extension of time for responses to 27 October
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The Chairman said the development was important to the village because of its size. Original discussions regarding schools were mentioned however NYCC's position at this time is unknown. Councillors said the new plans had more houses and less green space available.

The Chairman said there was no objection to the development in principle - The Parish Council had accepted that additional development would take place in that area - but objections in terms of the detail. Lack of green open spaces, cramped nature of housing in contrast with the ethos of the current development, lack of parking, concerns about wildlife, lack of maintenance by Persimmon to the current estate, flooding from the drainage ditch. There is nothing within the planning application regarding sustainability and energy efficiency of the properties.

Councillor Threlfall assured the Councillors and residents that all comments would be taken into consideration.

Action – The Clerk

11. To receive/note the following Planning Decision/Information

11.1	20/00264/AORM	Approval of Reserved Matters App Following Outline Approval of Planning Permission 16/00686/OUT for 32 Dwellings at Robin Hoods farm (As amended)	GRANTED
11.2	20/00695/FULL	FPP for Dutch barn Agricultural Building	GRANTED
11.3	20/00697/FULL	FPP for Small Summer House and Floating Jetty	GRANTED
11.4	21/00355/FULL	FPP for Alteration to Existing Commercial Unit to Create Additional warehouse and Ancillary Space	GRANTED
11.5	21/00603/FULL	FPP for new Link Building Between existing Church and Church Hall at St Pauls Church, BOS	No comments/no objections
11.6	21/00506/FULL	FPP to Extrend Detached garage Space and Convert to habitable Living/Kitchen Area, Bedroom at Mill Cottage, Parkgate Lane to Maison Dieu	No comments/no objections

11.7	21/00689/FULL	FPP for Two Storey Extension to Provide Family Room, Dining, Utility, Bedrooms and en-suite at 129 Brompton Park	No comments/no objection
11.8	21/00847/full	CLE for the Use of Bark Farm as an independent Dwellinghouse at bark Farm, Parkgate Lane, BOS, DL10 7HA	Concerns noted to planning regarding the series of retrospective planning applications concerning this site which is now considerably different from its original purpose and use.
11.9	21/00587/FULL	FPP for a Garage Extension (As Amended) at 13 St Pauls Drive, BOS, DL10 7HQ	Noted conditions imposed by NYCC - MHC-11. That the garage shall not be converted into domestic accommodation without granting of an appropriate planning permission.1
11.10	21/00883/FULL	FPP for Pitched Roofs to Garage, Single Storey Rear Extension and Internal Refurb to Braeside, Gatherley Road, BOS, DL10 7HJ	No comments/no objection

11.11 Bridge Farm 21/00370/FULL – Email received from Resident regarding works at Bridge Farm (emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting)
Please see Item 3.1 above for discussion and comments

12. Minor matters

12.1 Cllr Lerigo mentioned the stones/gravel at the northern end of Gatherley Road at the roundabout leading south towards the village. The stones/gravel on the road make the surface quite slippery and dangerous. There are stones/gravel leading down Gatherley Road on the road surface as well as the footpath. Councillors agreed to inform Area 1.

Action – the Clerk

13. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7.00pm at the Community Sports Hall

Signed: 

Date: 2ND DECEMBER 2021