

BROMPTON-ON-SWALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday 11 April 2019

Present: Cllrs A Guest D Sharp M Rutter N Mason

H Frankland

County Cllr Carl Les

District Cllr Ian Threlfall

The Clerk

PC Mark Wood

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Dempsey, Cllr Birch and Cllr Haynes.

2. **Presentations:**

2.1 **Richmondshire Leisure Trust (Colburn Leisure Centre) - Mr Austin Gordon**

Mr Gordon said Colburn Leisure Centre was opened in 2002 and received a subsidy until March 2015. Mr Gordon is in the process of applying for funding. Funding has been guaranteed from various organisations, including £20,000 from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund. It is intended to alter external changing rooms into an indoor activity area.

Approx 2200 to 2300 people currently use Colburn Leisure Centre, including the gymnastics and cheerleading clubs. The Leisure Centre currently run at a deficit but it is expected by March/April 2020 to break even. Councillors confirmed the monthly newsletter and quarterly report would be welcomed.

2.2 **Help for Heroes, Phoenix House Recovery Centre presentation by Mr John Burbridge**

Mr Burbridge, the logistics and support assistant for Help for Heroes at Phoenix House Recovery Centre, said the recovery centre would open its' gates to the Garrison Community on Saturday 22 June from 10 am to 4pm to show what the centre does. They will host a full open day to those serving, Veterans and their families and the community around the Garrison and the surrounding areas. The idea of the open day is to ensure that information is passed to all those who could benefit from the information/services the centre is able to offer/signpost. The Garrison is a mixed community and it is hoped to engage everyone, not only military.

Mr Burbridge has asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to donate to the event for around £200, if necessary. Councillors await news form Mr Burbridge regarding a donation towards the event.

3. **Open Forum**

No members of the public were present

4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2019 were approved

Proposed: Cllr H Frankland

Seconded: Cllr N Mason

5. **Matters Arising**

5.1 Defibrillator (Minutes 7 March, Item 4.1)

The brewery has signed the licence for the defibrillator. The contact at Yorkshire Ambulance Service has retired. The Clerk is looking for new contact/advice for the purchase of the defibrillator

Action – The Clerk

5.2 Red Telephone Box (Minutes 7 March, Item 4.4)

YLCA have been contacted. We are currently awaiting any responses from member councils. Cllr Sharp has contracted the Parish of Patrick Brompton with regard to the refurbishment of their telephone box.

Action – Cllr Sharp and The Clerk

5.3 A1 Noise Protection Update (Minutes 7 March, Item 6.2)

Cllr Threlfall previously said RDC had contacted Highways England who confirmed barriers would be installed. Cllr Les has contacted Stuart Culley regarding the barriers. Cllr Les has been informed there is no money in the budget and no intention to install noise protection barriers.

5.4 Basketball Hoop, Augustus Gardens (Minutes 7 March, Item 6.5)

Cllr Sharp will ascertain the size of the hoop. The Clerk will find out the purchase price.

Action – Cllr Sharp and The Clerk

5.5 Brompton-on-Swale Golf Society – Trophy Purchase (Minutes 6 December, Item 4.1)

Cllr Frankland declared a personal interest in this matter and therefore is unable to comment.

Councillors had previously agreed to make a final decision on purchasing the trophies at this meeting. The Golf Society had provided copies of their constitution and Councillors agreed this was acceptable. Councillors confirmed the name on the trophies should say 'Brompton on Swale Golf Society' rather than 'Brompton Golf Society'

Councillors agreed to purchase all three trophies at a cost not exceeding £352.47

Proposed: Cllr N Mason

Seconded: Cllr D Sharp

Action – The Clerk

6. **Reports**

6.1 Report from Cllr Les – NYCC

Cllr Les met the Chairman and representatives from NYCC to discuss a number of issues in the village. River Lane was discussed, since water is not drained from the surface which is contributing to its deterioration. Surface dressing will take place in River Lane with drainage considered. Cllr Les is trying to ascertain a date for works in River Lane.

The riverside footpath is currently difficult to negotiate. There is a stile at each end. The Public Rights of Way Officer said it does meet basic requirements. It was suggested if the stiles were replaced with kissing gates the Parish Council may be able to get assistance with a grant. A meeting with the landowner and tenant was suggested to move forward. Cllr Sharp said he thought it was worth investigating because it would benefit all users.

Cllr Les, The Chairman and NYCC looked at possible sites for an assisted crossing of Richmond Road. One of the most likely to be feasible was beside the telephone box. This would cause the least interference with resident parking. However, it would be difficult to fit a crossing into this site.

Cllr Mason said he had heard about a 4 day closure of Richmond Road in June/July 2019. Cllr Les said he will find out further information.

Cllr Sharp mentioned a large pothole at the traffic lights at the Gatherley Road/Scorton crossroads. He said it was extremely noticeable when travelling North to South, with vehicles having to swerve to avoid it.

The Chairman mentioned parking issues throughout the village. Vehicles parked on the grass verge opposite Swale Autos/Off Rhodes on Gatherley Road. Swale Autos are parking vehicles on the public footpath and on the grass verge adjacent. The grass verge on the corner of Curteis Drive/Bridge Road (RDC) and a caravan parked on the grass verge in St Edmunds Drive (RDC). After further discussion Cllr Les and Cllr Threlfall have agreed to look into the issues raised.

Action – Cllr Les and Cllr Threlfall

6.2 Report from Mark Wood – Police

A police report received prior to the meeting had been circulated to Councillors. PC Wood said there has been an increase in thefts from curtain sided vehicles on the A66. An email had been received by PC Wood regarding speeding in the village. Some villages have addressed the issue by introducing a Community Speed Watch programme. PC Wood said he found results of the Speed Watch quite impressive and had an impact on vehicle offenders. The Chairman said the Parish Council had tried to set up a scheme previously but there were not sufficient volunteers. PC Wood said poachers were still an issue and Borderwatch volunteers are active in the area.

6.3 Report from Cllr Threlfall – RDC

Cllr Threlfall is still pursuing the lights at the entrance to North Yorkshire Timber. It is believed the lights belong to NYT rather than RDC.

There may be funding available for the Red Telephone Box through britishcycling.co.uk - A Place To Ride Fund. They are looking for unusual projects to fund.

RDC Planning Enforcement are looking into the issue of the containers in the field to the rear of the sports hall.

RDC are pursuing the planning issue with regard to the property on Richmond Road, because it is in a conservation area it must be replaced by something suitable within 6 months.

Cllr Rutter mentioned the Noise Protection Barrier. Cllr Threlfall said RDC emailed for confirmation. No news at present.

The Chairman was approached by a resident about parking issues in Curteis Drive. There are a number of vehicles parked at a property which on occasion inhibits other residents from access onto and off their driveways. It is understood to be a property owned by RDC. Cllr Threlfall will investigate.

There is a ginnel from the footpath in Curteis Drive which travels South into the field at the rear of the properties. In the ginnel are two trees which are quite large. Residents are concerned about the size of the trees. The District Council own from the footpath to the end of the gardens of the properties. Cllr Threlfall will discuss the issue with Mr Husdon at RDC and look at the area of concern.

Action – Cllr Threlfall

6.4 Report from the Village Society

The Chairman said he was pleased with progress that had been made. There have been difficulties with the cost of maintenance which had been agreed prior to the new committee taking the lead. Fundraising ideas are being discussed with 200 club tickets currently being sold. The Committee is still looking for a Chair and additional committee members would be welcomed.

The Clerk said the purple bin bags had been put at the bottom gate for collection by RDC. However, a resident had complained because bags had been ripped open during the night time. The Clerk/Treasurer of the Village Society will make arrangements with RDC to deliver a large black bin.

The Chairman mentioned the rear access from residential properties onto the sports field. It is understood under the terms of the residents' deeds this is forbidden. It was agreed to write to the residents concerned asking them to block off the exits.

Cllr Threlfall mentioned the Area Partnership grant was now open for applications.

7. **Current Issues**

7.1 **To consider/discuss the Riverside as an amenity**

Cllr Haynes previously mentioned to The Chairman his concerns regarding the riverside being a little 'overgrown' and whether further maintenance would be necessary. The Chairman has walked the area and is not overly concerned. However, he will ask local residents if they can assist by trimming some areas.

Action – The Chairman

7.2 **To consider/discuss the Clerks Salary re NALC National Agreement – April 2019**

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Sharp reminded Councillors of last years' agreement which was the Clerk would be paid at the agreed rates of National Association of Local Councils (NALC), SCP 20. The salary scales have been set by NALC for 2019/2020. Councillors agreed to maintain the principle of the NALC salary scales. There will be an increase over the budgeted salary figure of £28.00.

Propose: Cllr D Sharp Seconded: Cllr N Mason

8. **Parish Finances**

8.1 **To receive and note the payments previously authorised and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting).**

No questions were raised. The figures were approved.

Proposed: Cllr D Sharp Seconded: Cllr N Mason

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

No questions were raised. The figures were approved

Proposed: Cllr M Rutter Seconded: Cllr H Frankland

8.3 **The following payments were approved.**

There were no new accounts for payment.

8.4 **To discuss/confirm acceptance of Sports Field Grass Cutting Contract for 2019 season**

Councillors agreed to accept the quote of £52.75 per cut. This is an increase of £1.25/2.43% per cut from 2018 season.

Propose: Cllr N Mason Seconded: Cllr M Rutter

8.6 **To discuss/confirm 18/19 brought forward Budget figures to 19/20 Budget and consider any further amendments to 19/20 budget**

Councillors agreed to bring forward from 2018/2019 budget to 2019/2020 budget £230.00 newsletter printing, £1030 sports field grass cutting and £885 for 3 unused grass cuts.

Proposed: Cllr D Sharp Seconded: Cllr N Mason

8.7 **To consider whether the Parish Council wish the external auditor to conduct an Intermediate Audit or apply for an exemption and to discuss/approve additional costs regarding internal audit.**

Councillors agreed it was not necessary for an external auditor to conduct an intermediate audit to be carried out at this time. An internal audit will be conducted.

Proposed: Cllr H Frankland Seconded: Cllr D Sharp

9. **Correspondence**

9.1 A resident had emailed the Parish Council to request a waste bin be reinstated in the layby at the west end of the village because rubbish was often left by the side of the road.

Cllr Threlfall said it might be possible to re-site the bin which was situated at the community sports hall since the Village Society had requested removal of the bin.

Action – Cllr Threlfall

Cllr Sharp mentioned the pot holes in the layby. Cllr Les said he would find out if these could be repaired by NYCC.

Action – Cllr Les

10. To consider and decide upon the following **Planning Applications**

10.1 **19/00182/LBC** – Inglenook, 15 Richmond Road, BOS

No comments or objections were raised by Councillors

10.2 **19/00217/LBC** – Inglenook, 15 Richmond Road, BOS

No comments or objections were raised by Councillors

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

11.1 **19/00070/FULL** – 39 Brompton Court – **GRANTED**

11.2 **19/00007/FULL** – High Gatherley Farm – **GRANTED**

11.3 **19/00029/VAR** – High Gatherley Barn – **GRANTED**

11.4 **17/00644/FULL** – Old School House, St Pauls Church – **GRANTED**

11.5 **17/00803/FULL** – Scorton Quarry, Reed Treatment Bed – **GRANTED**

11.6 **17/00923/CAAD – The Sleep Centre (The Bed Shop) Land Compensation Act – GRANTED**

12. Minor matters

12.1 Cllr Sharp informed the Council the work behind the properties in Bronte Close had been completed by Persimmon. Cllr Sharp said the resident who had pursued Persimmon to complete these works had again mentioned the trees to the rear of the properties. Cllr Sharp informed the resident if the Parish Council were to adopt the land work would need to be undertaken on the trees by Persimmon prior to adoption.

12.2 Cllr Rutter mentioned the Local Area Planning Workshop he attended at RDC offices. He found it extremely interesting and informative. He said the next event is the third options in Summer 2019. He said the power point supplied prior to the workshop covered all points discussed. Cllr Rutter said it was important to stay engaged, especially when the third options are released.

12.3 Cllr Rutter mentioned the build-up of debris in and around the village. He asked whether road-sweepers were due in the area. Cllr Threlfall will investigate.

12.4 Cllr Mason mentioned the broken fence on the footpath from Station Road to Pembury Mews. It was agreed to contact Area 1.

Action – The Clerk

12.5 The Chairman asked for two volunteer Councillors. One to draw up ‘rules’ for the purchase and maintenance of memorial benches throughout the village and one to draw up ‘rules’ for the Cemetery. Cllr Rutter agreed to assist with the memorial bench rules and Cllr Frankland the cemetery.

Action – Cllr Rutter, Cllr Frankland and The Clerk

12.6 An email had been received from Brough with St Giles Parish Council with regard to sharing the cost of a VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign). Councillors noted the email. However, they have already agreed to share the cost of purchase with other Parishes.

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the protocol for VAS, received from NYCC. If Councillor’s wish to comment on the protocol they should do so via the Clerk.

12.7 The Chairman reminded Councillors they must attend the next meeting to complete the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms if they are elected.

13. Date of next meeting, Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7.00pm

Signed:

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