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**MINUTES OF BEWERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY .....24  
at Colbeck House, Church Street, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5LB**

Present: Cllr. G. Spooner (Chair) NYC & Parish Cllr. A. Murday  
Cllr. E. Hancock W Hickson (Clerk)  
Cllr K. Adams  
Cllr. R. Dutton

1.	Apologies were received from Councillor Dawson.
2	No Declarations of Interest received.
3	No parishioners were present
4	<p>Referring to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Cllr Hancock stated there was an error in section 10.2; the figure given for the balance of £800k funding for a 3G pitch after a 60% grant from the Football Association should be £320k and not £30k.</p> <p>Cllr Murday proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be accepted as a true record, subject to the error spotted by Cllr Hancock being corrected. Cllr Hancock seconded, <b>carried</b>.</p>
5	<p>Clerk's report to Bewerley Parish Council meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</p> <p>a) <b>New signs at Toft Gate and Greenhow.</b> Todds have quoted £249.00 (plus £49.80 VAT) for producing three new signs for the Toft Gate carpark and honesty box and Greenhow play area. New signs are needed with up-to-date parish contact information and to remove personal contacts of previous clerk. Cllrs previously resolved to procure these signs, however due to higher than expected price I am requesting councillors approve this expense.</p> <p><i>Councillors agreed that quote is expensive and cheaper alternatives are available on-line.</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to obtain three quotes and circulate to councillors.</p> <p>b) <b>Fallen tree / stump in recreation ground.</b> At the Joint Liaison Committee the Pateley Bridge Town Council clerk reported that a PB councillor had noted a fallen tree in the recreation ground and near to the river. They were concerned about a potential hazard if the river floods and moves the tree. I have checked the tree myself which I judged should be removed but did not pose an urgent problem. I have reported to NYC parks dept using their on-line portal and await a response within five working days.</p> <p><i>Clerk reported that a response had been received from NYC. They think the tree is unlikely to get into the river and an ad hoc visit to remove it would be an unreasonable use of resources. The tree will be dealt with during planned maintenance when the NYC team is next in the area.</i></p> <p>c) <b>Footpaths.</b> PBTC clerk also told me that one of the PB councillors reported the footpaths through Bewerley parish towards Nidderdale High School are in "very poor condition". I have checked said paths; the most obvious footpaths to NHS are paved and in good condition. However, the section</p>

of riverside path which is parallel to the caravan site boundary and the path linking Millenium Bridge to Low Wath Road are unsealed and muddy in places.

*The paths have been checked by clerk and a Bewerley Parish councillor. The condition of the paths is normal for this time of year.*

**RESOLVED:** *no action required.*

- d) **Urban grass cutting payments.** Letter received from NYC asking if we will carry out “urban” grass cutting in our parish, for which they will make a payment of £211.04 (at a rate of 8p per sq metre). There are two areas of verge next to the B6265 at Street Lane and at Greenhow Hill to which this payment applies. Previously the council has opted for NYC to do this grass cutting. If the council’s preference remains the same NYC will carry out five cuts per year. NYC would like a response by 10<sup>th</sup> March.

The letter also includes guidance about management of verges to encourage wildflowers and improve biodiversity. This information may be useful in relation to implementing our biodiversity policy; to be discussed later at item 8(f).

**RESOLVED:** *NYC to continue to do the urban grass cutting; clerk to inform NYC.*

- e) **Ice cream concession.** Lisa Corby of NYC estates has emailed to report that the parish’s share of the ice cream concession is normally distributed later in the year. She has asked for a reminder to be sent in May.

*Noted*

- f) **Christmas lights maintenance.** Last meeting it was proposed and carried that we should make the same donation as last year towards Christmas lights maintenance. I haven’t been able to identify last year’s payment in the accounts. Please could councillors advise how much and to whom?

**RESOLVED:** *Clerk to liaise with PBTC clerk.*

- g) **Parish mobile phone.** I have found the phone donated to the council is working satisfactorily so I have not obtained a replacement.

*Noted.*

- h) **New clerk training.** I have attended a clerk’s induction course, a webinar with an introductory session about finance. Invoices for these are included on the agenda for approval later in the meeting. I am waiting for suitable courses on finance and planning. I have joined the SLCC as resolved by cllrs at the last meeting. I have also completed useful webinar about Parish Online mapping.

*Noted.*

- i) **Message from local police constable, PC Spittlehouse.** Reporting successful raids in Boroughbridge and Ripon resulting in arrest of criminals who have been active in our area and seizure of drugs and knives. This has come via North Yorkshire Community Messaging which I have signed up to on behalf of BPC (free). PC Spittlehouse would quite like individual councillors to sign up too. This can be done on-line at [www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk).

*Noted.*

- j) **Pannal and Burn Bridge Neighbourhood Plan - further consultation.** Email received from North Yorkshire Council, Planning Policy, Harrogate area inviting responses to this consultation. I

queried with the sender why this was sent to BPC. Answer is because we are on their database and they want to bring it to the attention of as many people as possible. This is unlike normal planning applications where PCs are only directly consulted on nearby applications. There is no requirement for BPC to respond to this consultation. The period for consultation ends on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, If any councillors want to have a look at this I can provide details; the documents are quite extensive.

*Noted.*

**6 NYC Report to Beverley Parish Council February 2024**

Triathlon event

The following questions, with answers from Councillor Bastiman, provide some more information regarding the Long Course Weekend to be held in Nidderdale in September

**What is the council's revenue share?**

None. North Yorkshire Council are paying a hosting fee to bring the event to North Yorkshire, with the economic impact benefiting the communities in and around the Pateley Bridge area. The risk and reward sits with Activity Wales Events (AWE).

**What is the council's profit share?**

None – as above.

**What sum is AWE obliged to pay to the council to reimburse the costs incurred by the council in connection with the event (road closures etc)?**

Any costs incurred by the event are the responsibility of Activity Wales Events and not the council. Activity Wales Events will have to apply for the necessary permissions, licences, road closures etc and as such are responsible for all associated costs through that process. Where additional event support and resources are required, such as waste management, the council has the option to quote for such work if it has the capacity to do so.

**What are the council's anticipated costs to the council apart from the payment to Activity Wales Events Ltd of £25,000 per event?**

North Yorkshire Council's most significant contribution will be in the form of officer time, ensuring that Activity Wales Events have the necessary support to secure all the necessary licences and permits for the event to be delivered safely. This is consistent with the approach the council takes in supporting other large events. Any further costs will be at the council's discretion, i.e. should it wish to deliver any ancillary activities or events as part of Long Course Weekend.

**When will there be communication between North Yorkshire Council and the relevant town and parish councils regarding the event?**

This is planned to start in February once the final route details have been confirmed. The draft proposed run route is in the process of being shared with internal colleagues such as highways as well as the emergency services. Release of the route was delayed due to awaiting confirmation from the National Trust that they would allow the marathon route to pass through the grounds at Fountains Abbey. Once the initial views of principal partners are known, any amendments can be made before routes are released into the public domain. This will then allow the community briefings to begin.

*Cllr Murday stated that negotiations about this event are still taking place and there is some doubt over whether the event will be held in Pateley Bridge.*

NYC budget

Savings are having to be made again this year and will still leave a deficit of £6 million to be met from reserves. The budget will be voted on at the council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Amongst proposed cuts are a reduction in the locality budget and reduction in home-to-school transport provision. It is also

	<p>proposed that council tax charges will be increased to the maximum allowed of 4.99%. It is claimed that most of the £30 million shortfall is being met from savings resulting from local government reorganisation.</p> <p>The government is now providing an extra £6.2 million to support services. The executive is recommending that this be used to maintain reserves. We are going to press that it is used to provide services and to maintain the council tax increase to 3.99% rather than 4.99%.</p> <p><i>Noted.</i></p> <p><u>Residents' parking</u></p> <p>It now seems likely that the scheme to provide residents with parking permits for Southlands carpark will be maintained for a further year.</p> <p><i>Cllr Murday reported that the cost of the permit has not been determined yet.</i></p> <p>Cllr Spooner asked for an update on the situation at Kex Gill. Cllr Murday stated that engineering inspections are taking place with a view to a speedy repair.</p> <p>Cllr Spooner asked about the situation re NYC clearing leaves from pavements. He described a near miss he had witnessed on Low Wath Road after a pedestrian had tried to avoid walking through accumulated leaves on the pavement. Cllr Murday stated that he has been told there is no programme to clear leaves from the pavement, but he will make enquiries to establish if this is definitely the case. He added that NYC resources are insufficient for all the services people expect.</p> <p>Cllrs noted an update received from Chris Blackburn (NYC Highways). He is seeking confirmation about which grit heaps are maintained by NYC and will get the NYC website updated once such confirmation received.</p>
7	<p><b>The council have not been notified of any new planning applications since the last meeting.</b></p> <p><b>The Council noted the following:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Decision No ZC23/04546/TPO:</b> Fell 1 no Cedar (T1) of Tree Preservation Order No. 01/1970 W2. Eagle Hall Woods Street Lane Bewerley Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 5HW North Yorkshire Council have resolved to GRANT CONSENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.</p> <p>b) <b>Decision No ZC23/01608/LB:</b> External alterations to windows and doors (retrospective). Charinya House Low Wath Road Pateley Bridge Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 5HL. North Yorkshire Council have resolved to GRANT LISTED BUILDING CONSENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.</p>
8	<p><b>The Council received updates and reports on Council Business and correspondence:</b></p> <p>a) Caretaker tasks.</p> <p>Cllr Hancock reported that she had noticed the sandbag shed on Bewerley Green is in poor condition.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Spooner will speak to the caretaker about maintenance required on the shed and a quote for the work.</p> <p>b) JLC meeting report</p> <p>Cllr Spooner delivered an update about the JLC held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. The minutes of this meeting will be circulated to Cllrs when received.</p> <p>c) Emergency plan committee</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs Hancock and Dutton to be additional flood wardens from BPC on the Emergency</p>

Committee

d) D-day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Clerk has obtained quote for new union jack bunting - £220.32 for 8 x 20m lengths. Bespoke lengths are better quality but more expensive.

Cllr Spooner suggested that in addition to the lighting of a beacon it would be appropriate to hold a small service at the war memorial in the recreation ground.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Spooner will ask local clergy for their thoughts on this suggestion.

e) Website contract.

New terms and conditions sent through by website provider, Cuttlefish, noted. (Cllrs resolved to accept new contract from Cuttlefish at last meeting).

f) Biodiversity

Cllr Hancock reported on her assessment of what BPC could do to improve Biodiversity at Bewerley Green. She suggested that the triangular area around the bench at the north end of the green and a 2m strip beside the wall at the south end would be suitable for developing a wildflower meadow habitat. She also suggested that, although more expensive, laying pre-seeded wildflower mats are a quicker and less labour-intensive way of producing good cover of wildflowers. (Removing the existing sward and seeding with wildflowers and grasses would take several seasons of management to produce a good show of wildflowers). Building up the area devoted to a wildflower meadow could be done incrementally over several seasons. If we are to go ahead with anything it will be necessary to consult with residents around the green and discuss plans with the owner of the underlying land (BPC only owns the surface of the green).

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Hancock to obtain quote and produce costings for consideration. She will also speak to the owner of the land in question.

g) Greenhow defibrillator

Cllr Dutton reported that he has defibrillators and cabinets are in place. One of these is to be sited within the parish at St Mary's Church. (The other is for Stump Cross Caverns which is outside the parish). Electrical work needed for installation is still to be done. Hanson's quarry have offered the services of their electrician to install the defibrillator at St Mary's Church. Once the defibrillators are in place Cllr Dutton will provide accounts.

h) Invitation to Menwith Hill Spring Reception, 14/03/2024

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Hancock and partner will attend on behalf of BPC. Cllr Hancock will check they can definitely attend on the 14<sup>th</sup> and will advise the clerk so he can respond to the invitation by 4<sup>th</sup> March.

i) North Yorkshire Local Plan Launch Event 5/12/2023 - Q&A report

Noted.

j) NALC bulletin re BBC broadcast on abuse of local govt personnel

Noted

**9 9.1 The Council approved the following accounts for payment:**

9.1.1	Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, Invoice 1437; new clerks' induction training	£50
9.1.2	Society Local Council Clerks, Invoice MEM248308-1; new clerk membership	£113
9.1.3	YLCA, Invoice 1474; Finance and Budget Monitoring webinar for new clerk	£25

	<p>9.1.4 Vale of Nidd Masonic Lodge; lease of Lodge, 11/23 and 01/24 £60</p> <p>9.1.5 Yewdale consulting 0059/24; Locum services £228.75</p> <p>9.1.6 Clerk expenses, mileage to induction training. £31.50</p> <p>9.2 The Council noted the Clerk's salary 1- 31 January 2023</p> <p>9.3 The Council approved additional hours worked by the clerk 1-31 January 2023</p> <p>9.3 The Council received a bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023</p> <p>9.4 Cllr Hancock reconciled the receipts/payments with bank statement</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>10.1 The Council received the following new correspondence:</b></p> <p>1. The clerk reported email received from the Society of Local Council Clerks with information about a consultation on 'Martyn's Law' and a series of webinars about the consultation. Noted by Councillors.</p> <p>The same correspondence included an item about a free portrait of the King available to councils.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> portrait not required since the Parish Council does not have a premises in which to display it.</p> <p><b>10.2 Information exchange:</b></p> <p>1. The clerk enquired whether the badger sculpture in the recreation ground should be cleaned. Councillors advised that the sculpture is designed to be maintenance free; it will weather and no maintenance is needed.</p> <p>2. Cllr Spooner wanted to make councillors aware of local curlew projects. He mentioned projects at Darley Beck and Hartwith which have support of Nidderdale National Landscape (formerly AONB) and aim to improve breeding success of curlews in the dale by protecting nest sites and controlling predation.</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>There were no new items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting</b>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Colbeck House, Pateley Bridge.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 9.05pm.</p>