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**MINUTES OF BEWERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 18th March
2024 at Colbeck House, Church Street, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5LB**

Present: Cllr. D. Marshall (Vice-Chair) Cllr. M. Dawson
Cllr. E. Hancock W Hickson (Clerk)
Cllr K. Adams
Cllr. R. Dutton

1.	Apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr Spooner and Cllr Murday.
2	Declarations of interest No Declarations of Interest received.
3	Public statements One member of the public was present who addressed councillors about planning application 6.59.280.D.DVCON ZC24/00266/DVCON, Riggs Cottage (item 7a on the agenda). Following this councillors brought forward item 7a and discussed the planning application. RESOLVED. Councillors supported the application and added the following comments: 1) The plans are an improvement on the original; the profile is lower than in the plans originally approved and the appearance of the building is in keeping with the vernacular. 2) The development will complete the building on what is presently a partially developed site.
4	Minutes Cllr Dutton proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19/02/2024 be accepted as a true record, Cllr Adams seconded, carried . Cllr Hancock observed that discussion about dates of future meeting had not been recorded RESOLVED. Clerk to prepare calendar of dates for the year to May 2025 based on meetings being held on 3 rd Monday of each month and to place on agenda for next meeting.
5	Clerk's report to Bewerley Parish Council meeting Bewerley Green sandbag store. Cllr Spooner reports that he spoke to the caretaker who advised the present shed was beyond repair and should be replaced and sited on a base of concrete paving slabs. <i>Need for new shed discussed. Noted that wooden sandbag store shed at the auction mart was obtained in 2021 at a cost of £220.</i> RESOLVED: Clerk to ask caretaker to quote for cost of a new wooden shed and concrete base, including cost of erecting it. Height of shed to be same as present shed, ie lower than top of adjacent roadside wall

<p>D-day 80th Anniversary</p> <p>Cllr Spooner spoke to Rev Darryl Hall who would be happy to be involved in a small service as suggested at the last meeting.</p> <p><i>Councillors were supportive of Cllr Spooner's suggestion but observed that councillors must attend. Since next Joint Liaison Committee will not be until 22nd April and D-Day anniversary is on 6th June, Pateley Bridge Town Council should be asked to consider this proposal before April JLC meeting so that JLC can be in a position to decide whether or not to organise it.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>Clerk to ask PBTC to include this matter on agenda for next PBTC meeting</i></p> <p>Christmas lights donation. Following decision to make a donation the same as last year I have consulted with Suzanne Smith and reviewed accounts. We did not make a donation last year. The most recent was in 2021-22 for £100. I have donated £100 to PBTC.</p> <p><i>Noted. Clerk reported thanks received from PBTC clerk.</i></p> <p>Replacement signs at Toft Gate car park and Greenhow play area. At the last meeting I was asked to obtain additional quotes for new signs at Toft Gate car park and Greenhow playground because the quote obtained was felt to be too high (£298 inc VAT). The new signs at Toft Gate must be the exact size to fit into the concrete base made for the present signs. The company recommended by Cllr Dutton has quoted £179.60 (inc VAT and shipping) for two aluminium signs Toftgate (£37.51 each, life expectancy 3-5 years)) and for a plastic sign (£92.69) suitable for the Greenhow play area. More durable signs (life expectancy 7-10 years) for Toftgate would be £43.54 each. Cheaper prices can be found on-line but the cheapest are made of unsuitable materials (eg self-adhesive stickers) and do not cater for bespoke designs. I have obtained a price from one company which offers bespoke designs. The quote is for the Greenhow sign only; printed plastic for £62.73 inc VAT. Payment in advance is required and a proof for review is not offered until after payment. A more expensive aluminium sign is around £115 inc VAT.</p> <p><i>Councillors discussed options, including a previous idea to have a QR code link to allow electronic payment at the honesty box. Cllr Dawson reported he has investigated this and the council's present financial set up makes the QR code suggestion impractical.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>1) Clerk to proceed with quote from Sign-o-matic with the signs of greater life expectancy. 2) Suggestion to include QR code to be shelved.</i></p> <p>Re-painting Bewerley telephone kiosk (which now houses the defibrillator). Suitable paint has been purchased, as resolved by the council last year, and delivered to the parishioner who has volunteered to paint the kiosk. The work will be done later in the spring when weather is appropriate.</p> <p><i>Noted</i></p> <p>Defibrillator deployment. The Ambulance service requested the Bewerley Green defibrillator be taken to an incident they were dealing with in Bewerley on 1st March. Not known if it was actually used. It was subsequently checked and is back in its box and in order.</p> <p><i>Noted – Cllr Dawson reported that defibrillator pads were intact, therefore not used</i></p> <p>Parish Council notice board at Bewerley Green. The notice board at Bewerley Green is in poor condition. It needs a clean and a new coat of varnish or paint. Its present position seems odd; it is behind a large stone trough with bush in it which makes viewing the contents of the notice board difficult.</p> <p><i>Councillors agreed that board would be better placed near to the old telephone kiosk</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>Clerk to ask caretaker to quote for restoring notice board and moving it to beside telephone kiosk and to assess if replacing with a new board fixed to the kiosk would be a cheaper, viable alternative.</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>North Yorkshire Council report, March 2024</p>
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	<p>Triathlon event. The latest news is the Nidderdale Agricultural Society have withdrawn from the agreement to host the event on the Pateley Bridge Showground. It is planned that the event will now be centred on Masham.</p> <p>NYC budget. Savings are having to be made again this year and will still leave a deficit of £6million to be met from reserves. The budget was voted on at the council meeting on 21st February. Amongst proposed cuts are a reduction in home-to-school transport provision. It has also been agreed that council tax charges will be increased to the maximum allowed of 4.99%. It is claimed that most of the £30million shortfall is being met from savings resulting from local government reorganisation.</p> <p>The government is now providing an extra £6.2million to support services. The council decided that is be used to maintain reserves.</p> <p>Residents' parking. 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>Trees growing out of the bridge over the Nidd. I have reported the sapling growths in the bridge structure and am now waiting a date for their removal.</p> <p>Nidderdale Greenway Extension. The report of the steering group went before the Skipton and Ripon ACC this Tuesday. It will now be considered by officers. Please read the report and let me have your views.</p> <p><i>Councillors discussed the steering group report and noted that high costs and significant landowner objections put the viability of the whole project in some doubt. They also noted there was support for the potentially useful shorter section between Birstwith and Hampsthwaite.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>Councillors to discuss again when NYC rep, Cllr Murday, is present.</i></p> <p>Toftgate Limekiln access. Matthew Trevelyan has written asking for clarification about the respective roles in looking after this asset.</p> <p><i>Matthew Trevelyan is farming and landscapes officer with Nidderdale National Landscape. Cllr Dawson reported that he had spoken to MT earlier in the day. The present situation is Bewerley Parish Council has a lease with the owner of the site, until December 2024 at peppercorn rent, and the site is covered by BPC's public liability insurance. The car park is owned and maintained by BPC. In future BPC wants continued public access to the lime kilns but does not have the resources to maintain the structures or to pay for a future lease. MT has stated that work is currently taking place at the site to ensure the structures are safe for which Nidderdale National Landscape (formerly AONB) has secured funding and they will consider a long-term lease with the landowner. Cllr Dawson has emailed MT with full details of the council's position and MT has undertaken to keep BPC informed about progress at the site.</i></p>
7	<p>The Council received the following planning applications:</p> <p>a) 6.59.280.D.DVCON ZC24/00266/DVCON. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of Planning Permission 08/00269/FUL - Erection of replacement detached dwelling (Site Area 0.02ha) (Revised Scheme). Riggs Cottage Bewerley Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 5BQ. Grid Ref E 414352 N 465536 (Deadline for comments has been extended to 20/03/3034)</p> <p>This was discussed and a resolution reached at item 3 above</p>
8	<p>Review of Standing Order No 2 Financial Regulations</p> <p>Councillors reviewed the present Financial Regulations</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to make amendments and put on agenda for next meeting</p>
9	<p>The Council received updates and reports on Council Business and correspondence:</p> <p>a) Caretaker tasks.</p> <p>Cllr Spooner has asked the caretaker to clear leaves from the Low Wath Rd pavement beside the</p>

recreation ground.

Councillors noted NYC have already removed fallen leaves once and the caretaker has further removed leaves from the footpaths but decaying leaves are still present on footpaths beside Low Wath Road and Bridgehouse Gate. BPC does not have powers to maintain highways.

RESOLVED: Clerk to notify Highways at Area6 by email.

b) Minutes of the JLC meeting held on 6th February 2024

In relation to the section on emergency response and community resilience Cllr Dawson pointed out that a consequence of the decisions to merge the JLC with the emergency committee and to invite members of the public onto the emergency committee would be that unelected members of the public would be invited onto the JLC.

RESOLVED: Clerk to raise this issue with the PBTC clerk.

Councillors discussed plans in relation to flooding emergency.

RESOLVED: Clerk to forward details of flood warden training to councillors and Cllr Hancock to speak to landlord of the Royal Oak about the whereabouts and condition of the emergency box held by the pub.

c) Cemetery Field update. A draft transfer deed has been sent for councillors to review. It includes the covenant to restrict change of use to a cemetery only.

Cllr Dawson has checked the draft transfer deed and did not identify any issues with it.

The correspondence with the draft deed included a request for the original 1954 conveyance and other information. Cllr Dawson confirmed he has had sight of the document requested and believes it is held by PBTC

RESOLVED: Cllr Dawson will speak to the PBTC clerk about this matter

d) Cemetery Field public consultation event 05/03/2024. Attended by clerk and Cllr Spooner.

Noted

e) YLCA Harrogate branch meeting 19/02/2024, attended by Cllr Dawson

Cllr Dawson gave an update from the meeting. There were a lot of complaints from councillors about potholes and poor quality of repair work. The CEO of YLCA agreed to meet with the elected NYC member responsible for highways to discuss these issues. Cllr Adams thanked Cllr Dawson for attending the meeting.

f) Biodiversity. Update from 26th Feb webinar attended by Cllr Hancock.

Cllr Hancock reported she did not join the webinar on 26th Feb and she will attend the same webinar on 19th March instead. Councillors agreed to defer the biodiversity update until next meeting.

g) Update on Toft Gate lease. An email has been received from Nidderdale National Landscape re Toft Gate lime kiln access and conservation.

This was dealt with earlier under item 6

h) Notifications received from NYC:

1. Cost of Living campaign – signposts residents to various sources of financial help
2. Lets Talk Food campaign – engagement with residents and survey about future of food in NY
3. Home to school transport review – includes survey, consultation concludes on 12th April 2024. Further information at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation>

Councillors noted all three of above and recognised that changes in school transport likely to impact

	families with school children in the locality.									
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>10.1 Cllr Dawson proposed the Council approve the following accounts for payment, seconded Cllr Hancock. Carried.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>10.1.1</td> <td>Cuttlefish Invoice 0814; annual website licence</td> <td>£342.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.1.2</td> <td>PAYE February</td> <td>£79.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.1.3</td> <td>Clerk, office expenses (printer paper, monthly parish mobile phone top-up, laminator pouches, red paint for telephone kiosk)</td> <td>£82.97</td> </tr> </table> <p>10.2.1 The Council noted the Clerk's salary 1-29 February 2024</p> <p>10.2.2 Cllr Dawson proposed the Council approve additional hours worked by the clerk 1-29 February 2024, seconded by Cllr Adams. Carried.</p> <p>10.3 The Council received a bank reconciliation to 29th February 2024</p> <p>10.4 Cllr Hancock reconciled the receipts/payments with the bank statement</p>	10.1.1	Cuttlefish Invoice 0814; annual website licence	£342.00	10.1.2	PAYE February	£79.40	10.1.3	Clerk, office expenses (printer paper, monthly parish mobile phone top-up, laminator pouches, red paint for telephone kiosk)	£82.97
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11	<p>11.1 The Council received the following new correspondence:</p> <p>11.1.1 Email from North Yorkshire Council; free webinar, an update for Town & Parish Councils on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for North Yorkshire and York on Tuesday 26th March from 7pm to 8pm. Clerk has link to this webinar for any councillor who wishes to attend.</p> <p>Noted. KA stated she would attend the webinar</p> <p>11.1.2 Email received with mild complaint about recreation ground toilets suggesting they could do with "a little refreshment"</p> <p>Toilets are maintained by NYC</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to notify NYC</p> <p>11.2 Information exchange</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had been approached by parishioners after the Young Farmers 'Tractor Run' through Beverley on 17th March. Concern had been expressed about mud and stones left on the road as tractors left the showground. Also parishioners had been erroneously informed the route would go up Greenhow Hill.</p> <p>Councillors noted the concern but stated they were in full support of the event which raises a lot of money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to contact organiser to point out concerns but express BPC's support for the event.</p> <p>Cllr Dutton voiced concern that dog walkers in the recreation ground are not picking up dog excrement; he has observed unacceptable amounts on the embankment where children have been playing. Councillors discussed the issue including suggestion to provide a dog-poo-bag dispenser.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to contact council dog warden for advice</p> <p>Cllr Dutton reported that the defibrillator is now up and running at Greenhow Hill. An account and invoice will be sent to the council in due course.</p>									
11	<p>Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting</p> <p>No additional items</p>									
12	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd April 2024.at 7 p.m. at Colbeck House</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.</p>									