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**MINUTES OF BEWERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 p.m. MONDAY 15th
July 2024 at Coldstones Quarry, Greenhow Hill, HG3 5**

Present: Cllr. G. Spooner (Chair) NYC & Parish Cllr. A. Murday
Cllr. E. Hancock Cllr. M. Dawson
W Hickson (Clerk)

1.	Apologies were received from Cllrs Dutton and Marshall.
2.	No Declarations of Interest received.
3.	No parishioners were present
4.	<p>Cllr Hancock pointed out that her apologies were not included on the minutes of the meeting on 17th June 2024.</p> <p>Subject to the above amendment Cllr Dawson proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th June 2024 be accepted as a true record, Cllr Murday seconded, CARRIED.</p>
5.	<p>The clerk reported the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Defibrillator at Bishopton Vet; new pads have been installed <i>Noted</i>Parish on-line banking. The forms to make the clerk the primary user have been completed and accepted by the bank. Awaiting account to be updated. <i>Noted</i>A member of the public (no details) handed in the commemorative brass plaque which, for unknown reasons, had been detached from the fence at the Recreation Ground play area. The plaque is in need of refurbishment before replacing on the fence. RESOLVED. <i>Plaque to be refitted to the fence (by caretaker). Cllr Hancock offered to clean and polish it first; offer accepted.</i>Cllr Spooner has advised that one of the North Yorkshire Council benches in the Recreation Ground is damaged. The clerk has reported this to NYC. <i>Noted</i>The Pateley Bridge Town Council clerk has asked for information about the benches owned by each council in the Recreation Ground. Bewerley Parish Council has a policy about bench sponsorship which was approved in 2018. The previous clerk has advised that it is policy to retain £200 of money given by sponsors of commemorative plaques mounted on parish benches to cover

future maintenance of the bench and this money is supposed to be ring-fenced. This is not mentioned in the afore-mentioned policy. At present the BPC accounting spreadsheet does not automatically ring-fence this money. Three payments for bench plaques have been made by sponsors since 2018.

Cllr Dawson pointed out that bench maintenance is carried out by the caretaker and he will have included this in his invoices.

RESOLVED: Clerk to update bench policy to include the procedure relating to payments for commemorative plaques.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dawson to amend accounting spreadsheet to show ring-fenced money

RESOLVED: Cllr Dawson to ask previous clerk to clarify which Recreation Ground benches are owned by BPC and PBTC.

- The Joint Liaison Committee scheduled for 2nd July did not take place. The PBTC clerk has scheduled the meeting for 6th August at 6.15 p.m. depending on availability of committee members.

Noted. Cllrs Dawson and Spooner available to attend.

It was also noted that there have been no meetings of the Emergency Committee since the JLC and EC were separated at the JLC meeting on 22/04/24.

RESOLVED: Clerk to check committee terms of reference have been amended to show separate committees.

- A member of the public reported damage to guttering on the bowling pavilion at the Recreation Ground to the PBTC clerk on 25th June. Report reached Cllr Murday who contacted the bowling club and police. No further contact has been received from the bowling club.

Noted. The fabric of the bowling club premises is their responsibility. It is thought the damage was not serious and its cause is not known.

- A notice of an alleged breach of planning conditions was received from the planners after publication of the agenda for this meeting. Planning reference 19/04615/FUL, Riggs Farm. The allegation was 'non-compliance with approved plans'. No further details given.

- *Noted*

- Cllr Hancock and the clerk attended the Civic Leaders Briefing at RAF Menwith Hill on 26th June.

- *Noted*

- Cllr Murday had previously agreed to speak with parks dept at NYC about mowing before picking up litter in the Recreation Ground resulting in spread of shredded litter. The head of parks has responded stating he will speak with the parks team and street cleansing in an effort to improve coordination.

Noted

- 'Lets talk rubbish' campaign: NYC are consulting on plans to provide two wheelie bins recycling; one for paper and cardboard and one for glass, plastic etc. The plan is to have alternate, fortnightly, recyclable waste collections; ie glass plastic etc every four weeks and cardboard/paper every four weeks. The clerk has circulated info about the survey on email Dodo and the previous clerk has circulated it on the parish Facebook page.

Noted

<p>6</p>	<p>NYC Report to Bewerley Parish Council</p> <p>Councillors received a report from NY and BP councillor Murday.</p> <p>The report covered questions about the Long Course Weekend centred in Masham and due to be held in early September with a large cycling event passing through Nidderdale. Concerns have been expressed by other parish councils about safety of road users and financial contributions to local communities by the organisers. NYC has responded to these concerns;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">the route of the cycling event has been carefully selected to minimise disruption to communities; safety is of paramount importance and is being rigorously scrutinized by the Safety Advisory Group which includes Police, Fire, and Ambulance services and Highways.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Financial contributions to communities are managed by and at the discretion of the organisers. NYC has no role in the administration of these funds.</p> <p>The report also highlighted the 2024 £10k locality budget from which grants can be awarded to community projects in the area. Cllr Murday stated there is approx. £4k still available</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>The Council received the following planning applications:</p> <p>a) ZC24/01954/FUL <u>Proposal</u>: Alterations to roofs & Change of roofing material, Formation of covered canopy to vets. <u>Location</u>: Old School House Pateley Bridge Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 5HG</p> <p>RESOLVED: the parish council has no objections</p> <p>b) ZC24/01723/FULMAJ <u>Proposal</u>: Demolition of the existing, vacant garage on site and erection of 15 no. residential apartments, electric vehicle (EV) charging, change of use of existing stone frontage building to form associated kiosk, and all associated works. <u>Location</u>: Central Garage Nidd Walk to Bridgehouse Gate Pateley Bridge North Yorkshire HG3 5HQ</p> <p>RESOLVED: the parish council did not support or object to the application but made the following comments to be submitted to the planners:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Bewerley Parish Council commented on the previous application to develop this site. The council supports the principle of redeveloping the site for housing but it has a number of concerns regarding the proposed design.</p> <p>1. Layout, density, design and visual appearance of the building.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The revised plans still do not provide a comparator for the heights of the current and proposed buildings and the revised plans for the development still appear to be higher than the existing garage building. The planning statement makes reference to buildings on the opposite side of the B6265 and to the old school rooms to the SW of the site; however both of these have a higher roof line than the existing garage building. The north elevation of the revised design is more in keeping with the local vernacular and proposes the use of Yorkshire stone and slate. However, the parish council remains concerned about the height of the development and the detrimental visual impact it will have on the surrounding area.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In terms of density, the Parish Council still believes that 15 apartments of up to 3 bedrooms is too many for this site. The planning statement addresses the issue of affordable housing, claiming that 30% of the accommodation will meet the definition of affordable housing. However, the Council notes the suggestion at para 8.13 that the planning authority might prefer a commuted sum in lieu of on-site provision of affordable housing; this view has been confirmed in the response from the housing officer dated 17 July. The Council seeks assurance that, in the event that payment of a commuted sum in lieu is confirmed, this funding will be targeted on the building of affordable housing in the local community, rather than elsewhere in North Yorkshire. The pressing need in Nidderdale is for affordable</p>

housing accessible by local residents, and particularly by young people, thereby enabling them to live where they work and support local economic development.

2. Highways issues.

The parish council notes the design changes which attempt to address highway issues although the overall appearance of the entrance in the new plan looks similar. The council remains concerned about the risks stated in their previous comments. The site is on a blind junction, with poor visibility for traffic and pedestrians exiting Rash Dyke onto the B6265. There is no footpath on the south side of the B6265 for pedestrians exiting Rash Dyke who must, therefore, cross the road. The site is at the bottom of Greenhow Hill (1:5 gradient), down which vehicles and cyclists may travel at high speed. Whilst there was vehicular traffic in and out of the former garage this was at a relatively low frequency. The proposed design includes provision for commercial electric vehicle charging points and residents parking. This will result in a much higher volume of traffic at a point where the B6265 is quite narrow and the opposite side of the road is busy with vehicles parking and leaving throughout the day for access to the nearby retail and restaurant businesses. The design therefore presents a highway safety risk.

3. Development of contaminated land.

The Parish Council notes that the geo-environmental risk assessment addressed the possibility of contamination at the site, specifically referring to the existence of underground storage tanks and potential for encountering asbestos contamination.

4. Loss of industrial area.

The council notes the developers attempts to market the site as commercial/industrial. However, the council is concerned that this development is exclusively providing more housing where permanent employment opportunities are limited

5. The Parish Council has been advised that some of the stone in the current building came from Methley Hall in Leeds and it hopes that it can be re-used in any new building, where possible to maintain the heritage link.

- c) ZC24 /02196/SCREEN Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion in relation to application ZC24/01723/FULMAJ (item 7b above)

RESOLVED: the parish council had no objections

- d) ZC24/02233/FUL Proposal: Erection of Detached Garage & Store. Location: Rustlewood, Bewerley, Harrogate HG3 5HX.

RESOLVED: the parish council had no objections

The Council noted the following planning decisions:

- e) Decision on application ZC24/01532/TPO; fell 4 no. Ash (T1, T2, T3, T4) of Tree Preservation Order No. 01/1970m at Ashfield Villas Low Wath Road Pateley Bridge North Yorkshire. Approved, subject to conditions.
- f) Notice of decision on listed building application ZC24/00749/LB: installation of glazed roof at Charinya House, Low Wath Road, Pateley Bridge. Refused listed building consent.

8 The Council received updates and reports on Council Business and correspondence:

8.1 Caretaker tasks.

The clerk advised that the owner of Bewerley Green has stated she is happy with the council's plans to move the parish noticeboard to near the old telephone kiosk and to replace the sandbag shed.

- 1) Moving parish notice board at Bewerley Green.

Cllrs considered the caretaker's estimate of £119 to remove, clean, revarnish, and reposition the board.

Cllr Hancock proposed approving the estimated expenditure. Seconded by Cllr Murday. **CARRIED.**

RESOLVED: Clerk to instruct caretaker to proceed.

2) Sandbag shed.

Cllrs considered the caretakers estimate of £240 to construct a stone flag base for the new shed and to construct a shed purchased by the council. Clerk advised that a shed at the lower end of the price range had poor customer reviews and recommended that council consider what budget should be allocated.

Cllr Dawson proposed authorising the clerk to buy a new shed with a budget limit of £400 and approving the caretakers estimate for assembly etc. Seconded by Cllr Hancock. **CARRIED.**

RESOLVED: Clerk to buy new shed and instruct caretaker to construct base and assemble shed

8.2 Wildflower project

Cllr Hancock gave a short resumé of her written proposal for introducing wild flowers to Bewerley village green and Cllrs considered the proposed expenditure on 8m² of wildflower turf at £20/m². Total cost £160

Cllr Murday proposed authorising the estimated expenditure on the project. Seconded by Cllr Spooner. **CARRIED.**

RESOLVED. Cllrs to meet as working party on Tuesday 30th July at 11 a.m. to prepare the green for laying turf. Cllr Hancock to buy and collect the turf.

8.3 Bowling Green fence

Cllr Dawson gave an update about the meeting with the bowling club about the club's plans to build a fence around the bowling green at the Recreation Ground:

Cllrs Dawson and Dutton were present with PBT Councillor Lumley and representatives of the bowling club. Positioning and height of the fence were discussed. The BP Councillors agreed that a fence height of 90cm would be acceptable and it should be as close as possible to the green edge on the sides facing the play area and the war memorial. A gate would be included on the pavilion side. The estimate for the bowling club's initial plans was much higher than expected and all present agreed that the club must get new quotes for a lower fence and seek funding.

Councillors noted an email from the PBTC clerk which stated that PB councillors did not agree with the plans and felt they had not been properly consulted.

RESOLVED: When the bowling club have new plans and quotes these should be considered by the JLC.

8.4 Councillors considered a second email from R Baker about a Lithium battery safety bill.

Cllr Murday queried why a local council was being asked to support a parliamentary bill, he was not aware of it happening before and was concerned about unknown consequences of getting involved politically.

RESOLVED: To note but take no action.

9 Finance

9.1 Cllr Hancock proposed the Council approve the following accounts for payment, seconded Cllr Murday. **CARRIED.**

9.1.1 Richard Langley invoice A2185 £150.00

9.1.2 Clerk expenses June 2024 £14.29

	<p>9.1.3 Microsoft 365 annual subscription renewal £59.99</p> <p>9.2 The Council noted the Clerk’s salary and additional hours 1- 30 June 2024</p> <p>9.3 The Council received a bank reconciliation to 30th June 2024</p> <p>9.4 Cllr Hancock reconciled the receipts/payments with bank statements for 1-31 May and 1-30 June 2024</p>
10	<p>10.1 The Council received the following new correspondence:</p> <p>10.1.1 A message received from a Bewerley resident enquiring about restoring all the swings on Bewerley Green.</p> <p>The outer shackles on the frame have perished and failed an inspection some years ago. They are an integral part of the whole frame which would have cost in excess of £10k to replace. The single swing presently in place uses the two serviceable central shackles.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Too expensive to renew. Single swing to be retained and clerk to inform the resident.</p> <p>10.1.2 An email from Red Bull (events) which enquired about hiring Toft Gate car park as a location for an event marquee for a cycling hill climb event on 26th October</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the car park can be used in return for a “substantial donation” to the parish council. Clerk to advise correspondent.</p> <p>10.2 Information to exchange</p> <p>Cllr Murday raised a enquiry from a parishioner concerned that by paying a parish caretaker to cut verges council tax payers are paying twice for tasks which NYC should do. Councillors considered this and agreed there is no exhaustive list of NYC tasks and the parish precept, included in the council tax, covers caretaker activity for tasks which the PC has powers to authorise and which would otherwise not get done.</p>
11	No items were presented for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting
12	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7 p.m. at Colbeck House.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.</p>