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MINUTES OF BEWERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.
Monday 14th October 2024 at Colbeck House, Church St, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5LB

Present: Cllr. G. Spooner (Chair) Cllr. D. Marshall (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. E. Hancock NYC & Parish Cllr. A. Murday
Cllr. R. Dutton W Hickson (Clerk)

1.	The meeting opened at 7.00 pm Apologies were received from Cllr Dawson.
2	No Declarations of Interest received.
3	No parishioners were present.
4	Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2024. Councillor Marshall proposed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 th September 2024 be accepted as a true record, Councillor Dutton seconded. CARRIED.
5	Clerk's report to Bewerley Parish Council <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The clerk has completed a YLCA course; 'A basic introduction to planning' <i>Noted</i>2. Telephone Kiosk, Bewerley Green. The parishioner who volunteered to repaint the telephone kiosk has moved out of the parish and left the unused paint with the clerk. The kiosk could do with another coat of paint. RESOLVED: <i>Councillors to give kiosk a new coat of paint when weather conditions suitable.</i>3. Drainage issue at Greenhow Hill village green. A parishioner has told the clerk that a soak away drain has been dug across part of the green causing unwanted run-off onto adjacent land. RESOLVED: <i>Clerk and Councillor Spooner to visit the green to assess the situation.</i>4. Issues with public convenience blocks in Pateley Bridge and Bewerley There was an incident recently in which the public conveniences remained locked during the day resulting in members of the public trying to use facilities at The Crown and elsewhere. It has been suggested by various parties that keys should be held locally in case this happens again.

	<p><i>Councillor Murday had been in touch with relevant officers at NYC. He stated that the toilets are responsibility of NYC and the reason given for closure at the incident in question was because the toilets were closed for maintenance. NYC employ a local person to look after the toilets and do not want third parties holding keys.</i></p> <p>5. Policing and Fire Service priorities survey</p> <p>The NY Mayor and Deputy Mayor for policing, fire, and crime have launched a consultation on police and fire service priorities. This has been widely circulated. Any member of the community can take part in the survey.</p> <p><i>Noted</i></p>
6	<p>North Yorkshire Council</p> <p>NYC Councillor Murday presented an update on the Local Government Boundary Review being conducted by the Boundary Commission.</p> <p>Councillor Murday presented a list of available S106 monies available within the parish which councillors discussed later in the meeting (see section 8)</p> <p>The climate action plan from the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission is available at: https://yorksandhumberclimate.org.uk/climate-action-plan-2024</p> <p><i>Noted.</i></p>
7	<p>The Council received the following planning applications:</p> <p>a) ZC24/02768/PNA. Creation of wildlife ponds to create biodiversity at Toft Gate Farm, Bewerley HG3 5JE. Grid reference: E 413317 N 464465.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The council has no objections.</p> <p>b) ZC24/02885/FUL. Conversion of redundant outbuilding into ancillary accommodation with loft storage and link room to existing barn at Lane Farm Greenhow Hill Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 5JQ. Grid reference: E411472 N464104</p> <p>RESOLVED: The council has no objections</p> <p>The Council noted the following planning decisions:</p> <p>c) Notice of Screening Opinion on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), reference number ZC24/02196/SCREEN, for proposed 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 (planning application ZC24/01723/FULMAJ) at Central Garage, Bridgehouse Gate Pateley Bridge.</p> <p>Opinion of the planning authority is that no EIA is required.</p> <p>d) Provisional Tree Preservation Order 59/202, 3 Castlestead, Bewerley HG3 5QF.</p> <p>TPO is provisional until consultation with affected parties has been completed and NYC confirms the order.</p>
8	<p>The Council received updates and reports on Council Business and correspondence:</p> <p>a) Caretaker tasks.</p> <p>Councillor Spooner has spoken to the owner of the land with vegetation spilling over onto Rash Dyke. The owner will have it cut back.</p> <p>Actions required ahead of Remembrance Day on 11th November were discussed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillor Spooner will instruct the caretaker to power wash the war memorial steps and remove the wreaths remaining from last year.</p> <p>b) Joint Liaison Committee.</p>

Councillors considered the minutes from the JLC meeting on 3rd September. Several matters were discussed.

- JLC terms of reference:

Councillors approved the amended terms of reference drafted by the clerk.

- Joint Emergency Committee.

Councillors noted:

There is one JEC, not an EC for each council as suggested by the minutes.

PBTC Councillor Neil Thompson has resigned as chair of the JEC.

The JEC should convene and elect a new chair.

- Remembrance Day

Councillors satisfied that the local Royal British Legion with assistance of the clerks are organising the service on 11th November and there is no need to call a meeting of the JLC.

- Recreation Ground.

Councillors discussed the issue of the name of the Recreation Ground. It was noted that the grounds are jointly owned but are in the parish of Bewerley.

RESOLVED: Bewerley Parish Council would be happy with a name change to 'Bewerley and Pateley Bridge Recreation Ground'.

It was felt that since it is PBTC councillors who want the name change, it is they who should pursue the necessary steps to have NYC change the name, subject to the above resolution.

- 80th Anniversary of VE Day, 8th May 2025

RESOLVED: Councillors will support lighting a beacon at Coldstones Cut if notification of an official, national, chain of beacons as was the case with the D-Day commemoration in 2024.

- c) Commuted sums.

Councillors considered the latest schedule of commuted sums received from NYC. The largest portion (c£12k) is allocated to the play area within the recreation ground. Councillors agreed that there is no immediate need for new or replacement equipment in the play area which is managed by NYC.

RESOLVED: no need for action at this time. Councillors to bear in mind the availability of the fund should a need or opportunity to improve the play area arise.

- d) Cemetery field.

The clerk reported that the planning application for the extension of the cemetery field is due to be considered by the planning committee on 5th November.

- e) Annual Christmas late night opening event in Pateley Bridge and Bewerley.

Councillors considered a request from the organisers asking if BPC would like to make a donation to pay for Santa's gifts for children at the event.

Councillor Marshall **proposed** donating £75. Seconded by Councillor Dutton.

CARRIED

- f) Litter and fouling at Toft Gate car park.

Councillors Spooner and Hancock reported they had recently inspected the car park and found some litter but no excrement. Overall, the condition was reasonable. A letter had been left in the honesty box offering thanks for providing a parking area together with a £10 donation.

Councillor Dutton reminded the council about the Greenhow Community Fund. Improvements to the car park would be an appropriate use of the fund.

The clerk reported having spoken to the quarry manager who has said that the quarry is happy to help in maintaining the car park and it also has a community fund.

Councillors agreed that at this time there is no obvious, sustainable, action to take to improving the littering problem.

RESOLVED: Council to monitor the situation and consider what could be done to enhance the car park area.

g) Budget for 2025-26.

Councillors noted that this must be agreed by the finance committee and submitted for approval at the next meeting.

h) Review of clerk's hours

RESOLVED: Clerk to prepare schedule of hours worked and councillors to consider amending clerk's contract.

i) Review of Email Dodo membership.

The clerk stated that the parish has successfully used email Dodo to distribute news to parishioners since 2018. Since then more people have moved into the parish who may want to join. The survey which the clerk has been instructed to do regards demand for swings on Bewerley Green could be combined with an exercise to see if more parishioners want to sign up to Email Dodo.

Councillors discussed ways of contacting all parish residents.

RESOLVED: Clerk to investigate how much a letter drop delivered by the postman would cost.

j) Wildflower project.

Councillor Hancock reported there has been no progress.

k) Hull evacuees plaque.

Councillor Hancock reported that cleaning is in progress but not complete.

9 Finance

9.1 Councillor Dutton **proposed** the Council approve the following accounts for payment, seconded by Councillor Marshall.

CARRIED.

9.1.1	Richard Langley invoice A2192	£20.00
9.1.2	Richard Langley invoice A2200	£457.50
9.1.3	TP Jones invoice TPJ P1749	£59.40
9.1.4	TP Jones invoice TPJ P1805	£59.40
9.1.5	YLCA invoice 2589	£26.30
9.1.6	Clerk expenses	£273.08

9.2 The Council noted the clerk's salary (including tax and NI) and additional hours 1-30th Sep 2024

9.3 The Council received a bank reconciliation to 30th September 2024

9.4 Councillor Hancock reconciled the receipts/payments with the September bank statement

<p>10</p>	<p>10.1 The Council received the following new correspondence:</p> <p>10.1.1 Invitation from RAF Menwith Hill inviting the chair to a Thanksgiving Dinner on 19/11/2024. RESOLVED: Chair will attend. Clerk to forward invitation to Councillor Spooner and he will reply.</p> <p>10.1.2 Email asking parish councils to support campaign for better speeding enforcement in NY RESOLVED: Council to support the campaign. Clerk to respond to the email.</p> <p>10.2 There was no new information to exchange</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting</p> <p>None</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th November at 7 p.m. at Colbeck House</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 8.48 pm</p>