



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kettlewell with Starbottle Parish Council
Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7.30pm in Kettlewell Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Macefield (Vice-Chair), Councillor Appleton and Councillor Wilkinson
Laura Jowett (Clerk) and 9 members of the public

2324/36 To receive apologies and approve the reasons for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Close and Councillor Lister.

2324/37 Disclosures of interests and requests for dispensations

None.

2324/38 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 7th June 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Councillor Macefield signed the minutes.

2324/39 North Yorkshire Council

Councillor Foster had sent his apologies.

2324/40 Upper Wharfedale Rural Watch

The Council welcomed representatives of Upper Wharfedale Rural Watch. They gave a report on the work of the organisation.

Upper Wharfedale Rural Watch (UWRW) are a group of volunteers who all live in the Upper Wharfedale area.

The group was formed in February 2019 when North Yorkshire Police held a meeting in relation to rural crime in the area. Since the Rural Watch formation and up to present day, due to the working practice between watch members and police there has been a significant reduction in crime in the area. Members of the Watch go out and work alongside the police on designated evenings when there are extra police in the area to stop persons and vehicles who may have been acting suspiciously.

The group formed a committee and began fund raising to provide equipment to members of Upper Wharfedale Rural Watch to enable them to be safe when out and about. This equipment includes radio's (which are essential due to the phone signal being intermittent in a lot of the area that we cover), binoculars, torches and 2 Pulsar night vision cameras. The NFU funded the first batch of radios purchased along with some dashcams which have been used by police as evidence in some cases.

As well as preventing crime within the Upper Wharfedale area UWRW have been involved in the recovery of stolen quad bikes, motorbikes and other property. Poaching is a big problem in the area and members have assisted police in giving statements which have provided evidence to charge offenders. The rural watch have also assisted the police in locating vulnerable people that have gone missing in the Dales.

For the year 2021 – 2022 the crime figures show that crime in the area was reduced by half. Over the last 12 months the figures have remained the same.

The group are fundraising constantly to support the work and to provide the radios which cost £100 per month and to purchase equipment for any new members.

2324/41 Clerks report

Received and noted.

2324/42 Planning

a) To consider planning applications:

- i. **C/46/267A - Full planning permission for retention of storage buildings, change of use of land to garden area, erection of dry stone boundary wall (in amended location to that previously approved), and retention of air source heat pump (retrospective) at Parsons Barn, Westgate, Kettlewell, Skipton, BD23 5RN**

Resolved to make no comment on this application.

B To receive and consider planning appeals:

- ii. **C/46/155/LDC - Lawful development certificate (existing use) in respect of use of the land as a seasonal camping and caravan site (01 March to 31 October each year) at Low Hall Campsite, Low Hall Farm, Kettlewell, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 5RB**

Resolved to provide previous comments on the history of the site and to confirm that Kettlewell with Starbottan Parish Council fully supports the original decision of the YDNPA to refuse this application.

2324/43 Playground

a) To receive an update on the playground

It was noted that whilst some repairs have been carried out to the fence at the playground these are inadequate and still pose a risk.

b) To consider any action required

The clerk will write to BT again to advise that the fence is still not in a safe condition.

2324/44 Council Business/ Updates

a) Highways

- i. **To receive an update on parking issues and to agree any action required**

It was noted that parking is still an issue. The Council will post a request that residents and visitors park considerately, and will monitor the situation.

ii. To consider highways issues to discuss with the officer, including pruning trees by signage to improve visibility

The Highways Officer had suggested that a meeting would not be necessary. The Council agreed to request that a site meeting is held to discuss highways issues in the parish and to report the following issues:

- Concrete posts damaged on the Knipe
- A 'Give Way' sign at the junction of the main road is obscured by foliage
- A bend sign on the road at Middle Lane and Cam Gill Road needs repainting

b) To receive an update on benches within the parish and to consider any action required

Councillor Macefield confirmed that 21 benches have been repaired or maintained.

c) To consider making a donation to Upper Wharfedale Rural Watch

Resolved not to make a donation but to share information so individual residents may contribute if they wish.

d) To consider street lighting and any repairs or maintenance required

The Council confirmed that the light at Sally Lane is now fixed.

e) To note that a red telephone box has been repainted

The Council noted that the red telephone box has been repainted and that the work is of a high standard.

2324/45 Correspondence

a) To receive and consider information received from the YLCA regarding the 80th anniversary of D-Day in June 2024

Received and noted.

2324/46 Financial Matters

a) To note the bank balances and receive a bank reconciliation to 24/06/2023

Received and noted.

b) Resolved to approve payments:

- i. Gallaghers Insurance: Annual premium 01/08/23-31/07/24: £542.33
- ii. Councillor Macefield: 2 x 500ml Yacht Varnish: £7.98
- iii. Sue Metcalfe Gardening: Grasscutting to 30/06/23: £435

c) To note internal controls checks

The Council noted previous checks and that Councillor Wilkinson would carry out the checks for the quarter ending 30.06.23.

d) To receive budget monitoring information

Received and noted.

2324/47 Public Participation

Members of the public raised concerns with parking causing an obstruction, particularly to emergency vehicles.

There was a discussion about planters in the village.

2324/48 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30pm