



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kettlewell with Starbottle Parish Council
Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7.30pm in Kettlewell Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Lister (Chair), Councillor Macefield (Vice-Chair), Councillor Appleton, Councillor Close and Councillor Wilkinson

Councillor Richard Foster (North Yorkshire Council), Laura Jowett (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

2324/91 To receive apologies and approve the reasons for absence.

None, all were present.

2324/92 Disclosures of interests and requests for dispensations

Councillor Macefield declared an interest in item 102.b

2324/93 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 1 November 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Councillor Lister signed the minutes.

2324/94 North Yorkshire Council

a) To receive a report from North Yorkshire Councillor

Cllr Foster confirmed he is arranging a visit by the Highways Officer and will notify councillors of the date. There was some discussion of the road conditions the previous evening as it was very icy and the roads had not been gritted.

Councillor Foster advised that North Yorkshire Council is in the process of setting its budget and gave an update on discussions with Northern Powergrid

b) To receive North Yorkshire Council's Draft Housing Strategy 2024-2029, and to consider if the Council wishes to submit a response to the consultation.

The Council agreed to discuss the draft response at the end of the meeting.

2324/95 Clerks report

The Clerk's report was received and noted

2324/96 Planning

a) To consider planning applications:

- i. C/46/79B Barn to south west of Blossom Cottage, Starbottle, Skipton, BD23 5HY -
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Full planning permission for conversion of barn to local occupancy dwelling/holiday let with associated access and parking**

Resolved to submit a comment advising that Kettlewell with Starborton Parish Council would like to recommend that a gate is installed to the road to prevent livestock movement.

2324/97 Playground

a) To receive an update on the playground

None.

b) To consider any action required

The Clerk will request regular updates from the Playground Committee and will chase up the repairs to the fencing.

2324/98 Highways

a) To note that the road closure on Cam Gill Road has been put back until June 2024 and to consider writing to Highways to request that access is maintained for local and emergency traffic throughout the works

Councillors discussed the work required and the impact this would have on residents. **Resolved** to write to Highways to request that access is maintained during the work and that any total closure should be minimal and should be communicated to residents and the Parish Council in good time.

b) To receive an update on outstanding issues

It was noted that the lack of gritting the previous evening had resulted in treacherous conditions which presented a danger to life. The excess water on the road surface exacerbates the issue and the Parish Council has reported this on many occasions.

c) To agree any action required

Resolved to send a formal complaint regarding the surface water and the lack of adequate action by North Yorkshire Council and the Parish Council's concerns regarding the dangerous conditions, especially in wintery weather.

A large pot hole on the road to Starborton will be reported on the Parish Portal.

The Council had been notified of a road closure at Conistone Road to Mile House, Kettlewell for 5 days between 23rd January 2024 and 27th January 2024 to allow Whitelock Developments Ltd to provide a new sewer connection. The Council will add these details to the website and Facebook page.

2324/99 Council updates

a) To receive an update on plans to hold a defibrillator demonstration

A defibrillator demonstration will be held at Kettlewell Village Hall in January 2024. The date had not been agreed at the time of the meeting, but was later confirmed as 7.30pm on Monday 22nd January 2024.

b) To receive an update on street lighting

The Council noted the recent work by the contractor and that all street lighting is now in working order.

c) To receive an update on social housing allocations in the parish

The original S106 agreement for housing at Cam Garth was discussed. It was noted that whilst there had been an occasion in 2011 where this wasn't followed, the allocation criteria had been applied, and Home Group had contacted the Parish Council for the recent letting.

The Clerk will write to Home Group to request that the Parish Council is notified of any future upcoming vacancies in order that these can be publicised in the parish.

d) To receive an update on correspondence with the Trust Lords

No update available.

e) To receive an update on plans to install a generator switch at Kettlewell Village Hall

The Council noted that this work needs to be carried out promptly due to the grant funding received. Resolved to delegate up to £1,000 to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to place an order for this work, subject to receiving one satisfactory quote.

2324/100 Budget 2024-2025

a) To receive and note the tax base for 2024-2025

The tax base for 2024-2025 has been confirmed as 208.85

b) To agree the level of reserves required

Resolved to earmark reserves of £1,000 for Street lighting and £1,000 for legal fees.

c) To consider and approve a budget for 2024-2025

The Council **resolved** to approve the budget of £10,355 for 2024-2025

d) To set the precept for 2024-2025

Resolved to set the precept at £10,355 for 2024-2025. This equates to £49.58 per band D property, a reduction of 5.18% on 2023-2024

2324/101 Correspondence

a) To receive and note correspondence from YLCA regarding the agreed NJC pay increase for 2023-2024

Received and noted

b) To receive and note correspondence from North Yorkshire Council regarding public engagement in planning and the NYC Draft Statement of Community Involvement

Received and noted. The consultation on the Draft statement will be publicised on the Council's website and social media.

2324/102 Financial Matters

a) To note the bank balances and receive a bank reconciliation to 24/11/2023

The bank reconciliation and balances at 24th November 2023 were received and noted

Community account - £67.80

Business account - £11,982.92

b) To consider making a contribution towards a councillors printing costs

Councillor Macefield abstained from the discussion and voting on this item.

The Council **resolved** to make a contribution of £71.90 towards Councillor Macefield's printing costs, and thanked Councillor Macefield for printing documents for other councillors.

c) To approve payments:

- i. **Councillor Ian Macefield: Contribution towards printing costs: £71.90**

- d) To note that the clerk's salary payment includes back pay of the pay increase to 01/04/23**

Noted

2324/103 Public Participation

One resident raised an issue regarding a signpost. Councillors will make enquiries with a view to having this resited.

An issue was raised regarding the new pole at Starbotton. The Clerk will write to the company who carried out the work and request that the old pole is taken down.

It was noted that Barclays have announced that the Skipton branch will close. A letter to Barclays will be drafted.

2324/104 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm