



**Minutes of the Meeting of Kettlewell with Starbottle Parish Council
Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 7.30pm in Kettlewell Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Lister (Chair), Councillor Appleton, Councillor Macefield (Deputy Chair) and Councillor Wilkinson

Laura Jowett (Clerk), Councillor Richard Foster (NYC) and three members of the public

2425/76 To receive apologies and approve the reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillor Close.

2425/77 Disclosures of Interest / Dispensations

- a) To receive any disclosure of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest from members on matters to be considered at the meeting.
- b) To decide upon any dispensation requests from members received by the clerk in respect of this meeting.

None

2425/78 Minutes

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 2nd October 2024

2425/79 North Yorkshire Council

- a) To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council

Councillor Foster gave an update on the National Parks planning consultation, the North Yorkshire Council budget consultation and the ongoing Boundary Commission review.

- b) To receive and note the current 'Let's Talk Money' consultation, the annual statutory budget consultation which runs until 9 December

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

- c) To receive and note the Parish Update (October 2024)

Received and noted.

2425/80 Clerks report

The Clerk's report was received and noted

2425/81 Planning

- a) To consider planning applications:

None

2425/82 Playground

a) To receive an update on the playground

None

b) To consider any action required

Councillor Lister provided estimated costings for repairing the boundary fence and walls at the playground. He advised that the cost of materials and labour for the fence repairs and improvements to the gate will be around £2,850 (excluding haulage, removal of existing fence and VAT) and that this work could be planned for autumn 2025. Cllr Lister advised that the wall may need repairing sooner and that this could be carried out in spring 2025 and would cost around £300. The Council will consider this when setting its 2025-2026 budget.

2425/83 Highways

a) To receive an update on the visit from a Highways Officer

No update. Councillor Foster will chase this up

b) To consider Highways issues in the Parish

Councillor Foster will chase up replacement concrete barriers on the B6160

c) To consider roadside hedge trimming

Resolved to make arrangements for roadside hedge trimming throughout the parish. The Council will liaise with other local parishes to coordinate the work where it is required. Councillor Foster advised he could provide financial support for this through his ward members fund.

2425/84 Council Business

a) To receive information regarding the health and wellbeing of residents and to consider any action required

Councillor Macefield spoke of the difficulties of making medical appointments as the nearest medical centre now requires appointments to be made on-line. The centre will only accept requests for appointments over the phone if people are unable to use the online form. Councillors discussed the issue and noted that this system will disproportionately affect older residents who may not have access to the website.

Resolved to write to the medical centre to explain the council's concerns.

b) To note that an application has been submitted to the Northern Powergrid Foundation for a grant towards the costs of a generator and appropriate storage

Noted

c) To receive information from YLCA regarding the Royal Garden Party 2025 and to consider if the Council wishes to make a nomination

Noted, the Council did not wish to make a nomination

d) To receive and note correspondence from YLCA regarding the agreed NJC pay increase for 2024-2025

Noted

e) To receive an update regarding Kettlewell Market Place

No update

f) To receive an update on ongoing issues being dealt with by the council's solicitor

Ongoing

- g) To consider a list of locations and condition of benches in the parish and to agree if any are suitable for a request for a memorial bench**

Councillor Macefield had provided a list of benches and the Council considered the list and the condition of the benches and **resolved** that the bench opposite the Blue Bell public house be replaced with a new recycled plastic, funded by a donation from a request for a memorial bench in the village. There is a plaque on the existing bench and this would be reinstated on the new bench along with an additional plaque.

- h) To receive information from the YDNPA regarding a consultation on active travel and to consider if the Council wishes to submit a response**

The consultation will be advertised on the council's website and social media.

2425/85 Financial Matters

- a) To note the bank balances and receive a bank reconciliation to 24/10/2024**

The bank reconciliation and balances at 24 October 2024 were received and noted

Community account - £33.75

Business account - £13,849.79

- b) Resolved** to approve payments:

i. Ian Macefield: Remembrance wreath: £24.49 (including £4.08 VAT)

ii. Kettlewell resident: Grasscutting at Langcliffe Garth: £60.00

- c) To note that the clerk's salary payment includes back pay of the NJC pay increase to 01/04/24**

Noted

- d) To consider a draft budget for 2025-2026**

A draft budget had been circulated to councillors ahead of the meeting. The draft budget and supporting report was considered. The Clerk will request information regarding the costs of replacing lighting poles for consideration at the December meeting.

2425/86 Public Participation

One member spoke about displaying flags and poppies for Armistice Day at the entrance to both villages.

It was reported that there may be an issue with the clock – this will be included on the next agenda.

Councillors asked that arrangements for VE day be included on the next agenda

2425/87 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm