



**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 2nd December 2020 by a remote platform
at 7.30pm**

Present; Councillor C Lister (Chair), Councillor I Macefield (Vice – Chair), Councillor R Appleton, Councillor S Spillett & Councillor A Parker
Mrs Louise Close (Clerk)
1 member of the public

Chairman, Councillor C Lister, prepared the following statement;
Thank you to everyone in the parish who has helped somebody to achieve the normal day to day tasks that have been made difficult or impossible by the Covid 19 pandemic and the restrictions this brought. The spirit needed to help others is always there in our community, it just becomes evident and appreciated at difficult times.
Thank you to everyone that gives their time free of charge to the parish. Over the course of the year this amounts to a huge amount of work that often gets unrecognised.
Thank you to our Clerk, Mrs Louise Close for her work throughout this year, helping the parish council through months of remote meetings due to the pandemic.
Lastly we as a council and as a community need to recognise the efforts of a group of local people that operate a voluntary crime watch scheme day and night 7 days a week. It has proven to be really effective in catching criminals & preventing crime. The efforts of the volunteers involved are beneficial to everyone and without doubt reduces crime rates in the area. Their time and money spent operating this system really needs to be appreciated and applauded.

2021/63 Item 1 – To accept reasons for absence
All present

2021/64 Item 2 – Disclosures of Interest / Dispensations
No interest declared and no dispensations were received by the Clerk in respect of this meeting.

2021/65 Item 3 – Minutes of previous meetings
Proposed by Councillor I Macefield
Seconded by Councillor R Appleton
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting 4th November 2020 were accepted as a true and accurate record. *(unanimous)*

2021/66 Item 4 – Planning Applications;
C/46/67A – Rosemary Cottage – Supported

C/46/53E – The Smithy – Support in principle but with the considerations from Highway that the parking space is fit for purpose and assurance that a visitor permit would be provided for additional users to use the main car park.

BT Pole in Starbotton – Comments received from a concerned resident. The Councillors would look at the site and report their findings to the Clerk. The Clerk did confirm that any action would likely to be of a legal nature due to the power of Openreach to site poles.

Starbotton Footbridge – The date advised by the YDNPA was circulated and it was requested that the Clerk contact them and advise of the implications of the May 2021 time-scale for repair and reopening and how this impacts heavily on the business in the village and residents.

2021/67 Item 5 – Financial Matters

The Bank statements were circulated and agreed

Proposed by Councillor C Lister

Seconded by Councillor R Appleton

RESOLVED that the amount for the precept demand for fiscal year 2021/22 is £6030, with no increase from last year.

Friends of Kettlewell School had asked the Parish Council for a donation of £60 to purchase a new Christmas tree for school. Councillor Macefield asked what the parents did towards costs for the school to which the Clerk confirmed that they were the main fund-raisers with donating and paying towards many activities for the school, with the majority being residents of the precept that the Council held.

Proposed by Councillor S Spillett

Seconded by Councillor R Appleton

RESOLVED that a donation of £60 would be given *(unanimous)*

2021/68 Item 6 – Environment Agency

A letter had been received from a resident asking for the Parish Councils support in speaking with the EA to resolve future flooding problems. Councillor C Lister advised that he believed this was possibly the largest and most damaging flood for 50 years and to suggest measures could be put in place to stop this was unrealistic, reducing the risks would be a more achievable goal and he would speak with the resident concerning this. It was resolved that the EA would be asked to a zoom meeting in January to discuss further.

2021/69 Item 7 – Historical Cobbles

Councillor Macefield confirmed he had reported the cobbles to the NYCC and had confirmation of the report being received. No further action had been implemented by them at this stage.

2021/70 Item 8 – Land Registry

No further updates could be given

2021/71 Item 9 – Highways

It was confirmed that the planning officer of YDNPA had written to highways and we were awaiting a response.

It was confirmed the drains outside Ghyll Cottage had been rodded and cleared.

2021/72 Item 10 – Website

It was confirmed that our current website host could not host a .gov domain name and the Clerk would speak with the previous contact to see if she could assist.

2021/73 Item 11 – Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival

An update of the AGM was given and it was confirmed that the Clerk would write to the Scarecrow committee and advise them that if they are to review the constitution, it should be completed with a full public consultation process and made widely known. The festival was set up for the village and the parishioners should be consulted of any changes and to be able to submit comments.

2021/74 Item 12 – Memorial tree for the late Mrs M Raw

It was unanimously agreed that a memorial tree and plaque should be dedicated to the late Mrs M Raw. It was unanimously agreed to site this tree at Langcliffe Garth, Cam Beck side of the road and opinions would be asked in relation to this siting.

2021/75 Item 13 – Matters raised by the Public

A huge thank you to residents of Starbotton who completed a litter pick recently. This promoted the Councillors to discuss possible dates for the next litter pick. Councillor Macefield would draft a notice for the Clerk to display in the notice board.

A request had been submitted for additional Christmas lights in the village. A note of thanks was given to the volunteers that organise the Kettlewell tree. With no proposals submitted the members could not approve anything at the meeting but advised that future Christmas provision would be on a forthcoming agenda.

A scheme for ring a neighbour was discussed, it was decided to research some more information and the possibilities of such a scheme.

No further business was discussed the meeting closed at 21.15pm

Notification of business for future agendas should be 7 clear days (although statutes is 3 days) of the next meeting.

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 3rd February

The Councillors and Officer of Kettlewell Starbotton Parish Council wish you a very Happy Christmas and a brighter, safer & prosperous 2021