



**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 3rd March 2021 by a remote platform at 7.30pm**

Present; Councillor C Lister (Chair), Councillor I Macefield (Vice – Chair), Councillor S Spillett

Mrs Louise Close (Clerk) & Ms Laura Jowett (attendee)

Councillor S Metcalf (CDC)

2021/87 Item 1 – To accept reasons for absence.

Councillor Appleton and Councillor Parker

2021/88 Item 2 – Disclosures of Interest / Dispensations

No interest declared and no dispensations were received by the Clerk in respect of this meeting.

2021/89 Item 3 – Minutes of previous meetings

Proposed by Councillor I Macefield

Seconded by Councillor C Lister

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting 3rd February 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record. *(unanimous)*

2021/90 Item 4 – Planning Applications.

No current applications

2021/91 Item 5 – Financial Matters

The Bank statements were circulated and agreed.

It was advised that a future agenda item should be held to discuss spending projects.

2021/92 Item 6 – Environment Agency

Councillor Lister advised that a further meeting had been held with Mark Reid from the Environmental Agency. Neighbouring owners of properties that had been affected were also in attendance. An early detection advise of flooding had been proposed to be installed further along the river. It was also advised that there was funding available for installation of flood defences which had been welcomed by owners of properties that had been affected by flooding. The Environmental agency advised they would come back with proposals. The Clerk would remind them of this proposal offered.

2021/93 Item 7 – Lighting Matters

No further updates were given, and it was advised that moving forward Council may need to employ a contractor to complete this work.

2021/94 Item 8 – Memorial Tree

The memorial tree had been collected by Councillor Macefield and planted by District Councillor Metcalf. It was decided that Councillor Appleton would be asked if he was

organising the plaque. Councillor Spillett would water the tree until established and Councillor Macefield would be reimbursed for the cost of the tree. Huge thanks were given to District Councillor Metcalf for planting at no cost.

2021/96 Item 9 – Playground

Correspondence had been received from the Land agent of the Henderson family who owned the land regarding change of ownership. The Clerk is to ask Mr J Heseltine if he was in receipt of a copy of the agreement for the playground and she would also ask the Chair of the Playground committee if the playground was open and if any funding was needed. The future options of the Playground were discussed.

2021/97 Item 10 - Land Registry

The Solicitor had confirmed this matter was now progressing and the Clerk would email him to introduce the new Clerk.

Complaints had been received to a Councillor regarding the planters used on the Market square which were increasing in size. The Clerk would raise this with the Solicitor as an urgent matter.

2021/98 Item 11 – Highways

It was confirmed that the planning officer of YDNPA had written to highways and we were awaiting a response. – No further updates received.

Further items to report on the Highways portal by the Clerk were:

The broken sign on the bridge entering Kettlewell.

Sign by the shop which was nearly broken in half.

The ditch on the left by the new bridge, which was a dyke under the track and needed clearing.

Finger post on a footpath near restored Lime Kiln, Knipe wood which was nearly fallen over and needs reporting to YDNPA.

The Clerk also confirmed that after discussions with YDNPA the footbridge in Starbottan was hopefully opening soon with the temporary repair in place.

2021/99 Item 12 – Recruitment

It was confirmed that Ms Laura Jowett had been appointed the new Clerk to the Council and would start employment in April 2021. The existing Clerk confirmed she would complete a handover with Ms Jowett and had advised that the banking arrangements needed updating, especially with the online facility.

2021/100 Item 13 – District Councillor

District Councillor S Metcalfe confirmed that as a result of the influx of large visitor numbers last year a trial agreement of Enforcement officers had been approved at CDC policy committee. This would be a trial for 3 months around the area of Linton, Burnsall, Threshfield and Grassington. If the scheme was successful, then it would be rolled out across the district.

At this point Councillor Macefield thanked Councillor Spillett and her partner for recently completing a litter pick, collecting 9 bags of rubbish.

2021/101 Item 14 – Matters raised by the Public.

Elections were due on May 7th and papers needed to be submitted to CDC between 16th March and 8th April. The Clerk would confirm the arrangements for this.

Councillor Macefield raised the questions of Wayleaves payments which the Clerk would action.

No further business was discussed the meeting closed at 20.39pm

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 7th April 2021